

# John Hall Archer

b. July 11, 1914, Broadview, SK; d. April 5, 2004, Regina, SK



John Hall Archer, c.1984. Credit University of Regina

## Education:

Regina Normal School, 1932-1933;  
BA (hist.) 1947 (Saskatchewan)  
MA (hist) 1948 (Saskatchewan)  
BLS 1949 (McGill)  
PhD 1969 (Queen's).

## Positions:

1933-1939 Teacher, rural schools of Saskatchewan  
1930-1940 Vice Principal, Wawota High School, Saskatoon  
1940-1945 Captain, Royal Canadian Artillery, 1st Canadian Survey Regiment  
1949-1951 Administrative Assistant to the Legislative Librarian of Saskatchewan  
1951-1964 Legislative Librarian of Saskatchewan  
1957-1964 Provincial Archivist of Saskatchewan  
1964-1967 Director of Libraries, McGill University  
1967- University Archivist and Professor of History, Queen's University

## Publications:

Archer, John H. (1948). *Historic Saskatoon: a concise illustrated history of Saskatoon*. Saskatoon: Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Archer, John H. (1969). *A Study of archival institutions in Canada*. Kingston: [s.n.]. Thesis of Queen's University Kingston.

Archer, John H. (1980). Saskatchewan, a history. Saskatoon, Sask: Western Producer Prairie Books.

Archer, John H. (1984). The U of R: a history. Regina, Sask: Public Relations Office, University of Regina.

## **Associations/Committees:**

Canadian Library Association, Regina Library Association, Saskatchewan Library Association

## **Honours:**

1952 Confederation Medal

1980 Officer, Order of Canada

1987 Saskatchewan Order of Merit

1999 The main library at the University of Regina was named in his honour

## **Accomplishments:**

1956-1957 President, Regina Library Association

1959-1962 Treasurer, Canadian Library Association

1961-1962 President, Saskatchewan Library Association

1966-1967 President-elect and President, Canadian Library Association

## **Other areas of activity:**

1956 Secretary, Royal Commission on the Judicial System of Saskatchewan

1961-1962 Special Projects Officer, Glassco Commission (Royal Commission on Government Organization in Canada)

1963-1967 Board of Directors, Canadian Centenary Committee

1963 Accreditation team, University of British Columbia, School of Librarianship

1969 Accreditation team, University of Western Ontario, School of Information and Library Science

## **Comments:**

“He has been prominent as a librarian, archivist, Canadian historian and university administrator. Following appointments in his native Saskatchewan and at McGill and Queen's universities, he was President of the University of Regina from 1974 to 1976. His principal recent publication is a history of Saskatchewan; and he directed that province's diamond jubilee celebrations in 1980.” — citation from Officer of the Order of Canada, awarded December 1981

## Sources:

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