

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

**Eva Bessie Lockhart fonds
ACCESSION 1969.002-LOC**

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Eva Bessie Lockhart fonds. – [graphic images, textual records, object]. – [18-?], [1895?]-1970. – 22cm of graphic images and textual records

Biographical Sketch

Bessie Lockhart was born in Upper Falmouth, Nova Scotia, on 10 January 1890, daughter of Charles and Beatrice (nee Lynch) Lockhart. She attended Preparatory School at Windsor Academy and later Teachers College in Truro, after which she taught for several years in Falmouth, Nova Scotia and Brookfield, Nova Scotia. She graduated from Acadia University in 1916. At Acadia she was close friends with fellow students Esther Clark (Wright), Hettie Chute, and Lillian Chase, living together in Seminary and Whitman Hall (Tully). They remained friends right up until their deaths. Esther Clark Wright wrote about Lockhart: "slim, dark, vivacious, interested in people, eager to get the most out of collage...(she) was easily the most popular and quickly became one of the leading members of the Class of 1916". In the fall of 1916, she left for India as a missionary under the auspices of the United Baptist Women's Missionary Union and the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board. She worked in Vuyyuru, Waltair, Cocanada and Tekkali for over forty years. After retiring in 1955, Lockhart taught at the Feller Institute at Grand Ligne in Quebec and toured Western Canada on behalf of the Mission Board before returning to India for another four years. She spent her later retirement in Wolfville and the Windsor Elms, NS. Eva Bessie Lockhart died in Kentville, NS, 10 July 1985 at the age of 95.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of four series:

1. Photographs
2. Correspondence and accompanying material
3. Certificates and licenses
4. Personal papers

Notes

Supplied title based on contents of fonds.

Order imposed by Archivist

See also Esther Clark Wright accession 1990.016

See also Acadia University Alumni Bulletin Vol. 72, No. 1, Winter 1987/88, p12

See also 1900.250/5 Acadia University. Photo album of Acadia graduates
accession for graduation photo of Bessie Lockhart

See also 1900.428 Jean Rushton accession for letter from Bessie Lockhart
(1969)

See also 2005.010-MAR/48 James W. Marsters family accession for letter from
Bessie Lockhart (1956)

Access Points

Lockhart, Bessie (1890-1985)

Acadia University—Students

Baptists-Missions-India

Chase, Lillian (b.1894)

Chute, Hettie (b.1888)

Student activities (Wolfville, NS)

Women missionaries-India

Wright, Esther Clark (1895-1990)

1. **Photographs. – [18-?], [1895?]-1970. – 14 albums and 11 loose**
Series contains images of family and friends at home, Acadia University
and from her time spent as a missionary in India

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File list included below

- 1969.002-LOC/10 pencil sketch of Bessie Lockhart (1969) by D. Christopher
- 1969.002-LOC/11 family portrait [18-?] people unidentified
- 1969.002-LOC/12 Mrs. Christina Lynch [1895?]
- 1969.002-LOC/13 Mrs. Christina Lynch [1895?]
- 1969.002-LOC/14 corner in Westminster Abbey [19-?] notations written in ink on back, difficult to read
- 1969.002-LOC/15 Bessie Lockhart [1905?]
- 1969.002-LOC/16 convention in India [ca.1930]
- 1969.002-LOC/17 Bessie Lockhart (1934)
- 1969.002-LOC/18 Bessie Lockhart (1941) print, two copies
- 1969.002-LOC/19 Bessie Lockhart (1954)
- 1969.002-LOC/20 Uharda and Edward James (1970)
- 1969.002-LOC/21 photo album – Acadia University (1913-1916) includes notations. Includes numerous photographs of Esther Clark Wright, Lillian Chase, Hettie Chute. Includes photos of many students and buildings on campus.
- 1969.002-LOC/22 photo album – Class of 1916, Acadia University; friends and family (1913-1918) includes numerous photographs of Esther Clark Wright, Lillian Chase, Hettie Chute. Includes photos of many students and buildings on campus.
- 1969.002-LOC/23 photo album – India (1917-1918) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/24 photo album – India (1919-1920) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/25 photo album – India (1920-1921) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/26 photo album – India (1919-1920) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/27 photo album – India (1921-1923) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/28 photo album – India (1921-1922) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/29 photo album – India (1922-1923) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/30 photo album – Falmouth to India (1926-1927) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/31 photo album – Burma (1927) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/32 photo album – India (1927-1929) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/33 photo album – India (1929-1930) includes written commentary
- 1969.002-LOC/34 photo album – India (1936-1937) includes written commentary

2 Correspondence and accompanying material. – 1911-1981. – 2 folders of textual records and one object

Series contains incoming and outgoing correspondence as well as accompanying material

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included below

1969.002-LOC/1 correspondence (1911-1981) incoming and outgoing, including correspondence from her time at Acadia University

1969.002-LOC/2A correspondence regarding spoon (1968, 1971) spoon is item 1969.002-LOC/2B

1969.002-LOC/2B spoon (1894)

3 Certificates and licenses. – 1911-1920. – 3 folders of textual records

Series contains certificates and licenses

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included below

1969.002-LOC/4 teachers licence, Nova Scotia (1916)

1969.002-LOC/5 Woman's Missionary Union Life Member Certificate (1920)

1969.002-LOC/9 certificate of military instruction – public school teachers (1911) awarded to Miss Jessie Alberta Lynch

4 Personal papers. – 1937-1974. – 4 folders of textual records

Series contains a passport, address book and guest book, and newspaper clippings

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

File list included below

1969.002-LOC/4 teachers licence, Nova Scotia (1916)

1969.002-LOC/6 diary and address book (1963-1965)

1969.002-LOC/7 guest book (1965-1974)

1969.002-LOC/8 newspaper clippings (1937, 1969)