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Urquhart, Hugh MacIntyre, 1880-1950

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Title

Hugh MacIntyre Urquhart fonds

Dates

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Extent

9.9 cm of textual records

Biographical Sketch

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The fonds consists of the notes for Colonel Urquhart's history of the 16th Battalion, his personal diaries from 1914 to 1918, correspondence pertaining to his military career, annotated newspaper clippings, various speeches, and a program for a Canadian Expeditionary Forces' Re-union Dinner.

Finding Aids

Inventory available with series and file level control.

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Accession Number: 1991 - 009.

Series I. Correspondence. -- 1915 - 1950.

Series I. File List:

Box. File.

22.18 Correspondence. -- 1915 - 1950.
.5 centimetres of textual records.

The file consists of correspondence to and from Buckingham Palace, Featherstonough, Hughs, Sgt. Lennan, W.H. Measures, Col. Rae, Ramsay, Lt.-Col. Wightman.

The title is based upon file content.

Series II. Ephemera. -- 1925.

Series II. File List:

Box. File.

22.19 Ephemera. -- 1925.
1 booklet of textual records.

The file consists of a program of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces Re-union Dinner, London Scottish Head-Quarters, Buckingham Gate, London on 10 November 1925.

The title is based upon file content.

Series III. History of the 16th Battalion.

Series III. File List:

Box. File.

22.20 History of the 16th Battalion. -- ca. 1920.
2 centimetres of textual records.

The file consists of notes and submissions for Urquhart's book , "The History of the 16th Battalion (The Canadian Scottish), Canadian Expeditionary Force, in the Great War, 1914-1919".

The title is based upon file content.

Series IV. Personal Diaries. -- 1914- 1945.

4.5 centimetres of textual records.

The series consists of 6 files of the personal diaries kept by Colonel Urquhart during World War One.

The files are arranged chronologically from 1914 to 1945.

The title is based upon series content.

Series IV. File List:

Box. File.

22.21 Personal Diary. -- 23 August 1914 - 5 May 1915.

.8 centimetres of textual records.

The title is based upon file content.

22.22 Personal Diary. -- 5 May 1915 - 15 April 1916.

.8 centimetres of textual records.

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22.23 Personal Diary. -- 15 April 1916 - 7 November 1916.

.5 centimetres of textual records.

The title is based upon file content.

22.24 Personal Diary. -- November 1916 - February 1917; February 1917 - September 1917.

1 centimetre of textual records.

The title is based upon file content.

22.25 Personal Diary. -- September 1917 - February 1918; February 1918 - August 1918.

.8 centimetres of textual records.

The title is based upon file content.

22.26 Inserts to Diaries. -- 1918 - 1945.

28 leaves of textual records.

The file consists of a letter regarding Urquhart's decoration as Commander, Royal Victorian Order, an obituary for Miss Elizabeth Urquhart, the medical particulars regarding the case of Colonel Urquhart in 1918, and a program of the 1st Battalion Homecoming in 1945.

The title is based upon file content.

Series V. Scrapbook. -- 1923 - 1933.

Series V. File List:

Box. File.

22.27 Scrapbook. -- 1932 - 1933.

2.5 centimetres of textual records.

The file consists of correspondence from December 1932 to January 1933, an indexed book of annotated newspaper clippings, and reprints of articles on regimental history.

The title is based upon file content.

Series VI. Speeches. -- 1917 - 1948.

Series VI. File List:

Box. File.

22.28 Speeches. -- 1917 - 1948.

26 leaves of textual records.

The file consists of the following speeches: "The War and Its Influences on Canada," February 1917," "The History of the Canadian Regiments, 16th Battalion Canadian Scottish," 30 October 1939," "The Women's Auxiliary: 1940 - 1948," and "The Armed Forces of the Crown".

The title is based upon file content.