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Notes on using the Finding Aid

First consult the fonds description (fonds being an archival term used to denote the whole of the records created by a specific individual or family and held within an archives). The fonds description includes a biographical sketch of the individual or family that created the records, a scope and content note which briefly describes the records within the fonds (this generally starts with "Fonds consists of..."), and several notes at the bottom, which provide information on access restrictions and copyright restrictions.

Some finding aids also provide series descriptions on subsequent pages which further describe the records within the fonds.

After reading these descriptions consult the file list and notify an archivist of the individual files you wish to view.

Fonds Description

Andrew Shaw Grant family fonds. – [ca. 1888]-1968; predominant 1898-1935. – 26 cm of textual records. – 13 photographs. – 3 albums (230 photographs and textual records).

Andrew Shaw Grant (1860-1935) was a Presbyterian minister and Secretary of the General Board of Missions for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. He was born on October 10th, 1860 in La Guerre, Quebec, and educated at McGill University, where he studied both arts and medicine and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1885. In 1888, he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Presbyterian College, Montreal. He was ordained on August 26th, 1889, and began his ministry at St. Andrew's Church in Almonte, Ontario. In 1897, he accepted an appointment to become a missionary in the Yukon Territories, and in early 1898, began a five-month journey from Toronto to Dawson City. He served in the Yukon from 1898 to 1908, as both a missionary and as a minister of St. Andrew's Church in Dawson City. While in the Yukon, he also provided medical services and erected a hospital which he called the Good Samaritan. He left the Yukon in 1908, and in 1911, was appointed General Superintendent of Home Missions and Convenor of the Home Mission Committee for The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 1913, he also served as Chairman of the Board of Finance and organised the Presbyterian Congress of 1913 - a symposium which brought together every minister of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 1918, he travelled to Europe to pledge the support of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in work relating to the demobilisation of the Canadian forces. From 1925 until his death on July 22nd, 1935, he held the position of Secretary of the General Board of Missions for The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Dr. A.S. Grant married Caroline A. MacMaster in 1888 and had four children: Oswald (born ca. 1892), Jamie (born ca. 1896), Caroline (born ca. 1902) and Alan (born ca. 1905). The family lived in Almonte, Ont. until 1896, when they moved to Toronto. From 1902 until ca. 1908, the family lived in Dawson City. After Dr. Grant finished his service in the Yukon, the family moved back to the Toronto area, where they resided at 25 Cluny Drive, Rosedale. The family also owned a cottage at Orchard Beach, on Lake Simcoe, Ontario. Oswald Grant was killed in action during the First World War, in 1915.

The fonds consists of two photo albums, a scrapbook maintained by Caroline W. Grant, newspaper clippings regarding Dr. Grant, research notes made by Caroline W. Grant concerning the life of her father, correspondence and personal mementoes of Dr. Grant, two WWI postcards sent by Oswald Grant to his Mother in 1915, and a file of letters of sympathy received by Mrs. A.S. Grant following the death of her husband in 1935. The fonds primarily documents the life of Dr. A.S. Grant while minister in the Yukon and contains a large number of photographs of Dawson City at the turn of the century. The photo albums also include: family portraits, pictures of the family at their home in Rosedale and at their cottage on Lake Simcoe, pictures of the Manse in Almonte, Ontario, and pictures of Dr. Grant's journey from Skagway to Dawson City, in 1898. The research notes compiled and created by Caroline Grant include newspaper clippings regarding the life and activities of Dr. Grant, as well as notes on references to Dr. Grant in various published materials. Caroline Grant's scrapbook includes clippings concerning Dr. Grant, several photographs of the Manse and Hospital in Dawson City, as well as bulletins of various services held at the Rosedale Presbyterian Church.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Accession Number: 1973-5003

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A finding aid with file lists is available.

File List

1973-5003-1-1	1935	Telegrams sent to Mrs. A.S. Grant in Sympathy on the death of Dr. A.S. Grant
1973-5003-1-2	1935	Letter of Sympathy to Mrs. A.S. Grant from Friends, Presbyteries and missions around the world
1973-5003-1-3	[196-?]	Caroline Grant's research notes and clippings on the life of her father, Dr. A.S. Grant
1973-5003-1-4	1967	Flower petals picked in front of St. Andrew's Manse by Catherine Scroggie for Caroline Grant
1973-5003-2-1	[196-?]	Caroline Grant's research notes on the life of her father
1973-5003-2-2	[196-?]	Caroline Grant's research notes (references to Dr. A.S. Grant in published materials)
1973-5003-2-3	[196-?]	Notes made by Caroline Grant while at Ypres visiting WWI memorials
1973-5003-2-4	[196-?]	Notes of Caroline Grant's on the establishment of Rosedale Presbyterian Church
1973-5003-2-5	1935	Newspaper clippings – Obituaries of Dr. A.S. Grant
1973-5003-2-6	1899	Newspaper clippings regarding The Good Samaritan Hospital
1973-5003-2-7	1919	Newspaper clippings regarding Dr. A.S. Grant and talks on Canada, the Church and demobilization
1973-5003-2-8	1919	Newspaper clippings regarding Dr. A.S. Grant and prohibition
1973-5003-2-9	[192-]	Newspaper clippings regarding Dr. A.S. Grant and Church Union
1973-5003-2-10	1913-1919	Newspaper clippings regarding Dr. A.S. Grant
1973-5003-2-11	n.d.	Essay – The Effect of the Scottish Disruption on the Church in Canada, unknown author
1973-5003-2-12	1916	Letter of appreciation to Dr. A.S. Grant from the Presbytery of Guelph for his work as Convenor of the Home Mission Committee and Chairman of the Board of Finance
1973-5003-2-13	1935	Autobiographical notes written by Dr. A.S. Grant
1973-5003-2-14	1901	Letter by Dr. A.S. Grant to Prime Minister Laurier concerning gambling and dance halls in Dawson City, Y.T.
1973-2003-2-15	1915	Correspondence between Dr. A.S. Grant and Queen's University regarding the offering of an honorary D.D. degree

1973-5003-2-16	1919	Illuminated Book given to Dr. A.S. Grant from the Toronto Board of Control re: temperance
1973-5003-2-17	1905-1906	Chart of winter temperatures in Dawson City, Y.T.
1973-5003-2-18	1934	Letter written to Dr. A.S. Grant regarding a Sourdough Reunion

Photo albums, photographs and post cards

1973-5003-2-19	1915	WWI Postcards from Oswald Grant to his Mother, Mrs. A.S. Grant
1973-5003-2-20	[192-?]	Photographs – Grant resident at 25 Cluny St., Toronto, Ont.
1973-5003-2-21	[1904?]	Two Negatives – St. Andrew's Manse, Dawson City, Y.T.
1973-5003-2-22	1905	Photograph – Train with Passengers, Y.T.
1973-5003-2-23	[ca. 1898]	Photograph – A.S. Grant, Dickie and 4 others, Skagway
1973-5003-2-24	1967	2 Photographs – St. Andrew's Manse, Dawson City, Y.T., 1967; The Good Samaritan Hospital, Dawson City, Y.T., 1967
1973-5003-2-25	[190-?]	Photograph – The Good Samaritan Hospital, Dawson, Y.T.
1973-5003-2-26	[1904?]	Photographs – Log Cabin, Dawson City, Y.T. and St. Andrew's Manse
1973-5003-2-27	[196-?]	4 Photographs – St. Andrew's Church, 1967; Dawson City United Church, [196-?]; St. Andrew's Manse, [196-?]; The Good Samaritan Hospital, [196-?]
1973-5003-3-1		Photo album #1
1973-5003-4-1		Photo Album #2 and Scrapbook compiled by Caroline Grant