

Fonds: Hazel Robinson collection

Reference code: C 9

Dates of creation:

1908-1917

Physical description:

7 volumes of textual records (books)

Scope and content:

Collection consists of seven L.M. Montgomery books accumulated by the Williston and Vye families of Douglastown, New Brunswick, and Hazel (Matchett) Robinson of Charlottetown, PEI:

No.	Title of book:	Date of publication:
1.	Anne of Green Gables	Thirty-Fourth Impression, May 1913
2.	Anne of Avonlea	Seventeenth Impression, April 1913
3.	The Story Girl	Sixth Impression, September 1911
4.	Chronicles of Avonlea	Third Impression, September 1912
5.	The Golden Road	Second Impression, October 1913
6.	Anne of the Island	Tenth Impression, June 1916
7.	Anne's House of Dreams	First Impression, 1917

Custodial History:

The books were given to Hazel Robinson by her grandfather, Thomas Vye. Thomas was given the books by his Uncle Amos Williston. Thomas and Amos both lived in Miramichi, New Brunswick.

Biographical sketch:

Amos Williston was born circa 1862, in Tabusintac, New Brunswick, the son of James Williston and Elizabeth Harriet Mills. He married Jane McCosh (who had previously been married to Robert MacKenzie) on April 24, 1911, in Douglastown, New Brunswick. They did not have any children. He died on April 11, 1955, in Newcastle, New Brunswick, at the age of 93, and was buried in Saint Mark's United Church Cemetery in Douglastown. In his last will and testament, Amos left his farm to his nephew Thomas Howard Vye.

Thomas Howard Vye, the son of Howard Charles Vye and Phoebe Williston, was born on May 18, 1890, in Douglastown. He worked as a tugboat captain and later a ferryboat

captain on the Miramichi River. Thomas married Rena May McKenzie on September 21, 1915. After the death of his Uncle Amos, Thomas gifted Hazel the L.M. Montgomery books from his Uncle Amos' library. He died on January 8, 1957, and is also buried in St. Mark's Cemetery in Douglastown.

Hazel Mae (Matchett) Robinson was born in Douglastown in 1944, the daughter of Sarah Adella Vye and William John Forsythe Matchett. She attended a four-room schoolhouse in Douglastown for grades 1 to 6, Harkins High School in Newcastle for grades 7 to 12, and the New Brunswick Teachers College in Fredericton, where she met her husband, Arthur 'John' Robinson, who was a student at the University of New Brunswick. They married in 1963. A music teacher, Hazel initially taught in six different schools in the Fredericton area before they returned to the family farm in Augustine Cove, PEI, in 1966. Hazel and John raised their three children, Deborah, Alan and Mary in North Tryon, PEI. In 1979, she enrolled at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), where she graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree in 1984. From 1984 to circa 1997, Hazel managed their farm's woodland, which consisted of circa 700 acres. The Robinson family has been farming in the Augustine Cove area for six generations.

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Hazel and John were invested in the Order of Canada at a ceremony in PEI with Governor General Mary Simon in 2022. The Robinsons were appointed for their "leadership in Prince Edward Island's agriculture industry and for their contributions to documenting local history in the community."

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

Records are in the public domain.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition:

The records were donated by Hazel Robinson in 2025.

Associated Material:

- The Ryrie-Campbell Collection
- Pensie Macneill fonds, F 4
- L.M. Montgomery fonds, F 6
- Webb family fonds, F 8

Related Material:

The University of Guelph Archives and Special Collections:

- [L.M. Montgomery fonds](#), CA F605

- [Chester Cameron Macdonald fonds](#), CA F606
- [Ewen Stuart Macdonald fonds](#), CA F607
- [L.M. Montgomery Collection](#), CA F608
- [Mary Henley Rubio fonds](#), CA F821
- George B. MacMillan collection (S0235b01- S0235b23)

Public Archives and Records Office for PEI:

- [Lucy Maud Montgomery photographic fonds : \[pre-1911-1921\]](#), Fonds Acc2818

Confederation Centre of the Arts, PEI:

- [The Anne of Green Gables manuscript](#)

Library and Archives Canada:

- [Lucy Maud Montgomery collection \[textual record\]](#)
- [\[Ronald I. Cohen collection of works by L.M. Montgomery\]](#)
- [Ephraim Weber fonds \[textual record\]](#)
- [George Boyd MacMillan fonds](#)

Accruals:

Further accruals may be expected.

Former codes:

UASC2025-003

How to order:

Please contact the University Archivist for further information.

Finding Aid:

File list is provided in the scope and content.

Authority Records:*Person:*

Williston, Amos

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Person:

Vye, Thomas H.

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Person:

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