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E. Maud Graham and Frederick G. Millar Family Papers

Gift of Michael Dawson, 2019

Dates of Creation:

1902-2007

Extent:

5 boxes (.85 metres)

Biographical Sketch:

E. Maud Graham (1876-1949) was born and raised in Owen Sound, Ontario. She graduated from the University of Toronto in 1896, attended Bryn Mawr College, 1896-97, and from there went to Ontario Normal College in Hamilton. Graham worked as a governess and a teacher, eventually serving as principal of the Girl's High School in Quebec City in 1907. In 1902, Graham was selected to travel to South Africa with 39 other Canadian teachers in order to teach the children of Boar refugees from the South African War of 1899-1902. Graham wrote articles from South Africa for the *Montreal Daily Witness*, and later developed these articles into her memoir about her experiences: *A Canadian Girl in South Africa* (1905). In 1908, Graham married Frederick Gourlay Millar (1876-1972), a fellow teacher from Wiarton, Ontario. Millar also attended the University of Toronto, graduating in 1898, and also did post-graduate studies at the University of Marburg in Hesse, Germany. Millar taught at Hamilton Collegiate Institute and was classical master at Boy's High School in Quebec City. Millar taught in Brantford, Ontario and in Hamilton from 1924-1944, where he became principal of Hamilton's first High School of Commerce in 1928. Graham and Millar had three children, including Helen Millar (Becker) and Graham Millar.

*Biographical information taken from "Introduction," E. Maud Graham, *A Canadian Girl in South Africa: A Teacher's Experiences in the South African War, 1899-1902*, Edited and with an Introduction by Michael Dawson, Catherine Gidney, and Susanne M. Klausen, (Edmonton: University of Alberta Press, 2015), xxxiii-xxxix.

Scope and Content:

Materials include E. Maude Graham's photo album from her travels in South Africa, a scrapbook she kept with items from the 1880s to the 1930s, and her autograph book, 1882-1891. Also included is correspondence belonging to Frederick G. Millar. Notable is a group of love letters Millar wrote to Graham in 1908, and a collection of letters he wrote to Helen Millar Becker in her family, who lived in Rochester, NY. There are several university notebooks belonging to Graham and Millar, and a copy of Graham's 1905 book. Finally, the papers include some family histories written by E. Maude Millar and Helen Millar Becker, and a copy of the 2015 reissue of Graham's book, with introduction and notes by Michael Dawson, Catherine Gidney, and Susanne M. Klausen.

BOX: FOLDER	CONTENTS:
Box 1 34 folders	E. Maud Graham's South Africa photo album. [1902-1904]. Some of the photographs in this album appear in the 1905 edition of <i>A Canadian Girl in South Africa</i> . More of the photographs appear in the 2015 reissue with introduction and annotations by Michael Dawson, Catherine Gidney, and Susanne M. Klausen.
1:1-24	Photo album leaves with front and back covers. The album arrived at the Fisher Library missing its spine and with the binding almost completely worn down. Most folders contain single leaves; some contain two leaves that were still bound together.
1:25-34	Loose photographic prints found in the album including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portrait of W.B. Wolseley-Bowne, Cape Town, South Africa, n.d. • Group portrait: "Mrs. D. Voortman's birthday party," n.d. • Group portrait with "Mr. Freeman Cohen, Johannesburg," June, 1902. • Portrait of [W. E. Stevens] signed July 26, 1903. • Postcard showing a man in military uniform, with message, signed "W.B." [1903] • Photograph [Boer camp pupils] and a reproduction of this photograph, n.d. • South Africa snapshots torn from an album or scrapbook [1902 or 1903] • Reproduction of three small portraits of women. Center portrait is of E. Maud Graham in graduation cap and gown, n.d. • Portrait [G. Mac. Lellish], July 16, 1906. • Two reproduction pages of photographs found in the album.
Box 2 8 folders 1 book	Scrapbook belonging to E. Maud Graham. Contains clippings, ephemera, and personal items dating from 1887 to the 1930s. The folders contain clippings and ephemera found loose in the scrapbook.
Box 3 3 books 7 notebooks	Includes the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autograph book belonging to E. Maud Graham containing autographs dating from 1882 to 1891. • 6 E. Maud Graham's notebooks from the University of Toronto, 1890s. • 1 Frederick G. Millar notebook from University of Marsburg, [1900]. • Copy of the 1905 (first) edition of <i>A Canadian Girl in South Africa</i> by E. Maud Graham, published by William Briggs, Toronto.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of the reprint of Graham's book: <i>A Canadian Girl in South Africa: A Teacher's Experiences in the South African War, 1899-1902</i>, edited and with an introduction by Michael Dawson, Catherine Gidney, and Susanne M. Klausen, The University of Alberta Press, 2015.
Box 4 56 folders	Frederick G. Millar correspondence, mostly letters he wrote to others, including love letters to E. Maud Graham and letters to his daughter, Helen Millar Becker, and her family. Letter date from 1908-1972.
4:1-24	Love Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to E. Maud Graham, July-October, 1908. Most dates determined by postmark. Most letters were written from Wiarton or Oliphant, Ontario to Graham in Owen Sound, Ontario.
4:25	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Graham and Elizabeth Millar, 1954; 1964.
4:26	Postcards from European travels, from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, late 1950s-early 1960s.
4:27-29	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, mostly from Oliphant, Ontario, summers, 1964-1967.
4:30-38	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, from Barbados, January-April, 1964-1968.
4:39	2 letters (ALS) from M. Murray to Helen Millar Becker, November 1969; [1969-70].
4:40	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, from Lake Worth [Florida] and Halifax, NS, 1959; 1963.
4:41-44	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, from Halifax, NS, 1964-1968
4:45-46	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, from Toronto, 1964-1966.
4:47	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, from Ottawa, 1970.
4:48	Letters (ALS) from Frederick G. Millar to Helen Millar Becker and her family, from Rockcliffe Nursing Home, Scarborough, ON, 1972.
4:49-50	Letters sent to Frederick G Millar, 1967-1970.

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4:51	Photocopies of Frederick G. Millar postcards (from Box 4, folder 26).
4:52-56	Photocopies of Frederick G. Millar letters from Barbados (from Box 4, folders 30-38).
Box 5 7 folders	Family histories by E. Maud Graham and Helen Millar Becker, 1931-2007.
5:1-2	Typescript [memoir/family history] by E. Maud Graham titled "Helen Mary Millar with love from Mother," 1931, with end chapter in 1947.
5:3	Photocopy of holograph manuscript by Helen Millar Becker. A biography of Marianne Meir (1840-1930). E. Maud Graham's aunt and Helen Millar Becker's great aunt, January, 2005.
5:4-7	Photocopy of holograph manuscript by Helen Millar Becker, biography of E. Maud Graham and family history, 2006-2007. Includes introductory note from Helen Millar Becker.