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ACADIA UNIVERSITY

Susan Thomas Baxter fonds

Accession 1900.019



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**Susan Thomas Baxter fonds. – [textual records, graphic images]. – 1873 - [195-?].
– 64 cm of textual records. - 37 photographs : b&w and sepia ; 25.5 x 20.5 cm and
smaller**

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Series 1: Education Records. – 1905 – 1916. – **24 cm of textual records**
1900.019/1
Series consists of records that pertain to Susan Baxter's education, both elementary and post-secondary.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1900.019/1/1 Elementary. – 1905 – [19-?]. – **4 cm of textual records**
Subseries consists of documents from Susan Baxter's elementary school days.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

File List

1900.019/1/1/1 Recital Program. – 1905. – 2 leaves of textual records
File contains the program for a recital by pupils of Miss Belle M. Sheffield, June 16, 1905, in which Susan Baxter performed as a pianist.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/1/2 Report card. – 1910. – 1 leaf of textual records
File contains Susan Baxter's quarterly report card from Colchester Academy in Truro, NS for September, October, and November 1910
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/1/3 Geometry notebooks. – [19-?]. – 2 v. of textual records
File contains two notebooks of geometry notes, possibly from elementary school. The second notebook also contains other notes possibly from a history course.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/1/4 Latin notebook. – [19-?]. – 1 v. of textual records
File contains a notebook of Latin notes, possibly from elementary school.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2 Acadia University. – 1911 – 1916. – **20 cm of textual records**
Series consists of records from Susan Baxter's Acadia University days.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File List

1900.019/1/2/1 Propylaem Society. – 1911. – 1 v. of textual records
File contains critiques which appear to be daily or weekly records of the events surrounding the Propylaem Society. It appears as though every member had a turn at being the "critic". Some signatures are: M. Van Wart, [F.C.?] Freeman, M.R. Marsters, L.M. Nowlan, Pearle Purdy, E.S. Oxner, Dorothy Bardier, L. Zwicker, E.B. Eaton, M. Raymond, and Flora M. Reid.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/2 Assignments and Tests. – c. 1912. – 1 cm of textual records
File contains marked assignments and tests written by Susan Baxter for various classes at Acadia University, mainly English (A).

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/3 Examination Papers. – 1912 – 1916. – 2 cm of textual records

File contains examination questions and notes for a variety of Susan Baxter's courses at Acadia University.

Note: Title taken from original folder

1900.019/1/2/4 Notebooks. – 1912 – 1916. – 52 v. of textual records

File contains notebooks that Susan Baxter used while she was a student at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/1 Arithmetic notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 4 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for classes in arithmetic at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/2 Bible Study notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 3 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Bible Study classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/3 Biology notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 3 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Biology classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/4 Chemistry notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 2 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Chemistry classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/5 Economics notebooks. – [1912 - 1916]. – 4 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Economics classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/6 Education notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 3 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Education classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/7 Ethics notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 2 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Ethics classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

- 1900.019/1/2/4/8 French notebook. – [1912 – 1916]. – 1 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise book for a French class at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/1/2/4/9 German notebooks. - [1912 – 1916]. – 6 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for German classes at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/1/2/4/10 History notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 5 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Ethics classes at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/1/2/4/11 Latin notebook. – [1912 – 1916]. – 1 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise book for a Latin class at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/1/2/4/12 Library Science notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 2 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Library Science classes at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/1/2/4/13 Logic notebook. – [1912 – 1916]. – 1 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise book for a Logic class at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/1/2/4/14 Meteorology notebook. – [1912 – 1916]. – 1 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise book for a Meteorology class at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/1/2/4/15 Music notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 4 v. of textual records**
File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Music classes at Acadia University.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/16 Psychology notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 4 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Psychology classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/17 Physics notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 5 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Physics classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/1/2/4/18 Trigonometry notebooks. – [1912 – 1916]. – 3 v. of textual records

File contains Susan Baxter's exercise books for Trigonometry classes at Acadia University.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Series 2: Teaching. – 1918 – 1949. – **3 cm of textual records**

1900.019/2

Series consists of notebooks, records, and lesson plans used by Susan Baxter while she was a teacher at the Wolfville School, Wolfville, NS.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File List

1900.019/2/1 Notebooks. – c. 1918. – 4 v. of textual records

File contains notebooks with Susan Baxter's lesson plans and lecture notes.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/2/2 Teaching Material. – 1925 – 1942. – 2 cm of textual records

File contains some of Susan Baxter's teaching material from the Wolfville School including lesson plans and examination reports.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/2/3 Classroom Record. – 1948 – 1949. – 1 v. of textual records

File contains lesson plans and marks for a second grade class taught by Susan Baxter.

Note: Oversize, not in box

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Series 3: Personal Records. – [19-?]. – **1.5 cm of textual records. – 37 photographs : b&w and sepia ; 25.5 x 20.5 cm and smaller**

1900.019/3

Series consists of personal material accumulated by Susan Baxter, including Valentine's Day cards given to her by her students. Most of the photographs are unidentified.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1900.019/3/1 Photographs. – [19-?]. – **37 photographs : b&w and sepia ; 25.5 x 20.5 cm and smaller**

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

File List

1900.019/3/1/1 **Snap Shots Album. – [19-?]. – 10 photographs : b&w ; 11.5 x 6.5 cm and smaller**

Subseries consists of photographs that were housed in a black snap shots album.

Note: photographs were removed from album for preservation purposes

Note: Supplied title based on contents of subseries

1900.019/3/1/1/1 **“The Old Home, Baxter’s Harbour”. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 7 cm**

Photograph depicts an old house in Baxter’s Harbour, NS, with four people standing in front, Susan Baxter is the second from the left.

Note: Title taken from original label

1900.019/3/1/1/2 **Susan Baxter, three unidentified women and one man. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 7 cm**

Photograph depicts five people standing in front of an old house in Baxter’s Harbour, NS. Susan Baxter is the second from the left.

Note: Originally labeled “Some pose. Aren’t we cute?”

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/3/1/1/3 **Susan Baxter, Baxter’s Harbour, NS. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 7 cm**

Photograph depicts a young woman standing in front of an old house in Baxter’s Harbour, NS.

Note: Originally labeled “Neath the shade of the ivy”

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/3/1/1/4 **Unidentified man, woman, and dog. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 7 cm**

Photograph depicts an unidentified man, woman, and dog, in front of an old house in Baxter’s Harbour, NS.

Note: Originally labeled “The Happy Family”

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/3/1/1/5 **Unidentified woman on beach. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 11.5 cm**

Photograph depicts a woman in a bathing suit sitting on the rocks. Possibly Susan Baxter.

Note: Originally labeled “On the rocks”

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

- 1900.019/3/1/1/6** **Four unidentified women at a picnic. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5 x 6.5 cm**
Photograph depicts four women and a dog at a picnic by the beach.
Note: Originally labeled “Enjoying the eats”
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/1/7** **Unidentified woman on a beach. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 11.5 cm**
Photograph depicts a woman in a bathing suit sitting on a beach. Possibly Susan Baxter.
Note: Originally labeled “After a swim”
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/1/8** **Three women and Susan Baxter on a wharf. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5 x 6.5 cm**
Photograph depicts four women sitting on a wharf. Susan Baxter is the second from the right.
Note: Originally labeled “Taking life easy on the wharf”
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/1/9** **Susan Baxter, two unidentified women, one man on a beach by a waterfall. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 11.5 cm**
Photograph depicts three women, one man and a dog sitting on a beach by a waterfall.
Note: Originally labeled “Near the waterfall”
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/1/10** **Three unidentified women on a wharf. – [19-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5 x 6.5 cm**
Note: Originally labeled “Taken Unawares”
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/2** **Graduation Photo: Hazel A. Clark. – 1915. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 14 cm**
Photograph is signed by Hazel Clark, Acadia University, Class of 1915.
Note: Photographer: Graham, Wolfville
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/3** **Matriculation. – [1915 – 1916?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 7 cm**
Photograph depicts Acadia University graduates proceeding up the steps of University Hall.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/4** **Acadia University “Give Service Girls”. – 1918. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm**
Photograph depicts members of the “Give Service Girls” in costume on the stage of Acadia University Hall.
Note: Photographer: Graham, Wolfville
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

- 1900.019/3/1/5 Susan Thomas Baxter. – [1910 – 192-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 9.5 cm**
Photograph is mounted in a matboard folder.
Note: Photographer: Gauvin & Gentzel, Halifax, NS
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/6 Susan Thomas Baxter. – [1915 – 192-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 9.5 cm**
Photograph is mounted in a matboard folder
Note: Photographer: Graham, Wolfville
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/7 Susan Thomas Baxter in a car. – [1915 – 192-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm**
Note: Negative attached
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/8 Susan Baxter's house on Highland Street, Wolfville, NS. – [1915 – 192-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm**
Note: Negative attached
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/9 School children. – [192-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 9 cm**
Photograph depicts twenty-six school-aged children sitting on the steps of what appears to be a school.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/10 Susan Thomas Baxter. – [1920 – 1930?]. – 1 photograph : sepia ; 7.5 x 14 cm**
Photograph is mounted in a matboard folder.
Note: Photographer: Graham, Windsor & Wolfville
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/11 Acadia University 100th Anniversary. – 1938. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 8 cm**
Photograph depicts a group of people standing outside Emerson Hall at Acadia University's centenary.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/12 Students in classroom. – [1940-195-?]. – 3 photographs : b&w ; 25.5 x 20.5 cm**
Photograph depicts a classroom full of students and their teacher, possibly in Wolfville School, NS.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 1900.019/3/1/13 Students in classroom. – [1940 – 195-?]. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 25.5 x 20.5 cm**
Photograph depicts a classroom full of students and their teacher, possibly in Wolfville School, NS.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/3/1/14 Students in classroom. – [1940 – 195-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 25.5 x 20.5 cm

Photograph depicts a classroom full of students and their teacher, possibly in Wolfville School, NS.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/3/1/15 School picture. – [1940 – 195-?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 25.5. x 20.5 cm

Photograph depicts a group of unidentified students and their teachers, possibly in Wolfville School, NS.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/3/2 Miscellaneous Personal Records. – [1920 – 1940]. – 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains miscellaneous personal material not otherwise classified. Mostly consists of holiday correspondence, and Valentine's Day cards from students to Susan Baxter.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Series 4: Other Family Member Records. – 1873 – 1933. – 5.5 cm of textual records 1900.019/4

Series consists of material that was accumulated by members of the Baxter and Thomas families other than Susan Baxter, but which were found in Baxter's possession.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File List

1900.019/4/1 George Thomas. – 1873. – 1 leaf of textual records

File contains the original B.A. Diploma conferred on George W. Thomas by Acadia University on June 5, 1873.

Note: See Acadia Blue Book p. 17

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/4/2 Vera Baxter. – 1906 – 1915. – 3 cm of textual records

File contains an Elementary English Exam, 1906; Minimum Provincial Qualification MPQ (Teachers) exams, 1911, 1914-15, as well as several notebooks for business courses taken by Susan's sister, Vera Baxter, at the Maritime Business College in Halifax, NS.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/4/3 Bessie B. (Thomas) Baxter. – 1880 - 1933. – 2.5 cm of textual records

File contains a book of collected verse belonging to Susan Baxter's mother, Bessie B. Thomas signed April 15, 1880, which contains various notes and writings as well as some inscriptions, possibly from classmates. Also included is a copy of Bessie Baxter's car insurance from 1933, and two other volumes of personal writings and verse, undated.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1900.019/4/4 Fred Lorne Baxter – [19-?]. – 1 v. of textual records

File contains a student notebook from the Maritime Business College in Halifax, NS belonging to Susan's brother, Fred Lorne.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Biographical Sketch

Susan Thomas Baxter was born in Sheffield Mills, N.S. on Sept 8, 1893, the daughter of John and Bessie (Thomas) Baxter. She was the youngest of three siblings: her brother, Fred Lorne, was born in 1883, and her sister Vera M. in 1885. The 1901 census lists her mother Bessie as a widow. Susan attended elementary school in Kentville, NS and Truro Academy, Truro, NS. She then attended Acadia University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1915 and a Master of Arts in 1916.

Following the completion of her MA, Baxter taught public school in Grand Pre, N.S., for a short time, and then began teaching at the Wolfville School in 1917. She remained there for the rest of her teaching career.

She lived on Highland Avenue, Wolfville, NS until the late 1970s when she went to live in a permanent care facility. She died on 29 December 1988 in Halifax, NS.

Custodial History

David Drake, Special Collections Librarian at the Vaughan Memorial Library, Acadia University, acquired Susan Baxter's records in the mid-1970s during an auction of her belongings at her home on Highland Avenue.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of four series:

1. Education records
2. Teaching records
3. Personal records
4. Records of other family members

The records were predominantly created by Miss Baxter although some the material originates from other family members, for whom little or no information has been determined.

Notes

Supplied title based on contents of fonds.

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Susan Thomas Baxter

Bessie B. (Thomas) Baxter

Fred Lorne Baxter

George Baxter

Vera Baxter

Subject Access Points

Acadia University. Give Service Girls

Acadia University. Propylaem Society

Wolfville School (Wolfville, Kings Co., NS)

Geographic Access Points

Baxter's Harbour (Kings Co., NS)