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Summary information

Repository: Guelph Public Library Archives

Title: Greta Shutt fonds

Reference code: F19

Date: 1866-1977 (creation)

Physical description: 78 cm of textual records

ca.300 photographs: prints

23 postcards

Dates of creation, revision and deletion:

April 2012

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Greta Shutt was born in 1891 and died in 1977. The Daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Charles Crowe and Edith Skinner, she graduated from the Guelph Collegiate Institute and subsequently took the two year Normal course at MacDonald Institute, qualifying her as a high school teacher. When in Manitoba with her husband, Donald B. Shtt, who become a nationally known bacteriologist working at the Ontario Agricultural College, she obtained a degree in Household Economics.

Gretta Shutt had a varied career and served as a teacher, editor, journalist, community worker, author and noted local historian. During World War 1, she taught Home Economics and Physical Training at Galt Collegiate. She was Women's Editor of the Guelph Daily Mercury and Advertiser in 1920 and 1921, organized the Centennial Edition in 1927, and wrote as an editor in 1946. After failing to gain a seat on the Guelph Board of Education in 1938, she ran successfully in December 1939. She served from 1940-1962, holding the position of chairman five times.

In addition to her professional work, Greta Shutt was active in a variety of local clubs and organizations including the Canadian Club, the University Women's Club, MacDonald Institute Club Alummnae, the Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross, YWCA, and Canadian Cancer Society. She was also one of the founders and a past president of the Guelph Historical Society and was an active local historian. Greta Shutt was widowed in June 1973. After being in poor health for several months, she died in March 1977 at the age of 86.

Custodial history

The custodial history of these records, prior to their transfer to the Guelph Public Library archives, is unknown.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of scrapbooks, correspondence, newspaper clippings, historical publications, manuscripts, and other assorted material. These records were created, collected, or maintained by Greta Shutt to document various aspects of Guelph history including family history material for the Crowe, Shutt, Skinner, Watson, and Raymond families; compilations of earlier published histories of Guelph and related manuscript material; source material for Donald B. Shutt's autobiography; copies of early Guelph Historical Society publications; and copies of Greta and Donald Shutt's local history paper The Clarion.

Notes

Arrangement

Loose photographs in this fonds have been physically removed from the file folders for conservation reasons. Loose photographs have also been removed from the scrapbooks for conservation reasons. Other photographs housed in the scrapbooks remain there.

Restrictions on access

The scrapbooks in this fonds are restricted for conservation reasons. For more details, contact the Guelph Public Library archivist. There are no restrictions on the other records in this fonds.

Conditions governing use

Copyright for these records is not held by the Guelph Public Library. Please contact the Guelph Public Library archivist about how to obtain the necessary copyright permissions.

Finding aids

To view textual records in this fonds, consult File List F19 to narrow down your search. Order the desired boxes or materials from the Guelph Public Library archivist. A listing is available for those photographs that have been digitized. Contact the archivist if you wish to access additional photographs in this fonds.

Accruals

No further accruals of records are expected.

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Other notes

• **Publication status**: published

Collection holdings

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-7-1 - Mrs. Sarah Gill

Title: Mrs. Sarah Gill

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-7-1

Date: [19-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This photograph shows Mrs. Sarah Gill. "Mrs. Sarah Gill, mother of 2nd wife of

Charles Raymond" is marked on the reverse of the photograph.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w; 10.5 x 16 cm

Arrangement: D-8-161

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-13-1 - Donald Shutt

Title: Donald Shutt

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-13-1

Date: [193-? (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows Donald Shutt at two years of age. "Donald Shutt 1895 May" is

marked on the reverse of the photograph.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w; 7.5 x 13.5 cm

Arrangement: D-8-164

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-14-1 - Unidentified child

Title: Unidentified child

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-14-1

Date: [19-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This photograph shows an unidentified child. "I should think that man ought to be

more careful Charles" is marked on the reverse of this image.

Physical description: 1 photograph: sepia; 6.5 x 10.5 cm

Arrangement: D-8-165

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-14-2 - Unidentified child

Title: Unidentified child

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-14-2

Date: [193-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows an unidentified child sitting on a lawn.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w; 7 x 11.5 cm

Arrangement: D-8-166

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-14-3 - Unidentified women

Title: Unidentified women

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-0-14-3

Date: [193-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This photograph shows three unidentified women. Two of the women appear to be

greeting each other.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w; 9 x 11.5 cm

Arrangement: D-8-167

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-21-1 - Charles R. Crowe

Title: Charles R. Crowe

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-21-1

Date: [19-?] (date of creation)

<u>Scope and content</u>: This photograph shows Charles R. Crowe standing with left arm resting on a table top. "Charles R. Crowe aged about 3" is marked on the reverse of this image.

Physical description: 1 photograph: sepia; 10.5 x 16.5 cm

Arrangement: D-8-168

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-21-2 - Four men in uniform

Title: Four men in uniform

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-21-2

Date: 1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content: This picture shows four men in uniform. To the far right is pictured Ralph Crowe while he was serving in Sicily. "Last photograph of Lt. Col. Ralph M. Crowe O.C. of the R.C.R at right of

picture" is marked on the reverse of the photograph.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w; 20.5 x 14.5 cm

Arrangement: E-5-143

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-21-3 - Professor Haubourg and Charles Crowe

Title: Professor Haubourg and Charles Crowe

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-21-3

Date: [193-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This photograph shows Professor Haubourg and Charles Crowe standing beside each

other. Prof Haubourg C.R.C is marked on the reverse of the photograph.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w; 10.5 x 7.5 cm

Arrangement: D-8-169

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-22-1 - Mrs. George H. Skinner

Title: Mrs. George H. Skinner

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-22-1

Date: [19-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This photograph shows Mrs. George H. Skinner (Bessie Watson) wearing a dress and

standing next to a chair and a small table.

Physical description: 1 photograph: sepia; 6 x 10 cm

Arrangement: D-8-170

Publication status:

published

Item: F19-F19-0-0-0-21-4 - Charles R. Crowe

Title: Charles R. Crowe

Reference code: F19-F19-0-0-0-21-4

Date: [19-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content: This photograph shows Charles R. Crowe standing in front of a house.

Physical description: 1 photograph: b&w; 6 x 8.5 cm

Arrangement: D-8-170

Publication status:

published