

**Griffiths/Cunningham Family Fonds, 1667-2013, n.d.
(non-inclusive)**

RG 704

Creator: Griffiths and Cunningham Families

Extent: (5 boxes) textual records
3 plaques
295 col. photos
183 b&w photos
27 col. slides
48 col. negatives
3 tintypes
1 slogan button
1 yearbook
22 col. postcards
86 b&w postcards
1 coaster
1 felt crest
4 books
1 DVD
2 cassette tapes

Abstract: The textual materials of the Griffiths/Cunningham Family fonds include correspondence, clippings, photographs and various other materials that document the activities of the families.

Materials: Correspondence, clippings, interviews, postcards and photographs

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Acquisition History:

Files were donated by Margaret Cunningham, June 18, 2019

Administrative History:

The Griffiths Family history began in Wales. Extensive research was done by Margaret Cunningham regarding her ancestors. Interviews were conducted and subsequently, photographs and information were passed on from generation to generation. Margaret Cunningham maintained a connection to relatives through correspondence. Information on the

DeCew/DeCou house is included. The house belonged to the Griffiths Family.

The Cunningham Family immigrated from Ireland. They were descendants of James Cunningham and Anne Switzer. The Cunninghams were part of the Peter Robinson settlers. They were said to be among the first white settlers in Ops Township, Ontario. Laurence Dunbar Cunningham served in World War I. His correspondence details his day to day life as a soldier. Gwladys Griffiths and Laurence Cunningham married on October 1, 1925. Laurence and Gwladys both attended Linlahr Sanitorium in Illinois as students. Laurence became a chiropractic doctor, dietetic specialist and itinerant healer. The Cunninghams were very involved in the Farmer's Co-operative and the New Democratic Party.

Scope and Content:

The bulk of the materials consist of correspondence, photographs, clippings, interviews and genealogical information. The original order has been maintained where possible and where no order existed like records were brought together. The series are divided into sub-series based on subject matter or record format.

Organization:

The records are arranged into 2 series.

Series I – The Griffiths Family, 1667-2013, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series A. Genealogical Material, 1740-2005, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series B. Correspondence, 1878-2014, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series C. Photographs, 1882-2001, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series D. Deeds and Wills, 1667-1991, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series E. Beaverdams, 1801-2013, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Series II – The Cunningham Family, 1740-2005, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series A. Genealogical Material, 1740-2005, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series B. World War I Correspondence, 1916-1978, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series C. General Correspondence, 1880-1978 (non-inclusive)

Inventory:

Series I – The Griffiths Family, 1667-2013, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub Series A. Genealogical material – Roman numerals after the first name refer to the Generation. Some correspondence is included in this section. This was done in accordance with the original order, 1740-2005, n.d. (non-inclusive)

- 1.1 Griffiths family charts beginning with John (I) (?- 1742) and maps outlining Griffiths properties. Other genealogical charts including: a pedigree chart, sorted individuals list and listing of descendants of John Griffiths are enclosed. The Griffiths crest is also within this file, n.d.
- 1.2 Notes on the Griffiths Family genealogy, n.d.
- 1.3 **David Harding (1620?-1693) and Elizabeth (died in 1734)** family group records. These are the Hardings of Penyhorny, Llanbister, n.d.
- 1.4 **John (I) Griffiths (?-1742) and Mary Harding.** These are the Griffiths of Llethr Llinwent and later, Gorthor Beguildy. Family group records are included as well as a copy of John Griffiths' last will and testament. Photographs of farmhouses Lea Hall, Llethr-Llinwent and Gorthor, Beguildy are also included, 3 col. photos, 1740-2001 (non-inclusive)
- 1.5 **David (I) Griffiths (1707-1774) and Mary Thomas (born 1774).** These are the Griffiths of Beguildy. Family records and a copy of David's will are included, 1 col. photo of Llethyr Llynwent, 1774-1977 (non-inclusive)
- 1.6 **John (II) Griffiths (1710?-1784) and Dorothy.** These are the Griffiths of Lea Hall, Llangunllo. Notes and an image of Lea Hall are included, n.d.
- 1.7 **David (II) Griffiths (1735-1781) and Jane Owens (1730-1800).** These are the Griffiths of Killowent – includes family group records, notes and images of Killowent, Beguidy; Cantal Hall Farm and Warf Inn, Felindre . A copy of David's will is also within the file, 1781-2001 (non-inclusive)

- 1.8 **John (IV) Griffiths (1753-1820) and Sarah Woolley (1764-1851)** of Killowent, Beguildy. Family group records are included as well as images of Killowent, Beguildy; lower house, Beguildy, Pheynfyn; House, Presteigne and John's gravestone. A photograph of a painting of Killowent by Mrs. Burnham is also within the folder as well as copies of the wills of John Griffiths, 1820 and Sarah Griffiths, 1845, 1 b&w photo (3 copies), 1 col. photo, 1820-1977 (non-inclusive)
- 1.9 **Thomas Griffiths (1756-1845) and Elizabeth Lloyd (1776-1809)**. Thomas was the brother of John (IV). The family group record is included as well as a photo of Thomas and Elizabeth's grave, 1 col. photo, n.d.
- 1.10 **John (V) Griffiths (1790-1842) and Sarah Jenkins (1789-1862)** – Family group records, notes and a list of John's assessment of his chattels are included. Images of the lower house at Beguildy and a photo of John's grave are also within the file, 1 col. photo, 1843-1977 (non-inclusive)
- 1.11 **David (V) Griffiths (1794-1877) and Ann Brown 1791 or 1792-1885)**. Family group records and notes are included, as well as Ann and David's death certificates. Images of Great Rhuvid, Beguildy; Killowent, Beguidy and Gatley Park, Herefordshire are also included as well as a picture of David's grave and family photographs, 14 b&w photos, 1 col. photo, 1844-2001 (non-inclusive)
- 1.12 David (V) Griffiths correspondence to his son George. The letters are personal in nature [multiple copies], 1843-1844
- 1.13 David (V) The file includes copies of the Indenture of Bargain and Sale from John DeCew to David Griffiths for land, a rental agreement for land between The Griffiths to David Griffiths and a mortgage to James Griffiths regarding the estate of David Griffiths, 1837, 1839
- 1.14 **Thomas Brown (1794-1877) and Ann Cadwallader (1792-1885)**. Ann Cadwallader is a second cousin to Thomas. A family group record is enclosed, n.d.

- 1.15 **David Griffiths (1798-1845)** of the township of Thorold – He was a child of Thomas Griffiths and Elizabeth Lloyd. Included is his last will and testament, 1845
- 1.16 **George (I) Griffiths of DeCew (1814-1894) and Mary Pugh (1814-1869).** Contains family group records and notes. A copy of the mortgage entry from James Griffiths to George Griffiths for land in Thorold is within the file. Birth Certificates for Mary (daughter of Hugh Pugh in 1850) and Mary Jane (daughter of Mary Pugh – no father named in 1872) are enclosed. Images of Killowent Beguildy; Tansomalia, Beguildy and Decew House at Decew Falls are also in the file. There is a photo of George and Mary's gravestone along with the gravestone of Michael and his wife Margaret Emma. Photos of Stephen William Pugh, George, William and Mary Ann are enclosed as well as copies of George's death certificate and last will and testament, 6 b&w photos, 1 col. photo, 1850-2001 (non-inclusive)
- 1.17 Correspondence to George (I) and Mary (Pugh) from Mary (George's sister). The letter is personal in nature, 1852
- 1.18 George (I) correspondence to Mary, John, Margaret and Sarah. There is also correspondence and receipts from other sources. An indenture between George Griffiths and J. Poole for rental for a house and enclosure is included. 1852-1903, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 1.19 **John (VI) Griffiths (1818-1882) and Mary Griffiths (1823-1909)** of Killowent. Family group records are included as well as John's death certificate. Images of Great Rhuvid, Beguildy and Leinthall Earls, Herefordshire are also within the file. Included is a photograph of John's daughters – Maria (1849-1927), Sarah (1860-1949) [who married James Saer and was the mother of Mae and Horatio] and Alice (1856-1919) who married William Kingwell. A photo of John's son is also included, 3 b&w photos, 1882-1977 (non-inclusive)

- 1.20 John (VI) Griffiths correspondence from John Griffiths and Mary Griffiths to John's cousin George after the death of John's father in 1842. He also mentions the death of his sister Sarah [multiple copies], 1843.
- 1.21 John (VI) Griffiths correspondence to his Uncle David (V) to inform him of his grandfather's death [multiple copies], 1845
- 1.22 **William Griffiths (1837 or 38-1912 or 13) [dates are not consistent in any of the sources] and his cousin/wife, Ann Brown.** Included are a photo of William and photos of their sons Lloyd and Dexter, 3 b&w photos, n.d.
- 1.23 **Herbert Griffiths (1841-1890) and Charlotte Hall (died 1910).** Herbert was the son of George Griffiths and Mary Pugh. A letter from Etta (daughter of Herbert) to Margaret of Thorold is included as well as notes. Photographs of Herbert and his daughters Ettie and Minnie are included, 3 b&w photos and 2 tintypes, 1882, n.d.
- 1.24 **Michael Jenkins Griffiths (1855-1925) and Margaret Emma Griffiths (1856-1915).** Family group record and notes are included as well as images of Llethr-llynwent , Lanbister and Swayze House at Beaverdams. Some personal items are also within the file, these include: a card to Michael Griffiths from his brother, a funeral card for Michael Griffiths as well as one for Margaret, a bank book and a booklet called *The Parishes of Llanbister and Llanbadarn-Fynydd with Llananno 1969-1970 Year Book*, 1881-1985 (non-inclusive)
- 1.25 Michael J. Griffiths indentures including: a farm lease between Michael J. Griffiths of the Township of Thorold and John Daboll of the second part [originally William Burnison, but this was crossed out]; a chattel mortgage from John Dayboll to Michael J. Griffiths and an agreement from Michael J. Griffiths to Frederick C. Green, William Herbert Green and William A. Plastow of St. Catharines to sell timber and trees in Grantham County, 1916, 1918
- 1.26 Michael J. Griffiths accounts – containing receipts for supplies, insurance and some business agreements, 1899-1943 (non-inclusive)

- 1.27 Michael J. Griffiths correspondence to his brother, sisters and mother. One of the letters is addressed to Gertie (his daughter) from the Cornish Arms Hotel in New York City. Michael says that the President of the United States came down the river on his way to Europe. There is a wedding invitation to David A. Griffiths [Michael's son] and Kitty Kitson's wedding. Also included are records of net sales from The T. Eaton Drug Company made out to G. Griffiths in 1918 [most likely Michael's son George (1890-1973) who possibly worked there], 1883-1924 (non-inclusive)
- 1.28 **Margaret Emma Griffiths (1856-1915)** – Included are greeting cards, programs, correspondence and Margaret's scrapbook as well as a list of the distribution of her estate, 1904-1918 (non-inclusive)
- 1.29 **David Griffiths (1851-1907) and Lena [some records list the name as Leila] Pimlott and Ann Griffiths (David's 2nd wife/cousin)**. Included are notes and some correspondence, 8 b&w photos, n.d.
- 1.30 **Ann[e] Griffiths of Ohio (1850-1926)** – This includes a note from Gwladys Marion Griffiths Cunningham explaining the relationship between Aunt Ann[e] (who came to DeCew in 1892 and married David after Lena [or Leila's] death. Ann[e] went to Ohio with her husband, but returned to England in 1900 where she died in 1926. Correspondence is included, 2 col. photos, 1899-2003 (non-inclusive)
- 1.31 **George Arthur Griffiths (1863-1911) and Florence Elizabeth (Daisy) Townsend (1870-1946)** of Thorold Township – Genealogical records are included, 1 b&w photo, 1905, 1911, n.d.
- 1.32 **Mary Cornelia (Griffiths) Johnston (1895-1994)** – Included are wedding and death notices, correspondence, an article about 8 year old Cornelia Griffith[s] almost drowning in the canal of the Cataract Power Company in 1903 and correspondence from Cornelia and her daughter Bev, 1 b&w photo, 1 col. photo, 1924-2003 (non-inclusive)
- 1.33 A letter from Mary Cornelia Johnston to her family and a few photocopied pictures are the prelude to what the author (Mary Cornelia Johnston) terms

as a “labour of love” – a family history about the DeCew House entitled *Miss Gertrude Anne Griffiths*, n.d.

- 1.34 **William Henry Griffiths (1817-1916) (dealer in hides, pelts, tallow and bones) and Caroline Harper** – file contains some correspondence, a notice from a passenger agent, a picture of Horace (son of William and Caroline) and a picture of deer hunters, 2 b&w photos, 1855-1918 (non-inclusive)
- 1.35 **George Griffiths, Bessie Biddle and Ida** includes a booklet entitled *Wilberforce House, Hull – History and Collections* and a letter to Auntie Maria from Bessie, 1917, 1955
- 1.36 **Horatio Griffiths (1847-1890) and Mary Pugh (born in 1850)** – This file contains a family group record, a wedding photograph of Horatio Saer [Saer is spelled several different ways] and Catherine. There is also a photo of Aunt Alice’s husband, William Kingwell; A birth certificate for Gertrude Annie Griffiths, daughter of Horatio Griffiths and Mary Pugh [there is a note that this Mary Pugh is somehow related to the Mary Pugh of 1814-1869] is included as well as an indenture between Thomas Griffiths as the executor of the will of John Griffiths and W. Edward Lewis. This is a landlord tenant agreement, 2 b&w photos, 1882-1977 (non-inclusive)
- 1.37 **Mae [sometimes spelled May] Saer** – Included are death notices for Sarah Jane Griffiths Saer who died in 1949. She was Mae’s mother. A photo of James, Sarah and John Horatio’s grave is within the file. Photographs of Mae’s 70th anniversary at Green Lane Chapel and a clipping of her with Mr. Clement Freud are also within the file. Included is correspondence and a clipping about Mrs. Mildred Cordelia Griffiths, widow of Mr. William Theodore Griffiths. She lived with Mae for the last seven years of her life, 11 b&w photos, 4 col. photos, 1898-1979 (non-inclusive)
- 1.38 **James Griffiths and Ann Pugh** – Griffiths Family History regarding Little Wharf Hostelry Radnorshire, Wales, n.d.
- 1.39 **Mary Ann Griffiths (1847-1937), Theodore Strange (1847-1879) and Andrew Davison (1847-1933): The Griffiths of Manitoba** – Included are

family group records and notes. Mary Ann was born at DeCew and died at Green Ridge, Manitoba. Some correspondence is included, 1883-1914 (non-inclusive)

- 1.40 **Arthur Llewellyn Griffiths (1885-1967) and Rose Edith Guntrip (1881-1964)** of Herefordshire – genealogical material, n.d.
- 1.41 **Gertrude (Dekker) Griffiths (1887-1983)** This file contains correspondence and photos, 6 b&w photos, 1 col. photo, 1918-1978 (non-inclusive)
- 1.42 **Sydney Royal Griffiths and Margaret Dean (born 1890)** – Genealogical material, n.d.
- 1.43 **Llewelyn (1915-) (also known as Llewyn or Griff) Griffiths (son of George Griffiths and Bessie)**. Notes on Llewelyn say that he was born in Chesterfield, Derbyshire. His father George worked in the insurance business. Aunt Dekker (Gertrude Griffiths) came to help when Bessie died in childbirth. At the time, Llewelyn was 2 ½. Correspondence from Llewelyn and his wife, Audrey to Margaret, Glwladys, Laurie and Geraldine which runs from 1973-2001 is included. An interview of Llewyn as told to Margaret Cunningham in 2001 is also included, 3 b&w photos, 1 col. photo, 1973-2001 (non-inclusive)
- 1.44 *Griffiths Family of Llethr Lynwent and Killowent, Radnorshire, Wales and DeCew Falls, Ontario Canada – First Generation* including: John (I), David (I), David (III), John (IV), Thomas (brother of John (IV) and Sarah Woolley), William, John (V) and John (VI). This was compiled by Margaret Cunningham on November 20, 2005. The file contains maps, family group records, documents (copies of wills and lists of goods and chattels), some correspondence and 1 col. photo, 2005
- 1.45 Information on Griffiths, Trows and Tilley's of Albany, Wisconsin, n.d.
- 1.46 **The Wellington House children** including: a birth notice for the twins of Mr. and Mrs. George Valeska, a commencement program for George Motley Griffiths, information on Val Griffiths Landmann's marriage; Talya Jean

- Landmann's marriage and Roger Lewis Griffiths' memorial service, 3 b&w photos, 3 col. photos, 1 col. postcard, 1923-2002, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 1.47 **I. Joyce Griffiths (born in 1924)** of Essex correspondence to Geraldine and Margaret. A biography is included, 1973-2002 (non-inclusive)
- 1.48 **Sheila (born in 1926) and Ernest Cromwell** includes correspondence and images of Monham's Cottage in the United Kingdom. Sheila's biography is included, 1 col. photo, 1994-2003 (non-inclusive)
- 1.49 **Gertrude Maria Griffiths Knapp (1886-1983)** – Included is a program for the official opening of Thorold High School. Correspondence and clippings regarding her involvement in the New Democratic Party are also included. Mrs. Knapp was fired from her teaching job at Thorold High School for helping to organize the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation in the 1930s. Her memorial record and obituary are within the file, 1 b&w photo, 1929-1983 (non-inclusive)
- 1.50 **Grace Mary Griffiths (1888-1959)** – Includes obituary, 1 b&w photo, 1917, 1959
- O.1 Plaque presented [posthumously] to Grace Griffiths in recognition of her service as a founding member of the Thorold Community Credit Union Limited, 1988
- 1.51 **John Griffiths (1896-1989)** – Included are: items from John's retirement, his New Democrats membership card and a letter from Mel Swart, 1961-1989, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- O.2 Plaque presented to John Griffiths by the Welland-Thorold N.D.P. for continuing membership and untiring participation in the N.D.P. and the C.C.F. Names on plaque include: Bob Rae, Provincial Leader; Claude Breault, Constituency President and Mel Swart, M.L.A. Welland-Thorold, 1983
- O.3 Plaque presented to John Griffith of Fonthill on behalf of the Government of Ontario on the celebration of his 90th birthday. This is signed by David

Peterson, Premier of Ontario and Mel Swart, M.P.P. for Welland-Thorold, 1986

1.52 **Geraldine M. Griffiths (1898-1996)** – Membership cards and letters of congratulations on Geraldine Griffiths' 90th and 95th birthdays, 2 col. postcards, 1 button, 1986-1993 (non-inclusive)

O.4 *Torontonensis*: The Year Book of the Graduates of the University of Toronto. Geraldine M. Griffiths is listed on page twenty, 1922

Sub-Series B. Correspondence – contains the two volumes of Letters to Greenridge in which most letters are from Margaret Emma Griffiths. Other letters contain personal content and genealogical notes, 1878-2014, n.d. (non-inclusive)

2.1 ***Letters to Greenridge [Green Ridge] Vol. I*** – This includes Typewritten [some copies of handwritten letters are included] letters from Margaret Emma Griffiths of DeCew House. There are also letters from other family and friends. Most letters are sent to Mary Ann Griffiths Strange/Davison of Green Ridge, Manitoba. Mary Ann emigrated there with her husband, Theodore Strange in 1878 from DeCew. Gwladys Cunningham in 1998, prefaced this group of letters by saying that she received the book of letters from Thelma Houston and she was using it to copy her mother's letters from DeCew House, called Stone Ridge, 1878-1974 (non-inclusive)

2.2 ***Letters to Greenridge [Green Ridge] and Vancouver, B.C. Vol. II*** – Letters from Margaret Emma Griffiths of DeCew House and from other family and friends to Margaret's sisters Mary Ann Strange/Davison of Green Ridge, Manitoba and to Sarah Summers/Land of Vancouver, B.C. Also included are letters from Alice Griffiths, the Weeks Family girls: Lizzie, Henrietta and Mary and from Herbert Griffiths. This volume commences in May, 1894 after George Griffiths' death. Margaret Emma died in 1915. Some photocopied images are included, 1894-1935 (non-inclusive)

2.3 Photocopied duplicates of original letters which are included in the *Letters to Greenridge*, 1872-1973 (non-inclusive)

- 2.4 Letters from Margaret Emma Griffiths and others (originals), 1879-1919, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 2.5 Correspondence from Welsh and English relatives, 1886-1979 (non-inclusive)
- 2.6 Correspondence from **Lizzie Weeks** (Lizzie Weeks taught Margaret Emma Griffiths music and they remained in touch). There is an excellent example of crosshatching/cross-hatching/cross-writing/cross-hatched writing on the back page of the letter dated December 8, 1879, 1 b&w photo, 1879-1880, n.d.
- 2.7 Correspondence from **Edith Thompson** of Green Ridge, Manitoba. Included is a booklet entitled *Pioneer Days at Greenbank* which was written by Mrs. Mary A. Till. Most of the letters are addressed to Gertie and Gwladys, 1966-1979 (non-inclusive)
- 2.8 More correspondence from Edith Thompson of Green Ridge, Manitoba. Letters are addressed to Mary, Margaret and Geraldine. The final document is a 2008 memorial service card for Edith Laura Thompson. She died at the age of 90, 1980-2008 (non-inclusive)
- 2.9 Correspondence from **Thelma Thompson and Malcolm**, 1975-2009 (non-inclusive)
- 2.10 **Patricia Edwards** of Herefordshire – correspondence to cousins Geraldine and Margaret, 1976-2003 (non-inclusive)
- 2.11 **Peggy Handford and Kevin** – (Peggy's brother is Llewellyn Griffiths) contains correspondence, 2 b&w photos, 1 col. photo, 1977-2004 (non-inclusive)
- 2.12 **Sheila and David Leitch** – Griffiths Family history letters. A transcript of a meeting between Sheila Leitch, Margaret Cunningham and Sir Thomas Dunne is included as well as information on Gatley Hall, 1 col. photo, 1977-2014 (non-inclusive)

- 2.13 **Sidney Royal Griffiths** of DeCew Falls – This file contains some genealogical information and notes. Most of the content is correspondence, 1 b&w photo, 1987-1993, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 2.14 **Bernice Lee** correspondence, 1992-2005 (non-inclusive)
- 2.15 **Basil H. Griffiths** of Penybont, Llandrindod Wells was married to Mary. Included is correspondence regarding his death and death notices, 1988, 2002
- 2.16 Original letters from family members and friends. Christmas cards and wedding invitations are included. Some of the letters are just fragments, 1 b&w postcard, 3 col. photos, 1920-2007, n.d. (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series C. Photographs, 1882-2001, n.d. (non-inclusive)

- 2.17 Michael Jenkins Griffiths and Margaret Emma Griffiths and family – Pictures include: Michael, Margaret, all of their children whose names are: Alfred, Herbert, George, Wellington, John, Gertrude, Grace, Gwladys and Geraldine and a photo of DeCew House, 14 b&w photos, 1913-1918, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 2.18 Framed photograph of Mary Griffiths, Sarah Jane Saer (daughter) and baby Horatio Saer, 2 b&w photos, n.d.
- 2.19 Descendants of John Griffiths and photos of Gatley Park – Photos include: Michael, Arthur, William, Horatio, David, Ann, Arthur, Maria, Alice, Willie, Sarah, Margaret Emma and Mary Pugh, 5 b&w photos, 1882-1887, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 2.20 Sarah Jane Griffiths and her husband Drayton Summers, Ella Strange and Mary Ann Griffiths (married Theodore Strange), 4 b&w photos, 1905, n.d.
- 2.21 Griffiths Family in Vancouver including John Erlandson (name was changed to “Land” in Canada) with Aunt Sarah’s husband in Vancouver; Katie and Guner – John Land’s children; John Land and Aunt Sarah with children; Aunt Sarah and John Land with unknown person; Gwladys Griffiths with cousin

- Laurie Digby, her husband Jack and their son, Jack, 6 b&w photos, 1910-1922, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 2.22 The Griffiths of Manitoba including: the Strange's Families, Ella Strange who was born at DeCew and was the eldest daughter of Mary Ann Griffiths Strange, George Edward Griffiths, Marg Mutch with Helen and Pearl and Andrew Davison. A photo of William D. McGuire of Niagara was sent to Mary Ann and there is a photo of Mary Ann [?] at the pioneer house in Green Ridge. Included is a funeral card for Charles Edward Thompson (1881-1962). Photos of Green Ridge in 1999 are also included, 18 b&w photos, 1 tintype, 13 col. photos, 1902-1999 (non-inclusive)
- 2.23 Gwladys's friends, 3 b&w photos, n.d.
- 2.24 Images of Wales including gravestones, houses and farmhouses, 21 col. photos, 27 col. slides, 48 col. negatives, 1977, 2001
- 2.25 Photographs from Margaret's trip to Wales, 44 col. photos, 1977
- 2.26 Photographs and postcards of Wales, 27 col. photos, 1 b&w photo, 5 col. postcards, 2001, n.d.
- 2.27 Various pictures [some duplicates are included in other files] including: gravestones, Aunt Gerrie's memorial, Mae Saer, Basil and Mary at Penybont, Tyn y Rhyd, Monkham's Cottage, Dekker's cottage garden, Dekker's church, Gatley Park, Leinthall Earls, Sir Thomas Dunne with Sheila Leitch, Tansomalia and a Herfordshire cow which belonged to Mr. D.A. Griffiths, 1 b&w photo, 48 col. photos, 1993, n.d.
- 2.28 Various photos – some of the subjects are unknown. Included are: Homer Eugene Correll (perhaps from Chicago relatives), Freda Griffiths [?], Henry Thorpe [?], John Pugh [?], Annie Griffiths, Uncle Herbert or David, Albert Ashe (a neighbor), Roseta Griffiths and a baby whose photo was taken in Medina, Ohio. Children Mark B., Roger G., Nadine B., Robin Derrick, Laurence B. and Kevin B. are also within this file, 18 b&w photos, n.d.

2.29 Family photos including the 95th birthday party for Geraldine Griffiths, 79 col. photos, 1992-1993, n.d.

O.5 Geraldine Griffiths, photocopied images, n.d.

Sub-Series D. Deeds and Wills, 1667-1991, n.d. (non-inclusive)

O.6 Copy of the last will and testaments of David Griffiths of Llanbister and Griffith Meredith of the Parish of Llananno, Wales. This is complete with maps and lists of landowners, 1667-1693 (non-inclusive)

2.30 An indenture between Mary Holcomb of the first part, Daniel Grove Holcomb of the second part, Mary Jane Holcomb of the third part and Francis M. Holcomb of the fourth part for a parcel of land in Thorold, Ontario. These parties agreed to assume and pay off a mortgage held by Andrew Miller, 1909

2.31 An agreement between Harriet Egbertha Lucy Robinson, the wife of Edward Lewis Gavin Robinson of Poston Vowchurch in Hereford of the first part as landlord and Alice Mary Kingwell, widow of Church House, Wellington of the second part as tenant. This is an agreement to let Pontapinna Farm in Vowchurch. This is dated August 13, 1906.

Particulars and plans of two freehold hill farms: Upper Lletherllinwent and Cefngwascoed to be sold at auction on July 1, 1910

An analysis of trustees' real estate account of Mr. John Griffiths, deceased, 1911

Included is 1 b&w photo (possibly of Pontapinna), n.d.

2.32 Last will and testament of William Griffiths of the County of Radnor and Sarah Griffiths of the same county, 1828, 1845

2.33 Last will and testaments of Griffiths in Canada including: Last Will and Testament of David Griffiths of Thorold and Last Will and Testament of George Griffiths of Thorold. George's death certificate is included, 1845, 1894

- 2.34 Griffiths' wills after 1900 including the last will and testament of: Michael Jenkins Griffiths, Alfred Ashford Griffiths, Grace Mary Griffiths, Alfred Ashford Griffiths, Gertrude Maria Knapp and Geraldine Margaret Griffiths, 1924-1991 (non-inclusive)

Sub-Series E. Beaverdams, 1810-2013, n.d. (non-inclusive)

- 3.1 Smith Cemetery (also known as DeCew Cemetery) – on Beaverdams Road including charts and lists, n.d.
- 3.2 DeCew House Indentures including: an indenture between Margaret E. Griffith and Michael J. Griffith [spelled this way on document] and the Cataract Power Company of Hamilton; an indenture between Margaret E. Griffith and Michael J. Griffith of the first part and the Hamilton Cataract Power Light and Traction Company of the second part for land in the township of Grantham; an indenture between Alfred Ashford Griffiths of the first part and the Hamilton Cataract Power Light and Traction Company for land in the township of Thorold; an indenture between Alfred Ashford Griffiths and John Theodore Griffiths of the first part and the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of the second part for land in the township of Grantham. Maps are included. There is also a brief explanation of the ownership of the DeCew property, 1898-1942 (non-inclusive)
- 3.3 DeCew House fire including correspondence and clippings, 1938
- 3.4 DeCew House images and a declaration of the DeCou Stone House on Stone Road near Thorold as an historical site, 1 b&w photo, 1910-1953, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 3.5 Captain John DeCew crown deed and a photocopied letter to his son. Information on the estate of John DeCew is included, 1801-1855 (non-inclusive)
- 3.6 DeCew House history including: *De Cou, De Cow, De Cue or De Cew* by Cornelia Johnston; *A Visit to the DeCew House* by Ernest Green (This was in the *Telegram* in 1919); *John De Cou, Pioneer* by Ernest Green; *DeCew*

House Farm by Gwladys Griffiths Cunningham and *The Story of DeCew House, Laura Secord and the Battle of Beaverdams* – for the grandchildren from Nana [most likely Margaret Cunningham]. A copy of “Families” which contains *Captain John B. DeCou: Pioneer and Entrepreneur* by Robert Collins McBride is within this file. Clippings about the DeCew House are also included, 1919-2013, n.d. (non-inclusive)

3.7 Battle of Beaverdams flyers and notes 2012-1013

3.8 Morningstar Mill – Clippings, 1994, n.d.

3.9 A DVD of *The Battle of Beaver Dams: Uncommon Courage* from The Shooting Eye Corporation made possible by a grant from the Government of Canada, 2013

Sub-Series F. Clippings, 1960, 1997, n.d.

3.10 Various clippings regarding the drowning of Charles Henry Griffiths, a farewell to Mrs. Knapp, a negro’s rights, Ethne Cunningham’s accident, Treloar Warren Estate and the death of Mrs. May Irene Plato, 1960 1997, n.d.

Sub-Series G. Miscellaneous items, 1869-2019, n.d. (non-inclusive)

3.11 Welsh place names including Griffiths’ farms and graves, n.d.

3.12 Items (receipts) found at Killowent House in July of 1977, These items are dated 1869, 1878

3.13 Items from Griffiths Family members including: Mel Swart Lake Gibson fundraiser program (David Griffiths was part of the team), a program featuring Jaye Griffiths, Celebration of Life program for Margaret Jeanette Griffiths Teather and an obituary for Margaret Alice Cunningham, 2000-2019 (non-inclusive), n.d.

0.7 Two cassette tapes – one is a *Service of Thanksgiving* and the other is *Green Lane Leominster*, 1980, n.d.

- 3.14 Books including: *War Time Melodies and Songs of the Common Way* by Morley L. Swart, 1944; *The Birdsall Collection of Bookbinders' Finishing Tools* by Emrys Evans and Rachel Grover, 1972 and *A Radnorshire Farm Diary 1879-1883*, published by David and Sheila Leich in 1999

Series II - Cunningham Family

Sub-Series A. Genealogical Material

- 3.15 Cunningham Family introduction which includes group records and notes, as well as an alphabetical list of names, bible entries and maps. Within the file are some photographs of graves, 1 b&w photo, 5 col. photos, 1 coaster, 1 felt crest, n.d.
- 3.16 Generation I – Descendants of James Cunningham Sr. and Anne Switzer. Documents include a copy of a Crown deed to John Cunningham and to James Cunningham for land in the Township of Ops in the County of Durham in Upper Canada. Included is a copy of a sale of land to James Cunningham for land in the Township of Ops in the County of Peterborough and a statement of loss by James Cunningham for damages at the Trent Canal, 1834-1846 (non-inclusive)
- 3.17 Generation II – Information about family from Limerick, Ireland. This includes a copy of the will from James Cunningham to Abner Cunningham. Also included is information on Corneil Croft Farm. The story of Jane Cunningham and David Corneil is within the file. A copy of John Cunningham's will is also included, 1834-1987 (non-inclusive), n.d.
- 3.18 Generation III – Includes a list of descendants of James Cunningham Jr. and Nancy Ann Bamford. Correspondence is included, as well as a copy of a certificate from the Wesleyan Theological College for W.B. Cunningham, 10 b&w photos, 6 col. photos, 1837-1987 (non-inclusive), n.d.
- 3.19 Generation IV – Includes a list of descendants of Mary Cunningham and Robert Blaylock Sr. A clipping of a pioneer profile of Mrs. Kathleen Schroeder is within the file, as well as information on Clive Hunter

Cunningham, 1 remembrance card, 9 b&w photos, 2 col. photos, 1 b&w postcard, 1902-1987 (non-inclusive), n.d.

3.20 Generation IV continued – Laurence Dunbar Cunningham and Gwladys Marian Griffiths. This includes information on Laurence Cunningham’s time in the army including his disability form. Clippings and correspondence are included, 7 b&w photos, 2 col. photos, 1914-1978 (non-inclusive), n.d.

3.21 Generation V – Donald Ernest Schroeder and Marianna Magdalena Habermiller. Included are clippings and photocopied pictures, 1945-1963 (non-inclusive), n.d.

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Generation VI – Jennie Viola Hoar and Harry Augustus Lilly. Includes photocopied photos, clippings and documents, 1987, n.d.

3.24- 3.25

Generation VII – Helen Marian Lilly and Ralph Kerr Burgess Sr. Includes photocopied photos, clippings and documents, 1987, n.d.

3.26 Generation VIII – Steven Edward Beatty and Joelle Turgeon. Includes family lists, n.d.

3.27 Captain William Dunbar – William Dunbar was a captain in the British Army stationed in Ireland. He lived in Northern Ireland, just one mile from the Giant’s Causeway. He was born sometime before 1791 [probably in Scotland] and he died in Canada [?]. His father was the owner of Lisneskea Castle in Northern Ireland. His son, William Dunbar was a stonemason who was born in Ireland and died in Canada. Genealogical information is included with information on the County Fermanagh and the Scottish Irish of Ulster, 2006, n.d.

3.28 Notes on Dr. William Bamford, n.d

3.29 Notes on Anna Victoria Kirk, 1965, 1995

- 3.30 Horace Woodward and Mary Hunter includes correspondence and the wedding register entry, 1875-2007 (non-inclusive)
- 3.31 Notes on the Switzer Family including excerpts from books, 1987
- 3.32 The Irish Palatine Family Switzer – Volume I by B. Wesley Switzer
- 4.1 Information on the Kirk and Schroeder Families, 2 b&w photos, 1970-2003 (non-inclusive), n.d.
- 4.2 Schroeder/Cunningham family tree
- 4.3 Notes on Robert Bamford, n.d.
- 4.4 Notes on the Reverend Bamford Cunningham, 1993, 1997
- 4.5 Anna Cunningham family includes correspondence, 1971-1983 (non-inclusive)
- 4.6 Alice Dell Cina Woodward Cunningham (1860-1936) [mother of Laurence] included are: a photograph of a Bible page showing Cunningham births from 1841 to 1897; correspondence to and from Alice and sections of Alice's diaries. The diaries contain personal content about daily life, visits to the theatre and Alice's children. The last item is a telegram to L.D. Cunningham at Academy Street, St. Catharines. It is a message from Ted stating that "Mother passed away from us tonight", 1 b&w photo, 3 col. postcards, 1841-1939 (non-inclusive)
- 4.7 Images from Hazenmore Saskatchewan, 1913, n.d.
- 4.8 Laurence Dunbar Cunningham and Gwladys Griffiths Cunningham – The couple both went independently to study chiropractic medicine at Lindlahr Sanitarium in Elmhurst, Illinois. Laurence Dunbar Cunningham was born in North Dakota, U.S.A. He homesteaded in southwestern Saskatchewan and practiced as a Chiropractic Doctor in Saskatchewan from 1925-1930 before moving to St. Catharines during the depression. According to his relatives, he became more and more successful as an itinerant healer. In a page in which he advertised his skills, he listed himself as a Chiropractor and

Dietetic Specialist. He was an active member of the N.D.P. and helped to found the farmer's co-operative in the Niagara district. He was a member of the World Federalists, the Peace Research Institute, the Committee for Independent Canada, the Bruce Trail Association and Big Brothers. He was a pacifist and often took part in peace rallies, 1966, 1968, 2013, n.d.

- 4.9 Gwladys' autograph book on her graduation from Lindlahr Sanitarium, Chicago Illinois, 1 b&w photo, 1925-1926
- 4.10 Laurence D. Cunningham diary containing personal and inspirational notes, 1926-1940 (non-inclusive)
- 4.11 Miniature books which belonged to Laurence D. Cunningham included are: notebooks, diaries and an automobile expense book. The content is mainly personal and inspirational notes, 1933-1976 (non-inclusive)
- 4.12 Spiral notebooks which belonged to Laurence D. Cunningham containing personal and inspirational notes, 1962-1974 (non-inclusive)
- 4.13 Laurence D. Cunningham hardcover diary containing personal and inspirational notes, 1969
- 4.14 Griffiths Laurence Cunningham (1930-2014) – son of Laurence D. Cunningham and Gwladys Cunningham includes images of Grif's trip to Saskatchewan and North Dakota and an article from *Collegiate Corner* [from St. Catharines Collegiate?] about Sister Sue, a play in which Grif acted, 2006, n.d.
- 4.15 Information on the Cunningham Family from Canadian sources, 1993-2006, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 4.16 Framework for an Irish Palatine commemorative book, 2009
- 4.17 The Cunninghams in Europe, n.d.
- 4.18 Cunningham source: - The Peter Robinson settlers – The settlement of Peterborough is unique. In 1825 a government assisted program of unprecedented scale had Peter Robinson bring about 2,000 people

including Irish Catholic Emigrants to the area. An excerpt from *Peter Robinson's Settlers* by Carol Bennett is included. James Cunningham, Tobias Switzer and their families were among these immigrants, 8 col. photos, 1825, n.d.

- 4.19 Information on Ops Township, Ontario where the Cunninghams are said to have been the first white settlers. [The County of Victoria, or Victoria County, was formed in 1854 as The United Counties of Peterborough and Victoria. In 2001, the county was dissolved and became the city of Kawartha Lakes], 1995-2000, n.d.
- 4.20 Information on Adare, Ireland: churches, graveyards and cottages, n.d.
- 4.21 Cunningham history – Irish sources, n.d.
- 4.22 Cunningham/Griffiths – notes on Irish plantations, n.d.
- 4.23 Miscellaneous Cunningham notes, wedding invitations and clippings including an article about Mrs. Alice Coleman, 1 col. photo, 1 b&w photo, 1968-1981, n.d.
- 4.24 Book chapters, articles and books which contain information on the Cunninghams/ Cunninghames: *Old Stewarton, Dunlop and Lugton* by Susan Milligan from Stenlake Publishing, Ayrshire, Scotland; *Kilmaurs Parish and Burgh* – chapters on the Cunninghames by D M'Naught, and other articles, 1912, n.d.

Sub-Series B. World War I Correspondence – Original correspondence is interspersed with typed copies of the letters, photos, postcards and images. Much of Laurence's correspondence is based on personal experience with a focus on daily life and Christianity. The spelling was copied into the transcriptions exactly as it was originally written. Laurie left school at age 12, when his father, a Congregational minister, died. He went to work to help support his mother and sisters. The letters are written to his mother, and his brothers Ted, Horace and Clive, and sisters Kate and Alice, 1916-1978, n.d. (non-inclusive)

The letters were transcribed by his daughter-in-law Patsy Rice Cunningham and are available online at <http://www.lettersfromthegreatwar.ca/>

- 4.25 Laurence Dunbar Cunningham explanatory papers including: notes for the readers of Laurie's letters; chronology of the letters; attestation paper; images; service records from the National Archives; medical history of an invalid; letter from King George on the occasion of receiving a military medal; discharge certificate; pension notice; pages from Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam which Laurie carried in the trenches; Laurie's thoughts on life at 80 years old and Laurence Cunningham's obituary, 1916-1978, n.d. (non-inclusive)
- 4.26 Laurence D. Cunningham World War I Correspondence begins with a photocopied image of the business section of Hazenmore, Saskatchewan. The earliest letters are sent from Moose Jaw Armory. Most of the correspondence is addressed to Laurence's mother, Alice D. Cunningham. He signs his name as Laurie. He writes that he is leaving for Camp Hughes but is still holding down his assistant tailor job for which he is paid \$4.50 per hour. On May 27, 1916 there is a letter to Kate (Laurie's sister) from Tom who is headed to Germany. Laurie writes of his poor shooting skills. His friends from Hazenmore are in the same platoon as him, they are: Mitchel Burns, Bob Banks and Bob McKeith. He is located at Camp Hughes, Manitoba where he speaks about digging trenches. Laurie is aware of his "hot temper" and claims that he can't take things that other men can take. In August, he writes from east of Montreal. The next letter is from London England and is addressed to Teddy (Laurie's brother). The letters began to be censored in August of 1916 and Laurie says that they were under quarantine for chicken pox. Three of the Sergeants lost their stripes – Laurie believes that this is because of boozing and he says that the boys drink and gamble a lot. A newspaper article describes the impressions of England by the 128th (Moose Jaw's) Battalion. Laurie was hospitalized for the grippe. On September 12, 1916 Laurie wrote from North Witley Camp in Milford, England. He shuns the sins of the other men and says that he

would rather be alone with God and his little Testament, 6 b&w photos, 3 col. photos, Jan. 2, 1916- Sept. 12, 1916

- 4.27 Laurie writes to his mother from the Peel House, Regency Street, London, England where he was on leave. He writes about taking in some of the sites like St. Paul's Cathedral and Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum. From Witley South Camp, Milford, Surrey he writes that they had an air raid scare. On September 26th he mentions an air raid that killed 29 people and 33 people on another night. He received a lecture on bomb throwing. He says "One thing about soldiering is there is nothing to worry about and you just go along from day to day to eat, drill, write letters and sleep every day". He mentions that he is taking a lot of machine gun notes and working on musketry which he has to take before qualifying to become a machine gunner. He writes to his brother Teddy and says that some of the boys have gone out to the front with only ten weeks training. His Christianity is a constant topic in his letters to home, 44 b&w postcards, 2 col. postcards, 4 b&w photos, Sept. 15, 1916- Oct. 29, 1916
- 4.28 This set of letters from Laurie comes from Mitchett Ranges, Ash Village. He says that his shooting is improving. From Bramshot Camp he writes that the first draft of 75 men have been picked. Laurie became a qualified gunner. He got through with 52 points on the rifle range which meant that he just passed. Myrtle wrote to Laurie and claimed that he had sent her a "dreadfully horrid letter" which bothered her because he was her oldest and best friend. Myrtle claims that she is not a "deceitful girl" and she never called him a coward. There was a muster parade in which they called 170 men out. Laurie says that they expect to be in the next draft. Some of the men have been in quarantine for the grippe. Measles also put some of them into quarantine and Laurie says that they will be drafted when the measles is over. He writes to his brother Teddy and says that it is good that he has started threshing flax at home. He says that seventy five percent of the boys have gone to the front now. He is in 15 platoon now rather than his old platoon. He claims that the officers have lost interest in the boys because the old group are gone and they don't care what happens to the

new men. He complains about the rain and moves back to Witley South Camp in Surrey, 2 b&w postcards, 1 col. postcard, 1 b&w picture, Nov. 1, 1916-Dec. 30, 1916

- 4.29 Laurie is still in Witley when he notes that it is his 26th birthday. He has practiced with dummy bombs and has worn his helmet. He took some French lessons in anticipation of going to France. He describes his camp this way “try to picture a Canadian camp over in England surrounded by pines about seventy feet high, about 35 miles west of London with the main Portsmouth and London road running through it”. He claims that he is ashamed of his nation every day due to moral and spiritual conditions. Laurie writes to his sister Alice that there has been a detective at their battalion gathering evidence from the inside. He claims that some of the officers will serve time. He doesn’t say what the charges will be. Several huts were quarantined with mumps. Laurie gives his brother Teddy farming advice and tells him not to buy another engine. He also gives him advice on women. He believes that he has lost his best girl friend, Myrtle Morrison by writing to too many girls. He also says that he wishes that the U.S.A. would come in and help out, 2 b&w postcards, Jan. 1, 1917-Mar. 1, 1917
- 4.30 Laurie is still in Witley when he writes that he turned down the course for machine gun instructor. Laurie decided that he wanted to quit the gun work and work for transport. Laurie tries to “save” his fellow soldiers and has been spending a great deal of time trying to convert his friend Westgate. He says that he believes “God will save the boy yet”. Starting on May 29, 1917 the letters are from “somewhere in France”. Friends from home are in Laurie’s platoon, they are: Mitchel Burns, Bob Banks and Bob McKeith, as previously mentioned. On June 7, 1917 a racist term is used in regard to Chinese people. Although Laurie wanted to quit the gun course, he does complete it and says he is “ready for action”. Laurie spent his time digging communication trenches and erecting barbed wire entanglements. Things begin to take a change for the worse when Laurie notes that one of the boys in his draft has been killed and another is wounded. A friend of his from home by the name of Alf has died. Laurie says he will look for his

cross, but cautions his mother not to let people at home read his letter. On July 22, 1917 Laurie says that he is on guard for the first time, but he doesn't expect to bring down any Hineys (Heinies) [slang for German taken from the name Heinrich]. On July 25, 1917 Laurie and his friend Burns walked out on the battlefield. He says he found a cranium in the village which he picked up and examined and laid it back down where he found it, 8 b&w postcards, 3 col. postcards, 3 b&w photos, March 1, 1917-July 30, 1917

- 4.31 From somewhere in France Laurie writes about finding “crumbs” on himself. Crumbs is a slang term for lice. He has not had many lice, but says that some of the men have batches of them. He comments on a fair, nice, German boy who was wounded. Laurie shared his water with him. All the boy could say to him was “comrade”. He was taken to a hospital where the English boys were taken even though he was a German. He was worried that he would not be well cared for. He comments that “our boys” who get taken prisoner do not need to fear being misused. He thinks that things are different than they were at the outbreak of war. He speaks about the troops hiding in cellars and behind walls and he says that its hard to think of the villages that are lying in heaps of bricks. From a dugout in France, he writes that he is sitting in a trench enjoying the sun and listening to large artillery shells go overhead. On October 3, 1917 he writes that “one of our boys got napoo about thirty feet away from me” another who was badly wounded died a few minutes later [napoo is slang for dead; possibly from French "il n'y a plus"]. In July of 1917 he writes that he is going on the stretcher bearers' course. He also mentions that a woman from home – Eula had a cousin or nephew who was a stretcher bearer. He was only 21 and he died in the line of duty. On October 23, Laurie's friend Mitchel Burns was wounded and died at the age of 24. Laurie described what it was like to be billeted with a French family, August 1, 1917-Dec. 26, 1917
- 4.32 Laurie is still somewhere in France and he says he is on the “way to Blighty” [slang for a wound which is neither fatal nor crippling but enough to remove a soldier from fighting]. He says that he has new puttees [bandages

which cover the lower part of the leg from the knee to the ankle]. From London he writes that his first day in Blighty has been busy but enjoyable. He feels that he can do whatever he likes. He observes that the dogs in London are spoiled as they wear coats and blankets. The next letters are from Sicily Isles and are accompanied by postcards. He returns to London but is back in France in February. For a while he says it was hard to tell that there was a war on except for the heavy short distance shells. By February 16th, he is out on the front line again. He notes that he has only dressed one wound so far and that was far from battle. Part of his duty was to inspect the men for trench foot [Trench foot is also known as immersion foot syndrome. It is a type of non-freezing cold injury that develops when feet are cold and wet for an extended period. It affects the skin]. Laurie's friend Bob McKeith was wounded in the face, 9 b&w postcards, 4 col. postcards, January 1, 1918-April 27, 1918

4.33 Laurie writes from somewhere in France that he is having dinner with his friends Bob Banks and Bob McKeith. Laurie asks his mother not to send any more parcels. He would prefer two dollars every week or month to give to the Red Cross. He is glad that his brother Teddy has had two years to strengthen his physique and character for the strain of army life but Laurie is sure that Teddy won't fall away from his Christian life. He wonders when Teddy will have to enlist. Laurie says that a lot of boys that he knew are lying in the military cemeteries. On June 11, 1918 he notes that he passed a lot of Chinese who were "good, jolly fellows". They seemed "big and strong nothing like our western Chinese at all". He says that he and the other soldiers are carefree 90% of the time and they don't think twice about the bullets' hiss as they pass. He also says that "Hienie (Heinie) uses some very wicked shrapnel". On August 25, 1918 he writes that he came closer than ever to being bombed. On the 29th of August he dressed a very bad wound – the first bad one that he has had to take on for himself, May 2, 1918-Aug. 27, 1918

4.34 Laurie is in the Mile End Military Hospital on Bancroft Road in London, England because he was wounded on September 2, 1918. He has fractured

some bones in his hand. There is a bullet exit between his third and little fingers. In a letter to Laurie from his mother she expresses concern about his wounded right hand. She is very relieved that he is away from the battlefield. Laurie writes from the Special Hospital in Buxton Darby, England that he has had his splint removed and he was told that he might do a light job in England but his hand wasn't good enough for him to go back to France. Included is a program for a Garden Party for 350 wounded sailors and soldiers in Victoria Park, London, England. One of the acts performed by George Graves would be considered inappropriate today as he performs as a negro/black/coloured person. Laurie moves from England to Edinburgh, Scotland. A Scottish doctor tells Laurie that his little wound is nearly nothing but his hand will be stiff if he doesn't work it. Laurie was moved to the Canadian General Hospital in Kirkdale, Liverpool, England. Laurie says "won't the boys hoot and holler when they see the Germans coming over with the white flag." Laurie left for Canada going to Halifax, Montreal and headed for a reception in Winnipeg. His last letter is dated March 17 of 1919, 19 b&w. postcards, 1 col. postcard, Sept. 7, 1918-March 17, 1919

- 4.35 **General correspondence** – This is a combination of photocopied and original letters. Some are addressed to Dell from Will. There are also letters to Laurence from his father who was writing to his son right up the father's death in 1903. Included are Laurie's letters from the homestead in Hazenmore Saskatchewan. Most letters deal with farming issues and moral fortitude. A note from Kathleen Cunningham Schroeder gives some family history about her parents and siblings. Some of the letters are from nieces and nephews of Gwladys and her siblings, 1880-1978 (non-inclusive)

Related Material in other locations:

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Related Material:

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