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ELINOR HARWOOD LEARD FONDS

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ELINOR HARWOOD LEARD FONDS. – 1936-2008. -- 39 cm of textual records. – 25 photographs.

The Rev. Elinor Katherine Harwood Leard was born October 20, 1922 in Raleigh Township. Elinor was educated at the University of Western Ontario (1938-1942); Radcliffe College (1942-1943); UCTS (1944-1945); Emmanuel College (1944-1949); Cheshunt College, Cambridge (1949-1950); Columbia University (1956-1957).

In 1939 she became a candidate for the UCC ministry; in 1948 she was accepted as a WMS missionary to India and travelled there with her husband Rev. G. Earl Leard to establish mission schools. In 1957, Elinor was ordained by the London Conference despite strong opposition against the ordination of married woman with children.

The Leards continued to work in India until 1960 when they returned to Canada; Rev. Elinor Leard was appointed as minister of the Grahamsville charge, followed by Emmanuel in Bramalea. In 1964 Rev. Elinor Leard taught Latin, English and Library in Oakville and Etobicoke until 1988 when she retired.

Rev. Elinor Leard died January 8, 2008.

Fonds consists of five series: 1) Education Records, 1938-2003, 2) Records relating to Ministerial and Missionary Career, 1946-2002, 3) Writing and Correspondence, 1936-2008, 4) Personal Documents, 1929-1999, 5) Photographs, 1941?-1986.

SERIES 1: EDUCATION RECORDS. – 1938-2003. –15 cm of textual records.

Series contains Elinor Leard's education records pertaining to her academic career, research, study and teaching, 1938-2003. Files include theses, certificates, scrapbooks and training materials.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
2008.009C	1-1	Bachelor of Divinity Thesis, "The Sacraments in the Fourth Gospel"	1950
	1-2	Education, Speech Training (U of T, Conservatory of Music)	1959-1963
	1-3	Certificates, etc. [education correspondence]	1941-1988
	1-4	Diplomas & Certificates	1945-1962, 1988
	1-5	Emmanuel College, Alumni class of 1950, reunion materials	1991, 2000, 2003
	1-6	University of Western Ontario Scrapbook	1938-1942
	1-7	Scrapbook	1938-1943
	1-8	University of Western Ontario Yearbook	1941-1942
	2-1	Alma College Scrapbook	1943-1944
	4-1 OS	Educational Certificate, Speech Training	1963

SERIES 2: RECORDS RELATING TO MINISTERIAL AND MISSIONARY CAREER. – 1946-2002. – 6 cm of textual records.

Series contains records relating to Elinor Leard's ministerial and missionary career in India, 1946-2002. File include correspondence, ordination records and a personal register.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
2008.009C	2-2	Ordination, clippings & correspondence	1946-1965
	2-3	Missionary Work, India	1948-1960, 2002
	2-4	Brantford Work Camp	1949

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
2008.009C	2-5RR	Personal Register,	
		Baptisms	1960-1964
		Marriages	1961-1963
		Burials	1960-1964
	Professions of Faith	1961, 1963	
	2-6	Sermon for Maple Grove United Church	1993
	4-2 OS	Ordination Scrapbook	1957

SERIES 3: WRITING AND CORRESPONDENCE. – 1936-2008. – 16 cm of textual records.

Series contains Elinor Leard's correspondence written when she served as a missionary in India, correspondence from her travels, general personal correspondence, and writings, 1936-2008.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
2008.009C	2-7	Journal	1945-1949
	2-8	Letters from India	1952-1954
	2-9	Letters from India	1958-1960
	2-10	Letters from Italy	1970-1979
	2-11	Letters from Greece	1973
	2-12	Letters from Switzerland	1984
	2-13	Letters from Besancon, France	1986
	2-14	Misc. Letters	ca. 1967, 1997
	3-1	Writings and misc. correspondence, notes & drafts	1936-2007
	3-2	Correspondence (education & other)	1942-1997
	3-3	Correspondence, teaching	1943-1944, 1964-1988
	3-4	Correspondence, personal letters to keep	1946-1988
	3-5	Correspondence & Clippings, Pastoral years	1959-1964
	3-6	Correspondence, teaching & personal	1950-2007
	3-7	Correspondence, personal greetings	[ca. 1986]- 2003
	3-8	Correspondence & misc., United Church Training School (class 1944-1945)	2003-2006
	3-9	Correspondence, Political	1984-2003
	3-10	Correspondence, Retirement years and memorabilia	1997-2008

SERIES 4: PERSONAL DOCUMENTS. – 1929-1999. – 2 cm of textual records.

Series contains personal documents including baptismal certificates, 1929, and old passports, 1949-1999.

Acc. No.	Box-File	Title	Date(s)
2008.009C	3-11RR	Baptismal Certificates	1929
	3-12RR	Cancelled passports	1949-1999

SERIES 5: PHOTOGRAPHS. –1941?-1986. –25 photographs.

Series contains photographs from Elinor Leard's life and also her ministerial and missionary careers, 1941?-1986.

See Archives Catalogue for item level descriptions of photographs.