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## War Correspondence

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Museum / Archive: Elgin County Archives  
Part Of: Anderson family fonds  
Description Level: Series  
Accession Number: 2004-05  
Storage Room: Archives Storage Rm. 105  
Storage Location: C5 Sh5 B1  
GMD: textual records  
Date Range: 1899-1946  
Series: Anderson family fonds - War Correspondence series  
Physical Description: 12 cm of textual records

Scope and Content:

Series consists of correspondence of Robert Marshall Anderson and Donald Hume Anderson with various soldiers from the St. Thomas area who served during the Boer War/South African War (1899-1902), the First World War (1914-1918), and the Second World War (1939-1945).

Much of the Boer War/South African War-era correspondence is between Robert Marshall Anderson and his brothers Archie and Duncan, both of whom served in the conflict, Duncan as a physician in the medical corps, Archie in the infantry. In addition, Robert Marshall Anderson corresponded with some of his employees serving as soldiers in South Africa.

The First World War correspondence features letters to and from an employee of the Anderson Department Store, Warren Andrews, who served with distinction and returned to St. Thomas at war's end with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Correspondents include Robert Marshall Anderson and Anderson Department Store employees E.G. Cooper, Ruby Copeman and Donald McCallum.

Much of the Second World War correspondence consists of letters written to Donald Hume Anderson by Anderson Department Store employees injured while serving as soldiers during the Second World War expressing thanks for care packages sent to them during periods of convalescence. Correspondents include Corporal Carlyle R. Taylor, [Petty Officer?] W. Jack Taylor, Sergeant Thomas W. Hanna, Sergeant E.J. (Ted) Higginbottom, Corporal A.W. Shaw, Private F.E. Lapp, and Doug Keith. Includes stationery and envelopes bearing various military insignia. Series also includes correspondence dated 1945-1946 between Donald Hume Anderson, in his capacity as an officer of the St. Thomas-Elgin Rehabilitation Committee, and various individuals and agencies including the Canadian Department of Veterans Affairs.

Series includes the following files:

Correspondence of Private P.H. Stacey, 1900. C5 Sh5 B1 F1

Correspondence of Duncan Anderson, 1900-1901. C5 Sh5 B1 F2

Correspondence of Archie Anderson, 1899-1900. C5 Sh5 B1 F3

Correspondence of Archie Anderson, 1899-1900. C5 Sh5 B1 F4

Correspondence - Anderson Department Store staff to W.A. Andrews, 1916. C5 Sh5 B1 F5

Correspondence - E.G. Cooper to W.A. Andrews, 1917. C5 Sh5 B1 F6

Correspondence - Donald McCallum to W.A. Andrews, 1917. C5 Sh5 B1 F7

Correspondence - Ruby Copeman to W.A. Andrews, 1916-1917. C5 Sh5 B1 F8

Correspondence - Robert Marshall Anderson to W.A. Andrews, 1916-1917. C5 Sh5 B1 F9

Correspondence - St. Thomas-Elgin Rehabilitation Committee, 1945-1946. C5 Sh5 B1 F10

Correspondence - Various Correspondents to Donald Hume Anderson, 1943. C5 Sh5 B1 F11


Name Access:           Anderson, Archie  
                                  Andrews, Col. W.A.  
                                  Anderson, Dr. Duncan  
                                  Anderson, Robert Marshall  
                                  Anderson, Donald Hume  
                                  St. Thomas-Elgin Rehabilitation Committee  
                                  Anderson Department Store  
                                  St. Thomas (Ont.)

Subject Access:       First World War  
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Conservation:         Letters have been placed in melinex sleeves

Related Material: Anderson Department Store fonds

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