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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Eliza Ritchie fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-433
Date:	1889, 1930-1933 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	2 cm of textual records (4 folders)

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Eliza Ritchie was born in Halifax in 1856. She graduated from Dalhousie in 1887 with a Bachelor of Letters, and in 1889 was one of the first Canadian women to earn a PhD (Cornell). After further studies in Leipzig and Oxford, she taught school in New England from 1890-1900. Ritchie returned to Dalhousie in 1901 to teach philosophy. She was the first woman to sit on the Board of Governors (1919) and to be granted an honorary degree from Dalhousie (1927). She was a founding member of the Editorial Board of The Dalhousie Review and an occasional contributor. Ritchie was an active suffragist and leader in the feminist movement in Halifax. An advocate for female students, she was a driving force behind the building of Sherrieff Hall in 1922. Eliza Ritchie Hall, built in 1886, was named in her honour. She died in Halifax in 1933.

Custodial history

Fonds was accessioned by the Archives in 1981; custodial history is unknown.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of a printed copy of Ritchie's thesis, completed in 1889 at Cornell University; two essay offprints from The Dalhousie Review; and a hand-bound catalogue of Ritchie's book collection, with her personal bookplate on the endpapers.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

Materials created by Eliza Ritchie are in the public domain. Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Dalhousie University. Board of Governors.
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Dalhousie University--Periodicals (subject)
- Libraries (subject)
- Library catalogs (subject)
- Offprints (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Philosophy (subject)
- Theses (subject)
- Women authors, Canadian (subject)
- Women--History--Canada (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

Bibliography

Forbes, E. R. "Ritchie, Eliza" in The Canadian Encyclopedia. Historica Foundation of Canada, 2007. Retrieved from <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?>

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Collection holdings

File: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 21 - Hand-bound catalogue of books owned by Eliza Ritchie

Title: Hand-bound catalogue of books owned by Eliza Ritchie

Reference code: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 21

Date: [18?]-[19?] (date of creation)

Physical description: File consists of one typed list of books.

File: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 22 - The Problem of Personality / Eliza Ritchie

Title: The Problem of Personality / Eliza Ritchie

Reference code: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 22

Date: 1889 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a printed copy of Eliza Ritchie's thesis, completed in 1889 at Cornell University.

File: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 24 - William Hazlitt / Eliza Ritchie

Title: William Hazlitt / Eliza Ritchie

Reference code: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 24

Date: 1930-1931 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an off-print from The Dalhousie Review, Volume 10.

File: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 23 - Spinoza : [off-print]

Title: Spinoza : [off-print]

Reference code: MS-2-433, SF Box 41, Folder 23

Date: October 1932 (publication) (date of creation)

Date: 1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an off-print of an article by Eliza Ritchie published in The Dalhousie Review, Volume 12, Number 3, pp. 333-339. The article addresses the Dutch philosopher Baruch Spinoza.

Physical description: 1 folder

Alternative form available:

This article is available in The Dalhousie Review online collection: <http://hdl.handle.net/10222/57238>.
