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GLADYS ARNOLD

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Biographical Sketch

Gladys Maria Marguerite Arnold was born in Macoun Saskatchewan on 2 October 1905. Her father worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway and the family was constantly on the move. She attended 17 different schools in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba, graduating from Weyburn Collegiate and Normal School.

Arnold taught in various rural schools and briefly at Success Business College in Winnipeg. She joined the Regina *Leader-Post* in April 1930 becoming an editorial assistant to D.B. MacRae, the Editor-in-Chief. Constantly asking for the chance to write, she convinced MacRae to let her do editorial work. Soon Arnold was writing editorials, feature articles, news stories, and doing interviews which, on occasion, were picked up by other newspapers.

Seeking adventure in Europe, Arnold left her job in 1935 and traveled from the port at Churchill to the United Kingdom aboard a grain cargo ship. Soon she found herself in Paris where she intended to study the major “-isms” of the modern age -- socialism, communism, and fascism. Still needing to make a living, Arnold began submitting freelance pieces to the Canadian Press (CP). When her money began to run out, Arnold gave notice that she could no longer continue as a freelancer and would soon stop submitting material. The Canadian Press hired her as their full-time Paris correspondent. In the next four years she reported for CP from France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Italy and from the Spanish border during the Spanish civil war.

Gladys Arnold was the sole Canadian correspondent in France at the outbreak of the Second World War and she covered the early days of the conflict, the so-called “phony war”, until the German occupation of Paris in June 1940. Returning to Canada, Arnold served with the CP Bureau in Ottawa and wrote communiques and other items for the Free French on a volunteer basis. She left CP in 1941 setting up the Free French Information Service in Canada with Elizabeth de Miribel. After the war this service was attached to the French Embassy in Ottawa and Arnold served as its Director until her retirement in 1971.

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Gladys Arnold died in Regina on September 29, 2002.

Scope and Content

This fonds consists of 2 cm metres of textual material, 331 photographs, 16 negatives and 15 artifacts.

The records in this collection range from 1917 to 2002.

There are no access restrictions on the records in this fonds.

Related material may be found in 89-61, 98-54, 2005-12.

		Artifacts	
Box 1	1	Coin – City of Weyburn 50th Anniversary, presented to Elliott Robins “Longest Resident” (1)	1963
	2	Double cross leather fob (1)	n.d.
	3	Magnifying Glass “An Aid to Nature” in leather case (1) (leather case and glass 2 pieces)	n.d.
	4	Pin – University of Regina – Stapleford Circle (1)	
	5	Pins - Canada Remembers 1944-2004 60th Anniversary of D-Day (2 pins #)	2004
	6	Ribbons worn to identify Legion of Honor Recipients (9)	n.d.
		Certificate of Shares	
	7	Hole-Woollard Oil Company	December 1914
		Clippings	
	8	Re: Gladys Arnold	
	9	Re: Karsh portraits (MacLean’s Magazine)	July 2002
		Correspondence	
	10	Bagley, Mrs. Travis	1940
	11	Chretien, Jean (Prime Minister)	1995
	12	Davie, Bretton	n.d.
	13	Deuxieme cycle de conferences Centre Culturel et Economique de France URSS	1932
	14	Foundation de la France Libre	2003
	15	Garrison, Nicholas	1996
	16	Hart, Hazel	n.d.
	17	Karkie	1977
	18	LeBlanc, Romeo (Governor General of Canada)	1995
	19	Mother and Arnold	1940
	20	McNulty, Nellita	1999
	21	Robins, Barry	1995
	22	Sutcliffe, Arnold	1935
	23	University of Regina Archives and contract	2005
		Drawing	
	24	Paul’s impression of Gladys Arnold and Mr. Dreyfus	1935
		Journals	
	25	Address / Telephone (6)	n.d.
		Diary (includes 1 photograph) (1)	1938
		Diary (1)	1946
		Common Prayer Book (1)	[1920]
		New Testament (1)	1963
		New Testament (1)	1916

Miscellaneous

	26	Lewis Carroll Quote (Alice in Wonderland) Party regrets (humorous) Prague Panorama	
		Personal	
	27	Arnold Gladys Funeral etc.	
	28	Identification	2002
		Photographs / Negative	
Box 2	29	Bastie, Maryse (and soldiers with dolls) (includes 1 photograph)	
	30	Block, Margaret and fiance (includes 4 photographs)	
	31	Bonneau, Gabriel (Commandant) by Karsh (includes 1 photograph)	
	32	Churchill Winston and Mackenzie King (includes 1 photograph)	
	33	Comperot, Helene (includes 8 photographs)	
	34	Concentration Camp Argeles Sur Mer (includes 2 photographs)	February 1939
	35	Davidson, Wanda (includes 9 photographs)	
	36	de Gaulle, Charles (includes 2 photograph)	
	37	de Miribel, Elizabeth (includes 4 photographs)	
	38	E.B. (includes 1 photograph)	
	39	Families – Arnold, de Broglie, Foster (includes 50 photographs)	
	40	Family homes and cenotaphs (includes 6 photographs and 1 negative)	
	41	Free French (includes 1 photograph)	
	42	Friends (includes 3 photographs)	
	43	Gladys Arnold (includes 119 photograph)	
	44	Gladys Arnold Birthday (90th) (includes 5 photographs)	1995
	45	Gladys Arnold by "Time" (includes 1 photograph)	1965
	46	Gladys Arnold by Karsh (includes 1 photograph)	1943
	47	Gladys Arnold Cabin (includes 2 photographs)	
	48	Gladys Arnold painting by Gilbert (includes 2 photographs)	1936
	49	Honorary Degree (University of Regina) (includes 10 photographs)	
	50	Honorary Degree Scrapbook (includes 34 photographs)	
	51	Hunt, Edna (includes 1 photograph)	
	52	Lezine, Irene (includes 4 photographs)	
	53	Negative Disk (1) (includes 15 negatives)	
	54	Paris (includes 17 photographs)	
	55	Peake, Randall (boyfriend) (includes 2 photograph)	
	56	Robins, Noreen (includes 2 photograph)	
	57	Sinclair, Marie (includes 3 photographs)	
	58	Spanish refugees (includes 1 photograph)	1939
	59	Sutcliffe, Arnold (includes 1 photograph)	
	60	Train – Grand Trunk Western (includes 1 photograph)	[1931]
	61	Unknown (includes 32 photographs)	

- 62 Postcards (Historic)
Paris
- 63 Regina Public Library
Wascana Lake Park
- 64 Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Print
- 65 Kapay, Clarence (A Saskatchewan Moment 1998
187/265)
- 66 Audio Visual Material (Replacement Sheet)
1. Cassette Tape Side 1 Edith Praf, Side 2
Edith Praf and Hilos
 - 2 (Two Cassette Set) Roy Bonisteel: There
was a Time: A Memoir
 3. (Two Cassette Set) Elizabeth Smart: By
Grand Central Station I sat Down and Wept
 4. (Two Cassette Set) Patricia Hodge reads "A
Passionate Man" by Joanna Trollope