

**Esther Clark Wright Archives  
Acadia University  
Wolfville, Nova Scotia**

**ELIZABETH BISHOP EXHIBIT FONDS**

**Accession 1998.008**

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**Elizabeth Bishop Exhibit fonds. – 1998. – 3 cm of textual records****Administrative history**

On September 24-27, 1998 Acadia University, Wolfville N.S. was the site of an international conference about the life and works of Pulitzer Prize winning poet Elizabeth Bishop (1911-1979). The conference was entitled: *“Divisions of the Heart”: Elizabeth Bishop’s Art of Place and Memory.*

As a part of the conference an exhibit entitled *“The Size of Our Abundance” Elizabeth Bishop’s Nova Scotia Legacy* was designed by Sandra Barry and Mary McLean and placed on display at the reading room of the Esther Clark Wright Archives, Acadia University. The exhibit used items found in the Bulmer-Bower-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds to visually highlight an important time and place in Elizabeth Bishop’s life. Much of Bishop’s work traces back to those early years spent in Nova Scotia and so this exhibit helped to place her oeuvre within its true context.

To highlight these early years, Barry and McLean centered the exhibit on a photographic narrative. The photographs were taken from the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds and reproduced, mounted and framed by Lark Photographic Services and Apple Tree Studio in Canning, N.S. Only the copy prints were used in the exhibit.

The exhibit also featured displays describing important individuals and objects from Bishop’s childhood. Individuals included: Arthur Bulmer, George Hutchinson, William and Elizabeth Bulmer, Mary Elizabeth Black Hutchinson Gourley, John Robert Hutchinson, Robert Hutchinson, and William Bernard Hutchinson.

Among the objects from the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds and on display were:

1. William Bulmer’s tools;
2. a piece of Arthur Bulmer’s tinware;
3. a sketchbook belonging to George Hutchinson;
4. the Bulmer family Bible;
5. Grace Bulmer Bowers nursing tools;
6. Elizabeth Bulmer’s autograph book;
7. Mary Elizabeth Black Hutchinson Gourley’s spoons;
8. Elizabeth Bishop’s compass;
9. a porcelain figurine of “The Three Graces”;
10. Grace Bulmer Bower’s bird brooch;
11. Gertrude Bulmer Bishop’s garnet and pearl ring; and
12. a signet ring belonging to Elizabeth Bishop.

Rounding out the exhibit were paintings by George Hutchinson, Maude Bulmer Shepherdson and Grace Bulmer Bowers, and books owned by or published about Elizabeth Bishop.

### **Custodial History**

The exhibit was dismantled in 1998 and all the pieces with the exception of the copy prints were returned to the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds in the Esther Clark Wright Archives. When the copy prints were accessioned on 19 May 2005 under accession number 1998.008, they were placed in individual acid free envelopes.

### **Scope and Content**

The fonds contains copy prints used in the exhibit. They have been arranged according to the numbering system used for the originals in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.

According to the exhibit program, the display had additional copy prints which were not found with the others at the time of accessioning and therefore do not appear in this fonds.

**Note:** Supplied title based on content of fonds

### **Subject Access Points:**

Bishop, Elizabeth  
Bishop, Gertrude Bulmer.  
Bishop, William.  
Bowers, Grace Bulmer.  
Bulmer, Arthur.  
Bulmer, Elizabeth Hutchinson.  
Bulmer, Hazel.  
Bulmer, William.  
Crane, Louise.  
Delaney, Beaufort.  
Lowell, Robert.  
Ross, Mary Bulmer.  
Shepherdson, Maude Bulmer.  
Swenson, May.  
The Miles children.

- 1 Exhibit Pamphlet. – 1998. – 2 leaves of textual records**  
File contains two copies of a pamphlet titled: *“The Size or Our Abundance” Elizabeth Bishop’s Nova Scotia Legacy*. The item includes a brief biography of Elizabeth Bishop and information about the design and aims of the exhibit.  
**Note:** Title supplied based on content of item
- 2 William Bulmer. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 14.5 x 9.5 cm**  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in the 1860s  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer –Bowers –Hutchinson -Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.1)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 3 Elizabeth Hutchinson Bulmer. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 10 cm**  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1872  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.5)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 4 Arthur Bulmer. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 9 cm**  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1890s  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.14)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 5 Gertrude Bulmer. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 17.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts Gertrude Bulmer standing in front of the Hill family home in Great Village, N.S.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1900  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.20)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image

- 6 William Bulmer and Hazel Bulmer. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 16.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts William Bulmer and Hazel Bulmer standing in front of a field.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1909  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.30)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 7 Grace Bulmer Bowers. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 10 cm**  
Photograph depicts a portrait of Grace Bulmer Bowers around the time at the time of her graduation from the Acadia Ladies' Seminary, Wolfville, N.S..  
**Note:** Original photograph was taken ca.1909  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.31a)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 8 William Bishop and Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 15.5 x 17.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts William Bishop holding daughter Elizabeth.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in 1911  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.62)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 9 Gertrude and Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 15.5 x 17.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts Gertrude Bulmer Bishop holding daughter Elizabeth Bishop.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in 1911  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.63)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image

- 10 Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 10 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop sitting in a wicker chair.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in 1911  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.64)  
**Note:** Copy print has been cropped and enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 11 Maude Bulmer Shepherdson, Hazel Bulmer and Betsy the dog. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 12.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts Maude Bulmer Shepherdson, Hazel Bulmer and Betsy sitting on the steps in front of the Bulmer family home.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1912  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.67)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 12 Gertrude Bulmer Bishop and Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 10 cm**  
Photograph depicts Gertrude and Elizabeth Bishop standing in the snow in Great Village, NS. Annotation on top of photograph reads: “Gertrude & Elizabeth.”  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. January 1916  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.86)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 13 Elizabeth Hutchinson Bulmer. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 16.5 x 11.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Hutchinson Bulmer standing in a field holding a toy.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in the 1920s  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.91)  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image

- 14 **Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 15 x 10 cm**  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1921  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds. (1997.002.II.i.99)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 15 **Mary Bulmer Ross. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 22.5 x 15 cm**  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1920  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds. (1997.002.II.i.100)  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 16 **Elizabeth Bishop and Louise Crane. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop and Louise Crane in New York City.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in the 1930s  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds. (1997.002.II.i.113)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 17 **Arthur Bulmer. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5 x 16.5 cm**  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1940s  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds. (1997.002.II.i.126)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 18 **Elizabeth Bishop, May Swenson, and Beaufort Delaney. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 6cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop, May Swenson, and Beaufort Delaney at the Yaddo Writers' Colony, Saratoga Springs, NY.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in 1950  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the original photograph which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds. (1997.002.II.i.157)  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image

- 19 Grace Bulmer Bowers. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 12.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts Grace Bulmer Bowers aboard the SS Florida.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in the 1960s  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.184)  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 20 Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 10.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop and Robert Lowell in Rio de Janeiro.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in August 1962  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the original photograph which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.201)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 21 Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 10 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop at Balmoral Grist Mill.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken in 1976  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.215)  
**Note:** Copy print has been cropped from original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 22 Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop at the Dalhousie University convocation where she received an honorary degree.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken 11 May 1979  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.217)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image

- 23 Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax, Nova Scotia.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken May 11, 1979  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.i.221)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 24 Elizabeth Bishop. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop at Great Village, N.S. standing in the snow holding a pair of snowshoes.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1916-1917  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.iii.60a)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 25 Elizabeth Bishop and the Miles Children. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 12.5 x 7.5 cm**  
Photograph depicts Elizabeth Bishop and two Miles children playing in the snow at Great Village, N.S.  
**Note:** Original photograph taken ca. 1916  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.iii.60c)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Supplied title based on content of image
- 26 Camp Chequesset Orchestra. – Reproduced in 1998. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm**  
Photograph depicts the Camp Chequesset Orchestra [taken inside one of the camp buildings]. Elizabeth Bishop is seated in the second row, far right.  
**Note:** Original photograph for the postcard was taken in 1925  
**Note:** Item is a copy print of the [original photograph](#) which is located in the Bulmer-Bowers-Hutchinson-Sutherland family fonds.  
(1997.002.II.iv.6)  
**Note:** Copy print has been enlarged from its original size  
**Note:** Title transcribed from item