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Finding Aid - Gass Family Postcard Collection (MS-2-315)

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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Gass Family Postcard Collection
Reference code:	MS-2-315
Date:	1903-1921 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	101 postcards

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Gass Family lived in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. Robert Gass was born in 1861 in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, to James and Nancy Gass. He owned a general store and lumber mill. In 1884 he married Nerissa Miller, with whom he had ten children. Their eldest child and only daughter, Clare, was born in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia, on 18 March 1887. Clare was later known for the diary she kept during the First World War. As an adolescent, she attended the Church School for Girls, a private Anglican school in Windsor, Nova Scotia (later the Edgehill School). Three years after her graduation in 1905, she left home for Montreal to train as a nurse at the Montreal General Hospital School of Nursing from 1909 to 1912, afterwards taking up private nursing practice for three years. After a brief training period in Quebec, she left for Europe in May of 1915 as a Lieutenant nursing sister with the Canadian Army Medical Corps, No. 3 Canadian General Hospital (McGill). From 1915-1918, she was posted mainly in France, with some time spent stationed in Cliveden, England, and Rhyl, Wales, and served in multiple hospitals. She spent the year after the war on transport duty, tending to wounded soldiers returning home. She was demobilized in 1919 and returned to Montreal, where she left nursing to pursue social work. She worked in the Social Service Department of the Montreal General Hospital for 28 years before returning to her hometown. Robert Gass died in 1937. Clare Gass died at the age of 81 at the Camp Hill Veterans' Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on 5 August 1968.

Custodial history

Collection was accessioned by the Archives in 1978. Custodial history prior to that is unknown.

Scope and content

Collection contains postcards written and collected by the Gass family of Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. The postcards are primarily of Nova Scotia and some, but not all, have handwritten notes. There are also

postcards of Montreal, New York, Washington and Victoria. The majority are written to or from Clare Gass.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

Items are listed according to their physical order in the box.

Restrictions on access

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

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Related material

See the Clare Gass fonds (P185) at the Osler Library of the History of Medicine at McGill University.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Church buildings--Nova Scotia (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Postcards (subject)
- Lunenburg (N.S.) (place)
- Montréal (Québec) (place)
- Shubenacadie (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 82 - Postcard of Back Harbor, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of Back Harbor, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 82

Date: 1915 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent from Lena O. [sic] in Westmount, Québec to Clare Gass in Montréal, Québec. The image on the front of the postcard is of Back Harbor, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 14 x 8.9 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 83 - Postcard of Chapman Hall, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of Chapman Hall, Wolfville, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 83

Date: 1906 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent by Dorothy Paine in Wolfville, Nova Scotia to Cyril Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. The image on the front of the postcard is of Chapman Hall, at Acadia College

Physical description: 1 postcard : b&w ; 15 x 9.5 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 84 - Postcard of British and French warships in the harbour at Sydney, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of British and French warships in the harbour at Sydney, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 84

Date: 1906 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent from W. Ervin in Sydney, Nova Scotia to Cyril Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. The image on the front of the postcard is of British and French warships in the harbour at Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : b&w ; 13.7 x 8.7 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 86 - Postcard of Christ Church, Windsor, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of Christ Church, Windsor, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 86

Date: 1906 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent from Clare Gass in Windsor, Nova Scotia to her mother in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. The postcard depicts Christ Church in Windsor, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 89 - Postcard of a summer camp scene in Fredericton, New Brunswick

Title: Postcard of a summer camp scene in Fredericton, New Brunswick

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 89

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a blank postcard. The image on the front is of a summer camp scene in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.9 x 9.9 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 91 - Postcard of Baddock, Cape Breton

Title: Postcard of Baddock, Cape Breton

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 91

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a blank postcard. The image on the front is of Baddock [sic], Cape Breton.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 14 x 9 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 102 - Postcard of an island and lighthouse in the entrance to Lockeport Harbor, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of an island and lighthouse in the entrance to Lockeport Harbor, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 102

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a blank postcard. The image on the front is of an island and lighthouse in the entrance to Lockeport Harbor in Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.7 x 8.6 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 107 - Postcard of a post office on the corner of Hollis and George street in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of a post office on the corner of Hollis and George street in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 107

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to Athelstan Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia from Rob (no last name provided).

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 8.7 x 14 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 112 - Postcard of a scene on River Philip, near Oxford Junction, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of a scene on River Philip, near Oxford Junction, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 112

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to Clare Gass in Montréal, Québec by Reggie Arthur Gass. The image on the postcard is of a scene on the River Philip near Oxford Junction, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : b&w ; 13.9 x 8.6 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 113 - Postcard of a driveway near Chatham, New Brunswick

Title: Postcard of a driveway near Chatham, New Brunswick

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 113

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent by Clare Gass to Cyril Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. The image on the front of the postcard is pretty driveway near Chatham, New Brunswick.

Physical description: 1 postcard : b&w ; 8.7 x 13.9 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 114 - Postcard of a church in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of a church in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 114

Date: [190-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to Rob Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia from Ian[sic] M Bowers. The image on the postcard is of a 150 year old church in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.8 x 8.7 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 120 - Postcard of a scene in Halifax Park

Title: Postcard of a scene in Halifax Park

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 120

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a blank postcard. The image on the front is of a scene in Halifax Park.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 14.1 x 9 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 121 - Postcard of a post office on the corner of Hollis and George street in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of a post office on the corner of Hollis and George street in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 121

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a blank postcard. The image on the front is of a post office on the corner of Hollis and George street in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : sepia ; 9 x 14 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 122 - Postcard of Cape Blomidon, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of Cape Blomidon, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 122

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a blank postcard. The image on the front is of Cape Blomidon in Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.8 x 8.7 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 143 - Postcard of an old church in Grand Pré, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of an old church in Grand Pré, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 143

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard send to Blanchard Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia from a friend in Bridgetown, Nova Scotia. The senders name is illegible. The image on the front of the postcard is of an old church in Grand Pré, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.7 x 8.8 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 146 - Postcard of Childwall Church in Liverpool

Title: Postcard of Childwall Church in Liverpool

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 146

Date: [between 1900 and 1916] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to Clare Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. The front image of the postcard is of the Childwall Church in Liverpool, England.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.9 x 8.8 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 163 - Postcard of a general view of Montreal, Quebec

Title: Postcard of a general view of Montreal, Quebec

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 163

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to Clare Gass in Montreal, Quebec from Athelstan in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia. The front image is of a general view of Montreal, Quebec.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 14 x 9.1 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 164 - Postcard of Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal, Quebec

Title: Postcard of Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal, Quebec

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 164

Date: 1910 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to R Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia from his daughter Clare Gass in Montreal Quebec. The image on the front is of Chateau de Ramezay in Montreal, Quebec.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.7 x 8.4 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 171 - Postcard of a school in Truro, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of a school in Truro, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 171

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to Gerald Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia from Bessie[sic] in Truro, Nova Scotia. The image on the front is of a school in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 14.2 x 8.8 cm

Item: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 180 - Postcard of a park in Truro, Nova Scotia

Title: Postcard of a park in Truro, Nova Scotia

Reference code: MS-2-315, PB Box 2, Folder 180

Date: 1908 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a postcard sent to Clare Gass in Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia from B. Thomson in Truro, Nova Scotia. The image on the front is of a park in Truro, Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 1 postcard : col. ; 13.9 x 8.8 cm
