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Summary information

Repository:	Victoria University Archives
Title:	Margaret Eleanor Theodora Addison fonds
Reference code:	2097
Category [alternative] :	Administrators / Faculty personal papers
Date:	1875-1941 (creation)
Physical description:	31 cm of textual records 1 microfilm reel 1 photograph 1 handkerchief 1 broach
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Added by MO: June 2, 2016 Revised by ECN: April 24, 2017 Updated by: JT Oct 19 2018; Jan 8 2020; Feb 24 2020 Updated by JT: Oct 23 2023 Updated by JT: March 24 2025; April 9 2025

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Margaret Eleanor Theodora Addison was born in 1868 in Horning's Mills, Ontario. She graduated from Victoria College in 1889 with a B.A. and was awarded the silver medal and 1st class honours in Modern Languages. After graduation, she taught in high schools and at the Ontario Ladies' College in Whitby. In 1900 she travelled to Europe to study educational methods and was inspired by women's higher education there, particularly with the sense of college life that women students had; made possible through ensuring that they had space on campuses, something that Victoria College had lacked when Addison had attended. Back in Toronto, one of her goals to make a residence for women at Victoria had become a reality. Annesley Hall, the first women's residence was opening in 1903 and Addison had been asked by Mrs. Burwash, the President of the Victoria Women's Residence and Educational Association (later the V.W.A), to serve as Dean of Annesley Hall. In 1920, she was appointed as and Dean of Women at Victoria University, to reflect that not all women lived on campus. She served in this role until 1931 when she retired. Addison was also involved with the International Y.W.C.A., the Student Christian Movement, and the University Club. Margaret Addison died in 1940.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of diaries, 1900-1912, family correspondence, 1875-1931, notes, clippings, publications, biographical material, 1941, scrapbook, a portrait, monogrammed handkerchief, and broach.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift

1987.168V

1997.099V - Microfilm transferred from EJ Pratt Library

2016.14V - Photograph and handkerchief received from Rosemary and Ed Addison

2020.01V - Broach received from Ed Addison

Alternative form available

Diaries in files 1987.168V 1-1 and 1987.168V 1-2 are also available on 1 microfilm reel (1997.099V).

Scanned copies of this microfilm are available in PDF. <http://digitalcollections.vicu.utoronto.ca/RS/?r=20728>

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Photograph is described in the photograph database (search for accession number 2016.14): <http://archival-photos.vicu.utoronto.ca/>

Note [General]

See the Dean of Women's fonds (Fonds 2067) for records related to Margaret Addison's work as the Dean.

Note [General]

Handkerchief and broach are stored with the Artifacts Collection. Portrait is stored with the Photographs. Microfilm reel can be found inside 1987.168V1.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
 - Photographs and art (documentary form)
 - Objects (documentary form)
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Descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2097-1987.168V 1-1	File - Diary	July-Nov 1900	
2097-1987.168V 1-2	File - Diary	Nov-Dec 1900	
2097-1987.168V 1-3	File - Diary	Dec-April 1901	
2097-1987.168V 1-4	File - Diary	May-Sept 1903	
2097-1987.168V 1-5	File - Diary	1907-Jan 1908	
2097-1987.168V 1-6	File - Diary	1910	
2097-1987.168V 1-7	File - Diary	Oct-Nov 1912	
2097-1987.168V 1-8	File - Diary fragment re: Annesley Hall rules	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 1-9	File - Diary	1920-1921	
2097-1987.168V 1-10	File - Correspondence with mother	1875-1888	
2097-1987.168V 1-11	File - Correspondence to family	1889-1913	
2097-1987.168V 1-12	File - Correspondence to family	1914	
2097-1987.168V 1-13	File - Correspondence to family	Jan-June 1915	
2097-1987.168V 1-14	File - Correspondence to family	July-Dec 1915	
2097-1987.168V 1-15	File - Correspondence to family	1916-1920	

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2097-1987.168V 1-16	File - Correspondence to family	1921-1923	
2097-1987.168V 1-17	File - Correspondence to family	1924	
2097-1987.168V 1-18	File - Correspondence to family	1925	
2097-1987.168V 1-19	File - Correspondence to family	1926	
2097-1987.168V 1-20	File - Correspondence to family	1927	
2097-1987.168V 1-21	File - Correspondence to family	1928	
2097-1987.168V 1-22	File - Correspondence to family	1929	
2097-1987.168V 1-23	File - Correspondence to family	1930	
2097-1987.168V 1-24	File - Correspondence to family, undated or fragmentary	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-1	File - Book entitled "A Guide"	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-2	File - The Young Christian's Pocket-Book	1837	
2097-1987.168V 2-3	File - Booklet entitled "Testimonials of Margaret E.T. Addison"	[189-?]	
2097-1987.168V 2-4	File - Book entitled "Family News and Friends"	1937-1938	
2097-1987.168V 2-5	File - Book entitled "Petit Dictionnaire des Synonymes Français"	published 1891; signed 1894	
2097-1987.168V 2-6	File - Book entitled "Le Romantisme Français"	1887	
2097-1987.168V 2-7	File - Notes re: Annesley Hall	1904-1922	
2097-1987.168V 2-8	File - Notes etc. re: Dean's dinners	1907-1927	
2097-1987.168V 2-9	File - Notes re: other women's residences	1927-1928	
2097-1987.168V 2-10	File - Notes re: women's statistics	1910-1928	
2097-1987.168V 2-11	File - Notes re: social events at Victoria	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-12	File - Notes for talks to A.S.G.A.	1911-1920	

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2097-1987.168V 2-13	File - Notes for talks to A.S.G.A.	1921-1930	
2097-1987.168V 2-14	File - Address re: women's undergraduate association	September 1923	
2097-1987.168V 2-15	File - Eulogy for Mary Shorey	1926	
2097-1987.168V 2-16	File - Documents re: M. Addison's retirement	1931	
2097-1987.168V 2-17	File - Miscellaneous notes	1922-1923	
2097-1987.168V 2-18	File - Grant of the Dignity of a Commander of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire	June 1934	
2097-1987.168V 2-19	File - Documents re: visit to Japan	1933	
2097-1987.168V 2-20	File - Addresses to Alumnae Association	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-21	File - Pamphlets belonging to M. Addison	1957 1949 n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-22	File - Invitations	1957 1926-1928 n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-23	File - Programmes	1910-1934	
2097-1987.168V 2-24	File - Miscellaneous <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains piano and organ warranties.	1889 1881	
2097-1987.168V 2-25	File - Biographical information re: Robert Addison	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-26	File - Newspaper clippings re: M. Addison's relatives	1923-1927 n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-27	File - Biographical materials re: M. Addison	1940 1925	
2097-1987.168V 2-28	File - Notes for addresses re: building campaign	1929	
2097-1987.168V 2-29	File - Paper entitled "Sketch of the History of the Committee of Management of Annesley Hall" by M. Addison	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 2-30	File - Memorial address by Principal Walter T. Brown	1940	
2097-1987.168V 2-31	File - Memorial addresses by Gertrude L. Rutherford	1941 1940	

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2097-1987.168V 2-32	File - Biographical scrapbook	n.d.	
2097-1987.168V 3-1	File - Scrapbook <i>Scope and content:</i> Scrapbook contains: news clippings, alumni/student birth/marriage announcements, College life, women's rights, portraits, Wymilwood, dancing at Vic.	1920-1928	
2097-1997.099V	Item - Microfilm: Margaret Addison Diaries <i>Scope and content:</i> Contains the diaries found in 1987.168V1-1 and 1-2.	1900-1921	1 microfilm reel: positive and negative; 35 mm.
2097-2016.14V TR-1	Item - Monogrammed handkerchief	[19-?]	
2097-2020.01V1	Item - Broach <i>Scope and content:</i> Addison won the silver medal in Modern Languages at her graduation in 1889. Broach is engraved on both sides: Front has the University crest and name Back is ringed with leaves and includes an inscription that says "SECUNDUS IN LIT / GERM. GALL. / ANGL. ET ITAL. / M.E.T. Addison BA / 1889"	1889	1 broach : silver ; 4cm diameter