

Description and Finding Aid
CLARKSON FAMILY FONDS
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CLARKSON FAMILY FONDS

Dates of creation

1904-1963

Extent

32.5 cm of textual records

32 photographs

13 artefacts

Biographical sketch

The Clarksons were a prominent Toronto family associated with the accounting and stock brokerage firm, Clarkson Gordon. The majority of the records in this fonds pertains to Alice Amelia Clarkson (née Baines; 14 December 1881-10 March 1964), daughter of Mary Louise Baines (née Conventay; 1858-1933) and Christopher C. Baines (b 1846), and her descendants. Alice Clarkson, sometimes referred to as 'Vally', attended Bishop Strachan School before enrolling at Trinity College in 1901. She graduated with a BA in 1904. Alice Clarkson's sister, Marguerite Baines (1884-1951?), a frequent and constant correspondent of her sister, never married and lived with her mother. Marguerite and Alice would often accompany Mary Baines on her frequent travels to Europe, Asia, and the United States. By the 1920s, Marguerite and her mother would take up permanent residence in Vancouver.

Alice Clarkson married Frederick Curzon Clarkson (3 December 1880-6 August 1951), son of Amy Lambe Clarkson (1852-1925) and Edward Roper Clarkson (1852-1931) on 7 October 1909. For the majority of their married life they lived at 58 Admiral Road in Toronto. Frederick Clarkson worked for his father's accounting firm, E.R.C Clarkson and Sons, later Clarkson Gordon & Co.

Alice and Frederick Clarkson had three children, Margaret Eleanor Clarkson (b 8 May 1912), Frederick Curzon Clarkson (1914-1973?), and Cuthbert B. Clarkson (b 1920). Margaret (Margot) Clarkson studied at Owendon College, Barrie, before attending Trinity College in 1929. She graduated with a BA in 1933. She never married and became a social worker based in New York City in the 1940s. Like her mother and grandmother, she travelled extensively in her youth during the 1930s.

Curzon Clarkson attended Lakefield Preparatory School as a child and entered Trinity College in September 1933, where he stayed until May 1934. In September 1934 he transferred to a vocational training school in Detroit, Michigan, most likely the General Motors Institute. Curzon married Mary Louise Porter with whom he had two children: Frederick (Rick) Clarkson (1944?-1998) and Pegi Clarkson (d. 2014). He settled in St. Catharines, Ontario, with his family.

Cuthbert Clarkson attended Upper Canada College and Queen's University. In 1941 he joined the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and served overseas, in Britain most likely, from 1943 to 1946. His marital status is unknown. He appears to have resided with his mother, Alice Clarkson, during the final two decades of her life.

Scope and content

The fonds is largely a collection of correspondence between various members of the Clarkson family, spanning the years from 1904 to about 1963. A substantial amount of the material focuses on their travels and the primary recipient is Alice Baines Clarkson. The fonds also contains family and Trinity-related photographs, diaries, other memorabilia, and records from the Women's Musical Club.

Contains series:

1. Early Correspondence
2. Correspondence from the Far East
3. Later Correspondence
4. Photographs
5. Diaries and Artefacts

Notes

Acquisition history: Helen Slade, Nursing Don at St Hilda's, Trinity College, brought the records to the Trinity College Archives in the 1980s. They were accessioned and ownership was formally transferred by Pegi Clarkson in 1991.

Arrangement: Arranged by the archivist.

Restrictions on access: None.

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Provenance access points: Clarkson, Alice Baines, 1881-1964
Clarkson, Frederick Curzon, 1880-1951

SERIES 1: EARLY CORRESPONDENCE

Dates of creation: 1904-1923

Extent: 5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

The series consists of letters written by and for the Clarkson family between 1904 and 1923. Most of the correspondence is between Alice Baines Clarkson (Vally) and her husband Frederick Curzon Clarkson (Fred). However there are several letters written by Alice's mother (Mary Baines) and sister (Marguerite Baines) as well as other correspondents.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Correspondence	1904	1909	Letter from H.L. Gillespie to Alice Baines, 7 July 1904, written on Crow Creek, Alaska, Hydraulic Gold Mining Co. letterhead, in which he describes a bear hunt and	1-1

			his life in Alaska. Two postcards [190-] (one written 'June 4') from 'Charlie' to Marguerite Baines, from a trip to Europe. Letter from Hazel K. Clarkson to Alice Baines, 12 April 1909, congratulating her future in-law on her engagement to Fred Clarkson. Written from British Columbia.	
Correspondence	1910	1910	Letter from Fred Clarkson to his wife, Alice Baines Clarkson (hereafter referred to as 'Alice,' 23 November 1910.	1-2
European Correspondence	1911	1911	Letter from Alice (signed 'Vally') to Fred, 1-8 April 1911, written on <u>S.S. Megantic</u> letterhead, in which she describes her voyage to England. Letter from Vally to Fred, 1 April 1911. Written before Alice's departure to Europe. Postcard, written 'Easter Day' for Fred. (Not signed but handwriting is Alice Clarkson's) Two letters from Vally to Fred, 10 April and 13 April [1911]. Written from Notting Hill Gate, England. Letter from Vally to Fred, 15 April 1911. Written on <u>S.S. Megantic</u> letterhead. Written on the same pages is a letter by Mary Louise Baines (signed 'Mother'), also addressed to Fred. Letter from Vally to Fred, 17 April [1911], in which she continues to describe her stay in England. Postcard from Alice (signed 'A.B.C.') to Fred, 18 April [1911]. Letter from Vally to Fred, 21 April [1911]. Letter from Vally and her mother to Fred, 23 April [1911]. Postcard from Alice ('A.B.C.') to Fred, 25 April [1911]. Letter from Vally to Fred, 26 April, [1911]. Included is an example of a receipt from John Barker & Co. Two letters from Vally to Fred, 30 April and 2 May [1911]. Letter from Mary Baines (Mother) to Fred, 2 May [1911]. Included is a note written by Alice from Paris, 3 May [1911]. Three letters from Vally to Fred, 6 May, 9 May and 12 May [1911]. Written in Paris and another part of France. Letter from Vally and her mother to Fred, 14 May [1911]. Written in France. Letter from Vally to Fred, 18 May [1911], in which she mentions that she is coming home soon.	1-3
Correspondence	1914	1914	Letter from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice, 10 March	1-4

			1914. Written on Hotel d'Angleterre letterhead, in which she discusses her travels in Europe.	
Correspondence	1915	1915	Letter from Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 18 March 1915. Written on Hotel Inverurie, Bermuda, letterhead, in which she describes her vacation with her mother, Mary Baines.	1-5
Correspondence	1917	1917	Letters: From A. Lissey (the nanny?) to Alice, 1 June 1917. From Fred to Alice (Vally), 6 July 1917. Written on E.R.C. Clarkson & Sons letterhead. From Frances to Alice, 13 July [1917]. Written from Elm Dene, Isle of Wight. From Fred to Alice (Vally), Wednesday [August 1917?]. Six letters from Fred to Vally. Written from 7 August to 28 August 1917. The last letter includes a small note to their daughter Margaret (Margot). From Fred to Vally, Sunday [1917?]. From Fred to Vally, 30 August 1917.	1-6
Correspondence	1919	1919	Two letters from Margaret (Margot) to Alice (Mum). Written on 22 February and 2 March 1919. The handwriting in both letters is Fred's but the signature is Margot's. A separate envelope addressed to Alice Clarkson in Winnipeg.	1-7
Correspondence	1921	1924	Letters: From Curzon and Alice to Fred (Daddy), 10 November 1921. From Curzon to Alice (Mummy), Sunday April 1922. From Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot) to Curzon and Margot, 19 March 1923. From Curzon to Alice (Mummy), Thursday April 1923 From Mary Baines (Nonna) to Margot, 15 April 1923. Written on Kilauea Volcano House Co. letterhead, Hawaii. From Margot to Alice Clarkson (Mother), 22 April 1923 From Curzon to Alice Clarkson (Mummy), 25 April 1923. Included is a notice by Mills School of the Annual Kite Flying Contest, 28 April 1923. From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 9 May [1923]. From Curzon to Alice (Mother), 26 June 1923. From Margot to Alice (Mother). Written 26 June, Thursday [undated] and 29 June [1923]. From Margot to Alice Clarkson (Mother), 4 July [1923]. (This letter included with the three letters above).	1-8

From Ruby (friend?) to Alice, 1 July 1923, in which she comments on the good behavior of her Alice's children.

From Curzon to Alice (Mother), 7 March 1924. Written from Lakefield, Ontario.

From Curzon to Fred (Dad), 18 March 1924. Written from Lakefield, Ontario. (This letter was included with the one addressed to his mother above).

SERIES 2: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE FAR EAST

Dates of creation: 1923-1925

Extent: 6.5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

The series contains letters written by Marguerite and Mary Baines to their family (mostly to Alice Clarkson and her children) during their travels around Asia from 1923 to 1925. Very few replies from the family are included.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Far East Correspondence	Oct 1923	Dec 1923	Letters: From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice, 23/24 October [1923]. Written on S.S. Shinyo Maru letterhead. From Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot) to Margot, 24 October [1923]. Written on S.S. Shinyo Maru letterhead. From Mary Baines (not signed) to Alice (Vally), 30 October [1923]. Written on R.M.S. Empress of Canada letterhead. From Marguerite Baines (not signed) to Curzon, 2 November [1923]. Written on S.S. Shinyo Maru letterhead. (A page appears to be missing.) From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 8 November 1923. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits, Peking [Beijing] letterhead. From Marguerite and Mary Baines (Marg and Mother) to Alice (Vally) and her children, 16/18 November 1923. Written on Grand Hotel Kalee Limited, Shanghai letterhead. Contains Christmas and Birthday wishes. From Marguerite and Mary Baines to Aunt Sue, Letta	2-1

(?) and Sue, 16 November 1923. Written on the same letterhead and with similar content as above.
 From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice, 25 November [1923]. Written on the same letterhead as above.
 From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 26 November 1923. Written on the same letterhead as above.
 Included is an undated [November 1923?] letter from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally). Written on New Hotel, Hangchow letterhead.
 From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice (?), [undated]. This letter seems to be incomplete, or a mix of two unfinished letters.
 From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 25 December 1923, in which she sends her holiday wishes.

Far East Correspondence	Jan 1924	March 1924	<p>Two letters from Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 1 and 4 January [1924]. Written on Kalee Hotel, Shanghai, letterhead.</p> <p>Letters:</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice(?), 7 January 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits, Peking, letterhead.</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Nonna) to 'darling three' (Curzon, Margot and Cuthbert Clarkson), 8 January 1924. Written on the same letterhead from Peking. Included is a partial, undated letter to their mother, Alice (Vally).</p> <p>From Marguerite (Marg) and Mary (Mother) Baines to Alice, 14 January 1924 [original says 1923, but it is most likely to have been a mistake]. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 22 and 24 January 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.</p> <p>From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Adele, 25 January 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.</p> <p>Two letters from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 4 and 10 February 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead. Included with the last letter is a letter from Claudia(?) to Aunt M. (Marguerite Baines?) written 6 January, 1924.</p> <p>Letters</p> <p>From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 13 February 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 14 February 1924.</p> <p>From Emily(?) to Mary and Marguerite Baines (Mrs. Baines and Marg), 17 February [1924]. Included is a letter from Claudia(?) to Aunt M. (Marguerite Baines?), Written 29 February 1924.</p>	2-2
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From Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot) to Margot, 19 February 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead, in which she describes the celebrations of Chinese New Year.

From Mary Baines (Mother) to Fred, 1 March 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.

From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice Clarkson (Vally), 5 March [1924]. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead. Addressed to Adele Harman.

From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 8 March [1924]. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.

From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Zaidee(?), 24 March 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.

From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 24 March 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.

Undated correspondence	1923?	1924?	<p>Letters:</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), [22 May 1924?]. Part of the letter is written on The Forest Inn, British Columbia, letterhead.</p> <p>From Mary and Marguerite Baines to Alice(?), [1923?]. Partial fragment of a letter.</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Nonna) to Margot and Curzon, [1923?]</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Nonna) to Curzon, [1923?]</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice, [1924?]</p>	2-3
Far East Correspondence	Apr 1924	Aug 1924	<p>Letters:</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Nonna/Mother) to Margot, Curzon and Alice, 2 April 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.</p> <p>Two letters from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 9 and 20 April 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.</p> <p>Letters:</p> <p>From Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot) to Margot, 24 April 1924. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 2 May 1924. .</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Nonna) to Margot, 14 May 1924. Included is a program from the Presidential Mansion Garden Party in Peking and a short note to Alice.</p> <p>From Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot) to Margot, 23 July 1924. Written on <u>S.S. Tjileboet</u> letterhead, in which she describes her journey to Java island.</p> <p>From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 24 July 1924. Written on Hotel der Nederlanden, Java, letterhead.</p> <p>From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 16 August</p>	2-4

			<p>1924. Written on Grand Hotel Sundanglaya letterhead. From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 31 August 1924. Written on Hotel Homann, Bandoeng, letterhead. Two undated letters [May 1924?], one from Marguerite Baines to Alice(?) and another from Mary Baines (Nonna) to Curzon and Margot.</p>	
Far East Correspondence	Sept 1924	Dec 1924	<p>Letters: From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 5 September 1924. Written on Hotel Homann letterhead. A partial letter (undated) from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice written on a letter sent to Marguerite Baines, 20 September 1924. Signature is illegible. From Mary Baines (Nonna) to Aliceson (Vally) and her children, 1 October 1924. Written on Indonesian hotel letterhead. [envelope is included] Two letters from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 6 and 12 October 1924. Included with the former is another letter by Mary Baines to her daughter, but it remains undated. Written on the same letterhead. From Marguerite (Marg) and Mary (Mother) Baines to Alice, 23 October 1924. Included is another undated letter from Marguerite Baines to her sister. Written on the same letterhead. From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 30 October 1924. Written on Grand Hotel Ngamplang, Garoet, letterhead. From Marguerite (Marg) Baines to Alice, 5 November 1924. From Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 6 November 1924. From Marguerite (Marg) and Mary (Mother) Baines to Alice , 11 November [1924]. Written on Hotel Vereeniging, Java, letterhead. Partial letter, [November 1924] from Marguerite and Mary Baines to Alice, same letterhead as previous. From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Edith, 20 November 1924. Written on same letterhead as previous. From Marguerite (Aunt Margot) and Mary (Nonna) Baines to Margot and Curzon, 27 November, 1924. Written on the same letterhead as above. From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 9 December 1924. Written on the same letterhead as above.</p>	2-5
Aunt Margot's Letter to Curzon Clarkson <i>Draft 1</i>	1924	1924	<p>Letter to Curzon [Clarkson] and "the other boys" from Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot), 4 October – 6 November [1924]. Containing 57 pages, the letter summarizes her travels in China earlier that year.</p>	2-6

Aunt Margot's Letter to Curzon Clarkson <i>Draft 2</i>	[1924]	[1924]	Letter to Curzon [Clarkson] and "the other boys" from Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot), [1924]. Containing 30 pages, typed, this letter describes her impressions of Shanghai. This letter appears to a variation of Draft 1, but could also be part of a series of letters that Marguerite sent to her nephew.	2-7
Aunt Margot's Letter to Margot Clarkson	[1924]	[1924]	Letter to Margot [Clarkson] and 'the other girls' from Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot), 4 October [1924]. Containing, 57 pages, the letter summarizes her travels in China earlier that year. It is very similar in content to her letter to Curzon Clarkson (file 2-6)	2-8
Far East Correspondence	1925	1925	Letters: From Marguerite Baines (Aunt Margot) to Curzon and Cuthbert (Cuppy) Clarkson, 29 January 1925. Written on Park Hotel Darjeeling letterhead. From Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice Clarkson, 7 April 1925. Written on Hôtel de Wagons-Lits letterhead.	2-9
Undated Letter from Margot Clarkson to Nonie and Aunty Margot	[1923?]	[1925?]	Letter from Margot Clarkson to Marguerite (Aunty Margot) and Mary (Nonie) Baines, 31 January [1923?-1925?] in which she described her time in school and thanked them for their gifts from the East.	2-10

SERIES 3: FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE 1927-1939

Dates of creation: 1927-1939

Extent: 10.5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

The series consists of mainly private family correspondence between Alice and Fred Clarkson and their children. They are mainly writing from their respective boarding schools or their cottage in Muskoka. The series also contains documentation of their children's experiences in university and abroad.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Clarkson Family	[1927]	[1928]	Six letters from Margot Clarkson with two to her	3-1

Correspondence			<p>mother (Alice) and four to her father (Fred Clarkson), undated [1927?-1928?]. They were most likely written in the summer months as she describes her stay with relatives in Muskoka.</p> <p>Four letters from Fred to Alice (Vally) written 17 July, 2 August, 16 August 1927 and 13 August 1928.</p> <p>Three letters from Margot Clarkson to her mother and father (separately) written from Ovenden College, 31 October, 24 November, 29 November 1929.</p> <p>Three undated letters from Margot Clarkson to her parents, written from Ovenden College [1927-1928?].</p>	
School Correspondence of Margot and Curzon Clarkson with their Parents	1929	1929	<p>Fourteen letters from Curzon Clarkson to his parents (Alice and Fred) written from Lakefield Preparatory School between 11 January and 12 September 1929. Some letters are written on the school's letterhead. They mostly contain information about his daily school life.</p> <p>Fourteen letters from Margot Clarkson to her parents written from Ovenden between 21 January and 9 May 1929. They mostly contain information about her daily school life. Included with the letter dated 14 February 1929, are two letters by Cuthbert Clarkson (undated, but written around the same time) addressed to their mother. Included with the letter dated 27 April 1929 is a letter to her mother from 'Jack'.</p>	3-2
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1930	1931	<p>Nine letters from Fred to Alice (Vally) written between 11 July and 2 September 1930 [also includes some undated ones].</p> <p>Letter from Curzon Clarkson to Alice (Mum), 18 January 1931. Written from Trinity College School, Port Hope.</p> <p>Six letters from Fred to Alice (Vally) written between 16 April and 20 August 1931. Included in the letter dated 17 July 1931 is a letter by Cuthbert Clarkson, 19 July [1931].</p>	3-3
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1932	1932	<p>Letter from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally) and Family, 2 May [1932].</p> <p>Three letters written by Margot and Curzon to their mother, Alice, 6 May 1932. Included is a clipping from an unknown Vancouver newspaper [1932?] with 'for Cuthbert' written along the top with pencil. .</p> <p>Letter from Cuthbert (Cuppy) to Fred (Dad), [Wednesday, 1932?]. The majority of the letter was handwritten by Curzon.</p> <p>Two letters from Margot Clarkson to Alice (Mum), written 15, 23 May 1932.</p>	3-4

			Letter from Margot to Fred (Dad), 23 August 1932. Written on the letterhead of Atlantic House and Cottages, Scarborough Beach, Maine.	
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1933	1934	Three letters from Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, one dated 21 April 1933, and two undated. Two of the letters are incomplete. Two letters from Cuthbert (Cuppy), one to his parents Fred and Alice, and one to Jessie, 16 July and 3 August 1933. Written from a camp that Cuthbert is attending. Three letters from Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice, 24 October 1933, 5 August and 1 September 1934. Five letters from Curzon to his family, written between 31 October and 19 November 1934, in which he describes settling into his university in Detroit.	3-5
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1935	1936	Letter from Margot to her parents, Alice and Fred (Mum and Dad), 4 February 1935. Written from Niagara-on-the-Lake. Included is a letter [1935?] written by Fred and Cuthbert (Cuppy) to Alice (Vally) in which Margot's letter is mentioned. Twenty letters from Margot to her parents, written between 14 April and 26 August 1935, from a farm on Niagara-on-the-Lake where she seems to have been staying with a friend named Lailey. Included with the letter dated 30 June 1935, is a typewritten letter from Lailey to Alice (Mio) in which she expresses concern over Margot's mental condition. Letter from Alice (?) to Margot, Cuthbert (Bert) and Curzon, 15 April 1936. Written on Italia Cruise Ship letterhead, in which she describes her experience onboard the ship.	3-6
Margot Clarkson's Correspondence with Family	1937	1937	Letter from Margot to her parents, Alice and Fred (Mum and Dad), 16 April 1937. Written from Niagara-on-the-Lake. Three letters from Margot to Cuthbert and parents, 3, 7, 8 July 1937. Written on Canadian Pacific Steamship letterhead, in which she details the beginnings of her journey to Ireland. Nineteen letters from Margot to her family members, written between 12 July and 8 November 1937, in which she documents her travels around Ireland and Great Britain. The last letter is incomplete. Letter from Marguerite Baines to Alice, 19 August 1937. Written from Vancouver British Columbia.	3-7
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1938	1939	Letter from Margot to her family, 15 July 1938. Written from Niagara-on-the-Lake.	3-8

Two letters from Margot and Fred to Alice (Vally), 31 May and 1 June 1939 respectively. .
 Six letters from Margot to her parents, Alice and Fred, written between 24 June and 3 August 1939.
 Five letters from Cuthbert to his family, written between 26 September and December(?) [1939]. It appears that he is writing from Queen's University, Kingston.

Undated Clarkson Children Correspondence	[193-]	[193-]	Three undated letters from Cuthbert to his parents. Three undated letters from Margot to her parents. One letter is written in French. Included is a writing exercise that Margot did, as well as a poem titled "To Her Mother."	3-9
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SERIES 4: FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE 1940-1963

Dates of creation: 1940-1963

Extent: 5 cm of textual records
 6 photographs: b&w ; 5.1 x3.7 cm or smaller

Scope and content:

Series contains mostly private family correspondence between the various members of the Clarkson family. Alice Clarkson is the main recipient of the letters that document her family's experience during WWII and their adult life away from home. Included are also some correspondence between Alice and distant relatives in Argentina and Britain, as well as some old school friends.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Clarkson Family Correspondence	[1940]	[1941]	Three letters from Cuthbert to his family [1940?] written from Queen's University, Kingston. On one of the letters "Jan/Feb '40" was scribbled in, presumably by his mother, Alice. Letter from Cuthbert to his family, written from Queen's University, Kingston. "Oct. '41" was scribbled in, presumably by his mother, Alice. An incomplete letter from Marguerite Baines (Marg) to Alice(?) in [1940?].	4-1

Clarkson Family Correspondence	1942	1942	<p>Letter from Nora D., unsigned, to Alice, 1 April 1942. Written from Rook Island. Included is a typewritten poem "Easter" initialed 'N.D.'.</p> <p>Fourteen letters from Margot to her mother Alice, written between 23 April and 19 July 1942, who is at the Mountain Sanatorium in Hamilton. Margot describes some financial troubles the family is experiencing as a result of the War.</p> <p>Four letters from Fred to Alice (Vally) written between 16 June and 17 July 1942.</p> <p>Four letters from Cuthbert to his family [ca.1942]. Written during this military training and service either in Canada or in England [unclear]. The last letter was forwarded by Margot to Alice 5 June 1942. In the letters Cuthbert describes some of his experience with training as part of the army.</p>	4-2
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1943	1944	<p>Letter from Arturo to Olive, Zaidee and Alice, 30 January 1943. Written from Cordoba Hills, Argentina. Envelope included, addressed to Mrs. Victor B. Powis.</p> <p>Letter from Nora D.(?) to Alice, 12 March 1943. Included is a poem titled "If" written by Nora.</p> <p>Two letters from Margot to her parents, 15 and 18 August 1943. Written from Ottawa, where she appears to have gotten a job under the Mackenzie administration.</p> <p>Letter from Nora D.(?) to Alice, 5 April 1944, in which she offers her best wishes for the upcoming Easter.</p> <p>Letter from 'Cousin' Arturo to Alice, 22 April 1944, Argentina. In the letter Arturo discusses some of the relatives and friends that he and Alice share. On the back of the letter is some detailed information (dates, marriages, issue, etc.) about some of the people mentioned in the letter, presumably written by Alice.</p>	4-3
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1945	1946	<p>Letter from Nora D.(?) to Alice Clarkson, 27 March 1945.</p> <p>Three letters from Margot to her family written 5, 7, and 12 July 1945 from Algonquin Park.</p> <p>Letter from Cuthbert to his family, 27 December 1945. Written on Active Service letterhead.</p> <p>Letter from Nora D.(?) to Alice, 28 December 1945.</p> <p>Letter from Cuthbert to his parents and Margot, 28 December [1945]. Letter No.160 for his parents and Letter No.105 for Margot.</p>	4-4

			Letter from Cuthbert to Margot, 4 January 1946. Letter No.106, written on Armed Forces paper. Letter from Cuthbert to his parents, 17 January 1945. Letter No.164, written on Armed Forces paper.	
Margot Clarkson's Correspondence with her Parents	1947	[1949]	Letter from Margot to her parents [incomplete], 7 July 1947. Written on the back of an advertisement for Willey House Cabins, Maine. Letter from Margot to her parents, 24 July 1947. Written on letterhead of Atlantic Houses and Cottages, Maine. Included are photographs of Margot Clarkson and an unidentified friend [ca. 1947]. 6 photographs : b&w ; 5.1 x3.7 cm or smaller Six letters from Margot Clarkson to her parents written between 10 October and 21 November 1948. Written from New York City, where Margot now worked and resided. Two undated letters from Margot to her parents. The dates February 2 and February 9 [1949?] were scribbled in, presumably by her mother.	4-5
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1951	1954	Letter from unknown correspondent [last name Davis?] to Alice [1951]. The correspondent seems to have known Alice from her travels in Europe in the 1910s and refers her to Rupert Scott, the correspondent in her future correspondence. [He appears to be the son of an old friend.] Letter from Margot Clarkson to her family, 28 August 1951. Written on letterhead of Atlantic Houses and Cottages, Maine. Three letters from Francis Scott to Alice Clarkson, written 15 February, 4 April and 8 June 1952 from Essex, England. Letter from Margot Clarkson to her mother and brother, 13 April 1954. Written in New York City.	4-6
Letters from Rick Clarkson to Alice and Margot Clarkson	1957	1961	Twenty letters from Rick Clarkson to his grandmother, Alice [Vally] and aunt, Margot. Written between 11 May 1957 and 12 November 1961 from Ridley College, St Catharines, Ontario. Some letters are undated and are put in an approximate chronological order.	4-7
Clarkson Family Correspondence	1962	1963	Eight letters from Margot to her mother and brother, Cuthbert (Bert). Written between 31 March and 21 May 1962, New York City. One letter is incomplete.	4-8

Letter from Alice (Mum) to Cuthbert (Bert), 26 April [1962]. Written on The Majestic Hotel, Venice, letterhead. Alice appears to be travelling in Europe at this time.

Five letters from Cuthbert to his mother written between 23 October and 12 November 1963 during his travels in Europe.

Undated Letters Pre-1951	[193-]	[195-]	<p>Three letters from Amy to Fred and Alice. Amy is presumed to be Fred's older sister. The letters appear to have been written during the summer months.</p> <p>Letter from Curzon to his father, 12 August [193-]. Written from Haliburton, Ontario, where Curzon is taking his vacation.</p> <p>Letter from Mary Baines (Mother) to Alice (Vally), 6 October [193-], Vancouver.</p> <p>Letter from Alice (Vally) to her mother, [October 193-].</p>	4-9
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SERIES 5: PHOTOGRAPHS

Dates of creation: [1901-193-]

Extent: 26 photographs : b&w ; 25 cm x 20 cm or smaller

Scope and content

Series consists of photographs taken throughout the first half of the twentieth century of people and places related to the Clarkson family. The series contains portraits of Alice Clarkson and those of her daughter Margot and friend Nora. There are a number of photographs taken of Trinity and St Hilda's Colleges at the Queen Street location.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Photographs of Trinity and St. Hilda's College	[1901]	[1906]	<p>Images of Alice Baines Clarkson with her classmates, Trinity College and St Hilda's Buildings exterior and interior.</p> <p>13 photographs : b&w ; 8 cm x13.8 cm or smaller (excluding duplicates)</p>	5-1
Photographs of Alice Baines Clarkson	[191-]	[193-]	<p>Alice Baines Clarkson in her wedding dress and in the backyard of her Toronto home.</p> <p>2 photographs : b&w ; 25 cm x 20 cm or smaller.</p>	5-2

Photographs of Margot Clarkson	[193-]	[193-]	Contains Margot Clarkson's graduation photograph as well as shots of her in the family backyard. 4 photographs : b&w ; 22.8 cm x 15 cm or smaller	5-3
Photograph of Nora D.	[193-]	[194-]	Professional portrait of Nora, Alice Clarkson's classmate. 1 photograph : b&w ; 16.5 cm x 11.5 cm	5-4
Miscellaneous Family Photographs	[190-]	[193-]	Photographs of friends, family and home residences. 6 photographs : b&w ; 9.5 cm x 12.3 cm or smaller	5-5

SERIES 6: DIARIES AND ARTEFACTS

Dates of creation: 1901 - [195-]

Extent: 1 cm of textual records
13 artefacts

Scope and content:

Series consists of diaries, newspaper clippings, lists and short notes made by Alice Clarkson, a story written by Cuthbert Clarkson as a child, locks of hair and invitations.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Diary of Alice Baines Clarkson	1903	1903	The private diary of Alice Baines Clarkson, hardcover, 80 pages. Written between May and December 1903 during her attendance at Trinity College.	6-1
Diary of Marguerite Baines Clarkson	1925?	1925?	The travel diary of Marguerite Baines, softcover, 180 pages. Written between 1 January and 13 July 1925. It documents her travels with her mother through Asia, more specifically through modern-day Indonesia.	6-2
Women's Musical Club	1918?	1918?	Women's Musical Club notes, agendas, member's lists and transcriptions.	6-3
Ladies Visiting List	1905	1905	Contains addresses and lists of people who were acquainted with Alice Baines Clarkson around 1905. Hardcover, produced by the Musson Book Company, Toronto.	6-4
Miscellaneous	1916	1951(?)	Newspaper clippings, inventory list, December 1951,	6-5

Artefacts			short story written by Cuthbert Clarkson, fabric, two envelopes containing locks of hair belonging to Cuthbert and Curzon Clarkson, study cards.	
Trinity College Memorabilia	1902	1909	Seven invitations to Convocation Teas for Alice Baines [Clarkson],	6-6
Delta Sigma	190?	190?	List of members of Delta Sigma, including Alice Clarkson, date unknown.	6-7