

Title:	Mabel Topp and Adelaide Hewson postcard collection		
Creator:	Topp, Mabel and Hewson, Adelaide		
Dates of Material:	1903-196? [non-inclusive]	Record Group Number:	RG 350
Summary of Contents:	<p>1.1 Postcards to Mabel Topp, 1909, 1917, 1919-1920, 1924, 1926-1927, 1944-1947, 1950-1951, 1953-1963, 1966; includes 4 Christmas cards, 2 Easter cards and one Valentine card [69 postcards]</p> <p>1.2 Postcards to Adelaide Hewson, 1903, 1906, 1921, 1923, 1925-1926, 1930-1931, 1937, 1939-1940, n.d.[18 postcards]</p> <p>1.3 Christmas cards, n.d. [3 cards]</p> <p>1.4 Prayer cards, ca 1900 [4 cards]</p> <p>1.5 Various cards and envelopes, 1924, 1945, n.d. ; includes envelope from Robert Simpson Company and Barton Lumber & Supply Co. Ltd. [3 items]</p>		
Physical Description / Condition:	<p>84 postcards 3 Christmas cards 4 prayer cards</p>		
Administrative/ Biographical Sketch	<p>The records consist of a collection of postcards accumulated by Mabel (Hewson) Topp and her mother Adelaide (Marr) Hewson. With the exception of a few postcards from Europe, there is almost an even divide of postcards from Canada and the United States that contain both topical themes and topographical images. The majority of the cards were sent to Mabel Topp from her family and friends. Included are postcards from her aunts, nieces, nephews, and grandmother, as well as friends. Also included are 18 postcards addressed to Mabel's mother, Adelaide Hewson in Smithville, Caistor Centre, and Grimsby.</p> <p>Depicted on the cards are travel and vacation subject matter from Ontario and include images of: Gravenhurst; Haliburton; Grimsby; Smithville; Ottawa; Port Burwell; Tobermory; Silver Lake, Port Dover; Niagara Falls; the armories in Belville; Jarvis; the boardwalk in Sunnyside, Toronto; the lookout on Ferguson Highway near North Bay; Buckhorn; Huntsville, Muskoka; Lake Muskoka; and Caistor Centre. The postcards originating from the USA contain images of Florida; Texas; Michigan; Silver Lake, New York; Ohio; Minnesota; Alaska; and California. Three of the cards are unused and undated and appear to be greeting cards or bookmarks.</p> <p>The oldest Canadian cards date from 1909, 1917, and 1919. Twenty-nine</p>		

	<p>cards date from the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's, with the remaining dating from the late 1950's to the early 1960's. The oldest American card dates from 1903, 1906, 1925, 1927, 1930, and 1937. The remainder date from the mid 1950's to early 1960's.</p> <p>Also included in the donation are five prayer cards that belonged to Mabel Hewson as a child. The cards have colour images and religious scripture included on the front of the cards.</p> <p>Mabel Pearl Hewson was the daughter of John Hewson and Adelaide Marr. She was born on the 24 December 1893 in Lincoln County, Ontario. Omar Topp, son of Robert Topp and Hannah Carter, was born on the 18 October 1888 in Caistor Centre, Ontario. Mabel and Omar married on the 17 April 1912. Mabel and Omar lived on Tisdale Street North in Hamilton and in Smithville before they eventually settled in Caistor Centre, Ontario.</p> <p>Mabel's mother Adelaide Frances Marr was born in Walpole, ca. 1866. She was the daughter of Jabez and Elizabeth Marr. Adelaide married John Hewson on the 22 February 1893 in Norfolk, Ontario.</p>		
Location:	Brock University Archives		
Source Information:	The records were accumulated by Jim Pennell's Great-Aunt Mabel Topp and Mabel's mother Adelaide Hewson. Mr. Pennell donated the records to the Archives of Ontario in 2010?, and in March, 2011 agreed to their transfer to the Brock University Archives.		
Subject Headings: Added Entries:	600 650 700	Topp, Mabel Hewson, d1893- Postcards. Hewson, Adelaide Marr, d1866-	
Related material held at other repositories:			
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