

Webb family fonds, F 8

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Fonds: Webb family fonds

Reference code: F 8

Dates of creation: [circa 1920s]-1954

Physical description:

- 13 centimetres of textual records
- 1 artifact : beaded clutch bag

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of records created and accumulated by the family of Myrtle and Ernest Webb.

Textual records consist of diaries written by Myrtle Webb from 1924 to 1954. Also includes newspaper clippings found among diary entries, as well as an accreditation for Ernest Webb for the Office of Commissioner.

Artifact consists of a beaded clutch bag that belonged to Myrtle Webb's cousin, Lucy Maud Montgomery.

Biographical sketch:

Myrtle L. K. Macneill was born on August 2, 1883, in Havelock, New Brunswick, to single mother Ada Macneill from Cavendish, PEI. Myrtle Macneill was thirteen years old in 1896 when she moved to the farm that would become known as Green Gables in Cavendish, PEI, with her mother, Ada. They returned to help care for the 140-acre farm of Ada's elderly aunt and uncle, as well as siblings Margaret and David Macneill.

Ada Macneill married and moved to a nearby community a few years later, but Myrtle stayed at the Macneill farm. During this time, Myrtle became good friends with her cousin Lucy Maud Montgomery, who, having been away at university and teaching the previous few years, now lived just half a kilometer down the road.

When visiting family in O'Leary, PEI, Myrtle met farmer Ernest Cecil Webb (born in O'Leary on December 3, 1880). In 1905, Myrtle and Ernest married on the Macneill farm in Cavendish. The newlyweds moved to O'Leary for a time but returned in 1909 to look after David and Margaret again – this time in return for ownership of the farm.

Myrtle and Ernest Webb had five children: Marion ("Peggy"), Keith, Anita ("Neta"), Lorraine ("Waine"), and Pauline ("P.J.").

Ernest died on May 17, 1950, and Myrtle died on February 11, 1968. They are buried together in the Cavendish Community Cemetery in Cavendish, PEI.

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Restrictions on Access:

See series descriptions for further information.

Terms Governing Use:

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Immediate Source of Acquisition:

The records were donated by Louise Lowther in August of 2024.

Custodial History:

Prior to donation, the records were in the possession of Louise Lowther, who inherited them from her father Keith Webb, the son of Myrtle and Ernest Webb.

Associated Material: n/a

Related Material:

- MacEachern, Alan, *Becoming Green Gables: The Diary of Myrtle Webb and Her Famous Farmhouse* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024).

Accruals:

Further accruals may be expected.

Former codes:

UASC2001-002

Notes:

Digitized copies of Myrtle Webb's diaries are available on [The Green Gables Diaries](#) website.

How to order:

See series descriptions for further information.

Finding Aid:

See series descriptions for further information.

Physical condition:

- F 8-1-4: Myrtle Webb's diary (March 16, 1932 - February 28, 1934), contains some loose pages - that have come apart from the diary's binding (March-April of 1933)

Authority Records:

Webb (family):

Biography:

Myrtle L. K. Macneill was born on August 2, 1883, in Havelock, New Brunswick, to single mother Ada Macneill from Cavendish, PEI. In 1905, Myrtle married Ernest Cecil Webb (born in O'Leary, PEI, on December 3, 1880) on the farm belonging to Margaret and David Macneill in Cavendish. Myrtle and Ernest had five children: Marion ("Peggy"), Keith, Anita ("Neta"), Lorraine ("Waine"), and Pauline ("P.J."). Ernest died on May 17, 1950, and is buried with his wife Myrtle (died on 11 February 1968) in the Cavendish Community Cemetery in Cavendish, PEI.

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Series Arrangement:

F 8-1	Myrtle Webb's diaries
F 8-2	Ernest Webb's Office of Commissioner accreditation
F 8-3	Lucy Maud Montgomery's clutch bag

Series F 8-1: Myrtle Webb's diaries

Dates of creation:

1924-1954

Physical Description:

12 centimetres of textual records (7 volumes)

Scope and Content:

Series consists of seven volumes of diaries maintained by Myrtle Webb. The diaries contain entries, the majority of which are written in pencil, to such things (but are not limited to) as: the weather and natural events; day-to-day life on the farm and in the farmhouse; PEI news and events; church activities; local groups and organizations; births, deaths, and marriages in the local area; local dances and entertainment; visitors to the Webb farm; family activities and hobbies; as well as family sickness and ailments.

The diaries also contain entries documenting Myrtle Webb's relationship with her cousin Maud (Lucy Maud Montgomery), and the process of the Webb family farm becoming part of Canada's National Park.

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Notes:

Some diary entries were also made by Myrtle Webb's daughters.

Series F 8-2: Ernest Webb's Office of Commissioner accreditation

Dates of creation:

1936

Physical Description:

1 centimetre of textual records

Scope and Content:

Series consists of a certification, dated February 17, 1936, made by A.E. Arsenault and Judge (?) that Ernest C. Webb of Cavendish was sworn in to the Office of Commissioner. Also includes the accompanying envelope from the Office of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, Charlottetown, PEI.

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

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Series F 8-3: Lucy Maud Montgomery's clutch bag

Dates of creation:

[circa 1920s-1930s]

Physical Description:

1 artifact : beaded clutch bag

Scope and Content:

Series consists of a beaded clutch bag that belonged to Lucy Maud Montgomery.

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.