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KATHERINE BITNEY'S

PHOTOGRAPHS OF ANNE SZUMIGALSKI

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**Biographical Sketch:** Anne Howard Szumigalski (nee Davis) was born on January 3, 1922 in London, England. Her parents were Mary Winder Allen and Herbert Edward Davis. She had one sister, Mary and two brothers, Harold and John. In 1946 she married Jan Szumigalski who was a former prisoner-of-war and who had served as an officer in the Polish Army. Between 1939 and 1944 Anne worked as a nursing assistant and interpreter in Morland Hall, Hampshire at a hospital for Belgian refugees and after D-Day travelled into Holland and Germany with the British Red Cross. When the war was over she joined the military government in Germany as a welfare officer and interpreter for prisoners-of-war and displaced persons. Four children were born to Anne and Jan: Kate, Elizabeth, Tony and Mark. In 1951 they moved to Canada and since 1956 have resided in Saskatoon.

Throughout most of her time in Canada, Szumigalski has been a writer and teacher. She was a founding member of the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild and the first editor of GRAIN magazine. The awards she won for her writing include the Saskatchewan Poetry Prize, Saskatchewan Senior Arts Award, and the Okanagan Short Story Award. She was also nominated for the Governor General's Award for her book Doctrines of Signatures. Apart from the several books of poetry and short stories she published, she also produced four voice poems for the CBC. Anne Szumigalski died in 1999.

**Scope and Content:** This small accession was sent to the University of Regina Archives and Special Collections in December 2017 by Katherine Bitney, (Anne Szumigalski's daughter) and her partner Andris Taskans. It includes one copy of Anne's memorial card and 25 photographs and the envelopes they came in. The photographs range in date from 1951 to 1989 when Anne (and Willa Haughton) received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, they also depict earlier times Anne spent with friends and family - Anthea Loran is Anne's younger sister and also an author in Swift Current.

**Future Accruals:** Future accruals are expected.

**Access Restrictions:** There are no access restrictions to this collection.

**Related Accessions:** 91-95, 92-29, 2006-42, 2009-48, 2009-70 and 2011-2.

**Note on Arrangement:** The people in the photographs were identified by Katherine Bitney who recorded the names on envelopes, these 14 envelopes are included in the collection, the photographs were then numbered and put into mylar sleeves.

ENVELOPES (from photographs) (14)

PHOTOGRAPHS (25)

Photograph #1

Date: 1951

Black and White

Photographer: Unknown

Additional Information: Front Row: Elizabeth Carriere (nee Szumigalski), Baby Anne Williams, Katherine Bitney (nee Szumigalski) Second Row: Peter Breedon, Ruth Breedon, Mary Williams, Mollie Davis, David Williams, Sylvia Davis (nee Palmer) Back Row: H.E. Davis, John Davis, Jan Szumigalski

Location: Stranger's Corner, Crookham Hampshire United Kingdom

Photograph #2

Date: 1951

Black and White

Photographer: [Jan Szumigalski]

Additional Information: Children seated on wagon: Elizabeth Carriere (nee Szumigalski) and Katherine Bitney (nee Szumigalski) with Anne Szumigalski standing

Location: Murray farm near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #3

Date: 1956

Black and White

Photographer: Jan Szumigalski

Additional Information: Front Row: Katherine Bitney (nee Szumigalski), Elizabeth Carriere (nee Szumigalski)

Back Row: Anthea Loran, Anne Szumigalski

Location: 9 Connaught Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #4

Date: 1956-1958

Black and White

Photographer: Unknown

Photograph Caption: "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year Love Shirley"

Additional Information: Shirley Rostek - Anne took part-time work looking after this disabled girl. She was often at our (Szumigalski's) house.

Photograph #5

Date: [1958 or 1959]

Black and White

Photographer: Jan Szumigalski

Additional Information: Girl Guides: Katherine Bitney (nee Szumigalski), Anne Szumigalski, Elizabeth Carriere (nee Szumigalski)

Location: 9 Connaught Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #6

Date: 1959

Black and White

Photographer: Jan Szumigalski

Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski, Elizabeth (Szumigalski) Carriere, Katherine Bitney (nee Szumigalski)

Location: Southern Saskatchewan

## Photograph #7

Date: 1962

Black and White

Photographer: Jan Szumigalski

Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski bathing baby Anthony Szumigalski

Location: 9 Connaught Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #8 (Duplicate of Photograph # 7)

Date: 1962

Black and White

Photographer: Unknown

Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski bathing baby Anthony Szumigalski

Location: 9 Connaught Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #9

Date: 1963

Black and White

Photographer: [Jan Szumigalski or Ralph Loran]

Additional Information: Mollie Davis (background), Anne Szumigalski (foreground)

Location: 1157 Bothwell Drive, Swift Current, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #10

Date: Christmas time [1969 or 1970]

Black and White

Photographer: Jan Szumigalski

Additional Information: Frances Bitney, Elizabeth Carriere (nee Szumigalski), Anthony Szumigalski, Mark Szumigalski, Anne Szumigalski

Location: 9 Connaught Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #11

Date: [mid to late 1970s]

Color

Photographer: Unknown

Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski, Lorna (Uher) Crozier (in front), Robert Kroetsch (blue shirt) and unknown man (with tie)

Location: Fort San, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #12

Date: [1970-1980s]

Color

Photographer: Unknown

Additional Information: Lower: unknown child, Mary Williams, Emmanuel Loran, Cecilia Loran

Back: David Williams, Jan Szumigalski

Location: 9 Connaught Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #13

Date: [1970-1980s]

Color

Photographer: Unknown

Additional Information: Seated left to right: David Williams, Emmanuel Loran, Cecilia Loran, Mary Williams (standing), Jan Szumigalski, unknown child

Location: 9 Connaught Place, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #14

Date: 1977

Black and White  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski with three students seated in lawn-chairs  
Location: possibly Fort San, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #15

Date: July 1978  
Color  
Photographer: [Lala Koehn]  
Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski  
Location: Fort San, Saskatchewan  
Additional Information: "it is not a lovely picture of you, our bagpiper? Fort San, July 1978"

## Photograph #16

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Seated in center of photograph Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Sylvia Fedoruk presenting awards at Order of Merit Ceremony for Anne Szumigalski  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #17

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Seated: Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Sylvia Fedoruk  
Recipients: Anne Szumigalski, Willa Haughton (in yellow dress)  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #18

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Anne approaches Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Sylvia Fedoruk  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #19

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Sylvia Fedoruk positions pin on Anne's lapel  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

## Photograph #20

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski accepts medal from Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Sylvia Fedoruk

Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #21

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski shake hands with Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Sylvia Fedoruk  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #22

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Anne Szumigalski and Willa Haughton  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #23

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Willa Haughton and unknown man listen as Anne speaks at podium  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #24

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Anne shakes hands with tall unknown man  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph #25

Date: 1989  
Color  
Photographer: Unknown  
Additional Information: Anne speaks with a [reporter] as television camera films  
Event: Saskatchewan Order of Merit Ceremony  
Location: Adam Ballroom, Delta Bessborough, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan