

Archival Documents

Halloween in Edmonton: 1900-1950 Online Exhibit

Bibliography

This bibliography is designed to situate the records used in the City of Edmonton Archives Halloween in Edmonton: 1900-1950 virtual exhibit in their larger context. It shows where these disparate records come from by grouping them by creator rather than by subject.

Wherever possible, links to catalogue entries in our online catalogue have been included. We also have some further catalogue information in our reference room.

For an explanation of terms and acronyms, see our Virtual Exhibit Glossary.

Bibliography

Fonds

MS Fonds (Private records)

Fonds Number	Record Number	Title
MS-224		Ethel MacKenzie fonds
MS-138		Mrs. C. Charters fonds
MS-59		Hubert A. Hollingworth fonds
	EA-160-532	Halloween, 1935
	EA-160-1005	Halloween Group, 1933
	EA-160-3103	"More Spooks", 1933

RG Fonds (City of Edmonton records)

Fonds Number	Record Number	Title
RG-11		City of Edmonton. Commissioners fonds
	7.3 File 201	City Police Department Special Report re. Damage Done Hallowe'en Night

Photographs (with no associated fonds)

Record	Title
EB-23-32	Boy & Girl in Halloween Costume c. 1915
EA-600-523a	June Budnick taken to police headquarters after becoming lost on Halloween night, 1947
EA-600-1624b	Halloween party for kids at Highlands Community League Hall, 1948
EA-600-1624d	Halloween party for kids at Highlands Community League Hall, 1948
EA-600-1625a	Halloween feature: Phillip Warner, 1948
EA-600-1625b	Halloween feature: Elizabeth Rutledge, 1948
EA-600-1625c	Halloween feature: Ivy Boureier, 1948

EA-600-1625d	Halloween feature: Carol MacDonald, 1948
EA-600-1625e	Halloween feature: Errol Marliss and W. Lamb, 1948
EA-600-1625f	Halloween feature: Harvey Sawyer, 1948
EA-600-1625h	Halloween special, 1948
EA-600-1625i	Halloween special, 1948
EA-600-3192c	Orphan Home Hallowe'en Party. Two children in costumes, 1949
EA-600-3192d	Orphan Home Hallowe'en Party. Bugs Bunny and Porky Pig, 1949
EA-600-3192g	Orphan Home Hallowe'en Party, 1949
EA-600-3192h	Orphan Home Hallowe'en Party: Dunking for apples, 1949
EA-600-3192i	Orphan Home Hallowe'en Party, 1949
EA-600-3214b	Hallowe'en feature, 1949
EA-600-6051a	Halloween Hi-Jinks: costumed Richard Burkholder, Barbara McPhee, Barbara Short, Kathleen Wark, Sue Davies, Fae Wotherspoon and Clare Burkholder, 1950
EA-600-6051c	Apple bobbing: Barb McPhee and Kathleen Wark, 1950
EA-600-6051d	Jelly Bean Hi Jinks: Barb McPhee, Clare Burkholder, Fae Wotherspoon, Barbara Short and Kathleen Wark, 1950

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"Tonight's the Night! Edmonton Youngsters Preparing For Raids" <i>Edmonton Bulletin</i> , October 31, 1928

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Table and Kitchen by Price Baking Powder Co., 1913

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Halloween

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Gallery Captions

Parties Gallery

MS-224 File 1

Margaret McSweyn sent this Halloween party invitation in 1921. The hand written invitation was written on store bought stationary sporting a black cat with a witch's hat – a popular Halloween motif. [MS-224 File 1]

EA-600-1624d

This picture shows children at a Halloween party at Highlands Community Hall in 1948. Parties like this became popular in the 1920s as a way to keep youth out of trouble and made Halloween parties accessible to everyone. [EA-600-1624d]

EA-600-6051a

Richard Burkholder, Barbara McPhee, Barbara Short, Kathleen Wark, Sue Davies, Fae Wotherspoon and Clare Burkholder sit in a circle at a Halloween party in 1950. [EA-600-6051a]

EA-600-6051d

This photo, taken in 1950, shows five young girls playing an unknown game at a Halloween party. If you think you know what they're playing please let us know! [EA-600-6051d]

EA-600-6051c

Although the image is titled "Bobbing for Apples", these girls are actually playing a game called snap apple, where an apple is suspended from a string and the players try to take a bite. [EA-600-6051c]

EA-600-3192g

This image from 1949 shows another variation on snap apple. It was thought that the first to sink their teeth into an apple would be the first to marry. [EA-600-3192g]

EA-600-3192h

These children are dunking for apples – a Halloween divination game popular in the 19th century. It was believed that the future could be told based on whether the players successfully retrieved their apple. [EA-600-3192h]

EA-600-3192i

These costumed dancers are celebrating at a Halloween party for the children at Our Lady of Atonement Home for Children in 1949. The home's 65 wards were treated to the party by the Catholic Youth Organization and Franciscan nuns. [EA-600-3192i]

Gallery Captions

Costumes Gallery

EB-23-32

A boy and girl in their Halloween costumes in 1915. These costumes were handmade and clearly meant for an indoor party. Both costumes represent harvest time – the boy as a scarecrow, and the girl holding a sheaf of wheat. [EB-23-32]

EA-160-1005

These children are trick or treating in 1933, and are clearly in costumes designed for Edmonton's cold October night. On the far right is a girl dressed as "mammy", a racial caricature still seen today in products like Aunt Jamima. [EA-160-1005]

EA-160-532

A group of costumed kids in 1935 show the variety of costumes and the habit of blending store bought masks with costumes crafted from clothes found at home. In keeping with the times, "tramp" costumes were quite popular. [EA-160-532]

EA-600-3192c

This 1949 photo shows two popular styles of Halloween mask from the first half of the 20th century. The child on the left has a painted mask made of buckram – a stiff cotton cloth; the other has a mass produced cardboard masquerade mask. [EA-600-3192c]

EA-600-1624b

This 1948 photo from a Highlands Halloween party shows a young child in a full cardboard face mask depicting a jack-o'-lantern. [EA-600-1624b]

EA-600-3192d

These two children are wearing plastic masks of Porky Pig and Bugs Bunny. Plastic masks like these representing popular children's characters became increasingly common after the Second World War. [EA-600-3192d]

EA-600-1625h

On Halloween night in 1948 Eric Bland, photographer with the *Edmonton Bulletin*, documented trick-or-treating children in their costumes, including this young lady. [EA-600-1625h]

EA-600-1625i

This young girl, wearing her mother's coat and hat, and clutching a small pumpkin and a T. Eaton's bag to hold her loot, was one of the children photographed by Eric Bland on Halloween in 1948. [EA-600-1625i]

EA-600-1625a

Bland had quite a sense of humour, which can be seen in his description of the children. This little boy, three year old Phillip Warren, was described as "clutching his spoils to protect them from invading newspapermen." [EA-600-1625a]

EA-600-1625b

When the children appeared on the front page of the *Bulletin* the next day, some included quotes they had provided the night before. Elizabeth Rutledge, pictured here, declared to the photographer “I’m a bid bag witch!” [EA-600-1625b]

EA-600-1625c

Nine year old Ivy Bourcier was described in the newspaper as a hob-goblin, though she looks much more like Little Bo Peep (minus her sheep)! [EA-600-1625c]

EA-600-1625d

“This lollypop is really good!” five year old Carol Ann MacDonald was reported to have said. [EA-600-1625d]

EA-600-1625e

Willie Lamb, dressed as a ghost, was immortalized shaking his fist at “all those witches and things, while standing next to his companion, Errol Marliss who had dressed as a clown for the occasion. [EA-600-1625e]

EA-600-1625f

Perhaps the cutest trick-or-treater that year was two year old Harvey Sawyer, who reportedly told Bland “No spook gonna get me!” [EA-600-1625f]