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Gertrude Balmer Watt Papers

1. Correspondence:

Anonymous (on "Jones, Mackenzie & Leonard Solicitors" Letterhead) n.d. (189?) - Toronto - 1p. Re: short romantic note. Photocopy; original attached to sheet bearing "Flumtosh" note.

Bickersteth, J. Burgon, June 17, 1921 - Lago Di Como, Italy - 2pp. Re: Thanks for hospitality, travels in Europe, life in Italy (politics) ref to: John Buchanan & Philip Grigg.

Clark, Joseph T. - journalist and author (father of author Greg Clark) Jan. 31, 1908 - Toronto - 1p. Re: thanks for volume of sketches and Western hospitality. On Saturday Night letterhead.

Cornwall, J.K. ("Peace River Jim") April 4, 1907 - Ottawa - 2p. Re: report of and comments on wedding which he attended. (note: poem by H.V. attached to reverse side: "Heart o' Me", to "Dear Peggy").

Davis, Leonard M. - artist. n.d. - Calgary - 1p. Re: sketches and painting sent to Mrs. Watt. Photocopy; original in Memorabilia file.

De Terroy, A. n.d. Edmonton - 1p. Re: payment for information (nature unknown).

Debe, Henry - farmer, author. August 12, 1910 - Bearer Lake - 4p. Re: potential antiques in surrounding farms, also ref. to several newspapers of the day. Typed copies in A.B. Watt correspondence, 75-54-11.

Flumtosh, (?) September, 1898 - Guelph - lp. Re: short romantic note. Pasted on album sheet with anonymous note (see above) and two sketches by F. Rouge and E.L.P (see photocopies in Memorabilia file).

Foley, James W. - Secretary, State of North Dakota, Office of Commissioner of R Roads, December 5, 1908 - Bismarck, N.D. - lp. Re: newspaper clipping from "Saturday News" with compliments to Mrs. Watt. (Note: this letter is actually addressed to Mr. G.S. Montgomery.)

Forbes-Robertson, J. - actor. February 13, 1915 - Edmonton - lp. "My dear Madam," Re: thanks for gift and tribute by Mr. Watt.

Freeman, Lewis R. - author. n.d. - The Pas - 2p. (first page missing). Re: travel and work plans for the future. Letterhead from Rupert House, The Pas, Manitoba.

Hogan, Mrs. M. - Editor, "The St. Albert News", November 2, 1912 - St. Albert - lp. Re: "sister editor" offering congratulations and hoping to establish exchange between their two newspapers.

MacKay, Isabel Ecclestone - author, poet, January 2, 1908 - Woodstock - 4p. Re: thanks for copy of "A Woman in the West" with comments on same.

Perrson (?), S.E. - farmer (?), July 26, (?) - Battle River - lp. Re: refusal of subscription offer.

Rivers-Smith, S.G. - A.D.C. to the Governor General, August 12, 1937 - Edmonton - lp. Re: thanks for loan of copy of "Snow Man" and gift of book of poems by son, Ted.

Sleigh, Gordon - Professor of English, U of A. March 29, 1955 - Edmonton - lp. Re: passing on questions from George Whalley concerning John "Jackie" Hornby.

Stark, W.J. - Manager, Edmonton Exhibition Association, October 26, 1912. Edmonton lp. Re: favourable comparison of "The Mirror" to "Saturday Night", advisability of continuing "Vanity Fair" (society) column - reader (male) enjoys column but would prefer simpler name.

Whalley, George - Professor, Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario). January 5, 1955 - Kingston - 1p. Re: requesting information on John "Jackie" Hornby. Refers to George Douglas (photos attached).

2. Memorabilia:

Calling Card - Mrs. Arthur Balmer Watt.

Business Card - Rev. Frank H. King, English Church Railway Mission.

Two World War II Ration Books - A.B. Watt, G.B. Watt.

Sketch by G. B. Watt.

Program: The Edmonton Amateur Dramatic Company presentation "The Liars" (G.B. Watt, member); review of "The Liars" by 'Penelope' (pen name). On reverse: letter from L.M. Davis and poem, "To the Unique One (Peggy)" by E.W.J., Ottawa, April 25, 1913.

One Share Certificate - Saturday News Ltd., December 27, 1910.

Cartoon (photocopy of original) - "I'll Never Learn This Lesson" (Women) - copied from "Life" by E.L.B. date [1911]?

Sketch by W. Rouge of Gertrude Balmer Watt (?) (photocopy of original from correspondence file) April 1911 - Winnipeg.

Announcement - Birth of "The Mirror". A Journal of protest and conviction.

Poem - "To the Unique One" (Peggy), by E.W.J., April 25, 1913 - Ottawa.

3. Newspaper Clippings:

"An afternoon with Mrs. Watt in her antique-filled home." n.d. (photos (3) attached).*

Short biographical article - journalistic career and antique and Canadiana collection of Mrs. Watt. n.d. ("Makes 'White Elephant' a Show Place").

"Rare collection" - Mrs. Watt's antique collection at "Cranford House" (Watt residence also served as antique shop). n.d.

Antique auction which Mrs. Watt attended. Mention of book which she is writing about her experience in the antique business. n.d.

Edmonton Ladies Curling Club play match against the men. n.d.

"The Passing Show" - Edmonton Journal Editor, May 17, 1907. Re: Society column and women in them. Response by "Peggy". May 18, 1907.

Announcement and review of opening of two "tea rooms" - 'The Cosey Corner' and the 'Tip Tip' roof garden. October, 1907.

Farewell gathering for Edmontonians leaving (Buchanans, Hamiltons and Mr. Graham). November 30, 1907.

"A Woman's View of the Real West". 'Toronto Mail and Empire'. December 21, 1907 - excerpts from book "A Woman in the West".

"A Woman in the West" - book reviews 1907/1908.
Edmonton Bulletin, December 28, 1907, by Miss Hughes. (for copy of book see -7)
Mail and Empire, January 11, 1908 by "Kit".
Canadian Courier, February 1, 1908.
Toronto Star, February 7, 1908.
London (Ont.) Advertiser, February 17, 1908.
Manitoba Free Press, February 25,
Birmingham Post, April 1908.
Strathcona Chronicle, August 1, 1908.
Winnipeg Telegram, n.d. by Mrs. Arthur Murphy.
Cardston Star, n.d.
Vegreville Observer, n.d. by H.D. (Henry Debe?)
Toronto Saturday Night, n.d.
Toronto Sunday World, n.d.
The Lethbridge Daily Herald, n.d.
Edmonton Evening Journal, n.d.
Hamilton Review, n.d.
Winnipeg Town Topics, n.d. (2nd review).
Kamloops Inland Sentinel, n.d.
Montreal Herald, n.d.
The Woodstock Ontario Express, n.d.
The Brantford Expositor, n.d.
Strathcona Chronical, n.d. (2nd review).
The Toronto Globe, n.d.

"How Women Fare on Western Farms - some experiences of a homesteader's wife". 'Toronto Globe', May 16, 1908 - excerpts from an article originally entitled: "Alberta from a Woman's Standpoint". n.d.

Reprint of article by "Peggy" concerning a woman homesteader from Mannville, Alberta. 'Toronto Saturday Night', June 1908.

"Town & Trail" - book reviews. (for copy of book see -8)

The Toronto Sunday World, January 31, 1909.

Belfast Northern Whig, n.d.

The Canadian Bookman, n.d.

The Vegreville Observer, n.d., by Henry Debe.

Lloydminster Times, n.d.

Brantford Expositor, n.d.

Strathcona Chronicle, n.d.

Lacombe Advertiser, n.d.

Innisfail Province, n.d.

Vermilion Signal, n.d.

Vegreville Observer, n.d. (2nd review)

Lethbridge Herald, n.d.

Toronto Star, n.d.

Toronto Globe, n.d.

Toronto News, n.d.

"Canada", n.d.

Stettler Independent, n.d.

Canada West, n.d.

Toronto Saturday Night, n.d.

Edinburgh News, n.d.

Canadian Courier, n.d. by "Canadienne".

Advertisement, n.d.

Announcement, n.d. Edmonton "Town Topics".

"Arctic Woman Explorer, Writer Honoured Here by Curlers". Reprint of old photo of visit by Miss Agnes Deans Cameron to Edmonton in 1908, June 22, 1934.

"First Executive of Canadian Club of Edmonton", article and photo to commemorate Alberta's Jubilee Year, September 1, 1955.

4. Manuscripts:

"The Tragedy of the Big Eddy". n.d. 7pp. typewritten. Re: story of Hornback, the crazy rancher of the Big Eddy of the MacLeod River - driven mad by the winter of 1906/07.

"Parson Jimmy's Homecoming", n.d. 14pp.
 typewritten. Re: story of the marriage of the
 parson in the little town of Airdale.

"Memories of 50 years of the Canadian Women's Press
 Club". n.d. 8pp. photocopy. Re: draft of article
 for Jubilee publication.

Short Philosophical Autobiography (partial). n.d.
 11pp. incomplete. Re: arrival in Edmonton in 1905
 - values of pioneer life in West
 - acquisition of human values and principles

5. Newspapers:

"The Saturday News". (An Albertan Weekly Review)
 January 14, 1911. Vol. VI, No. 4. Partial copy only
 - pp 1,2,5,6 extant photocopy made May 1985.
 Includes microfiche copy of establishment, from
 Companies Branch.

"The Mirror". September 27, 1912. Vol. I, No. 6.
 Complete Copy - 8pp. Photocopy made May 1985.

"The Edmonton Saturday Mirror" (A Journal of
 Protest and Conviction) November 30, 1912. Vol. I,
 No. 15. Partial copy only - pp. 1,2,7,8 extant
 photocopy made May 1985.

6. Radio Broadcasts:

Rymer, Alfred H. - Bookdealer, January 12, 1940.
 Correspondence re: congratulations on radio series
 on history of province also information re: 'Janey
 Canuck' books in store.

"Mistah Jim", Manuscript and poem. n.d. Re: Indian
 centenarian born near St. Albert in early to mid
 19th century.

"Romance Comes to a Shop of Ghosts". Manuscript.
 n.d. Re: antique spinnet re-unites old friends and
 re-kindles an old romance.

7. Published Books:

"A Woman in the West", The News Publishing Co.,
 Edmonton, Alberta, 1907, pp.52.

"Town and Trail", The News Publishing Co.,
Edmonton, Alberta, 1908, pp.85.

Copy to: Reference binder
Shelf binder
R.G./M.G. file
Donor