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JOHN BRUCE HUNTER FONDS

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**JOHN BRUCE HUNTER FONDS. – 1896-1944. – 90 cm of textual records. – 3 microfilm reels. – 39 photographs.**

John Bruce Hunter (1881-1972) was a Methodist/United Church minister and military chaplain. He was born in Hamilton, Ontario. He received a B.A. from the University of Toronto, a B.D. at Victoria College, a D.D. from Emmanuel College and the degree of LL.D. from University of Western Ontario. He became a probationer in 1903, serving at Central Church in Calgary from 1911-1912. He was ordained by Hamilton Conference in 1911, and received into full connection by Toronto Conference in 1913. He married Harriet (Hattie) Pringle in 1912. His first pastorate was at Grace Church in Brampton where he served from 1913-1917, when he was appointed Chaplain in the Armed Services and attached to the 85th Nova Scotia Highlanders. For distinguished service in World War I he was awarded the Military Cross. After the War, he served at Central Methodist in Toronto from 1919-1923, First Methodist and Metropolitan Churches in London (1923-1925, 1925-1934), Canadian Memorial in Vancouver from 1934-1935 and St. James in Montreal from 1935-1942. While at St. James in 1942, he was promoted to the rank of major and Senior Chaplain for the Montreal District, and resigned from his pulpit to serve in WWII. He retired from the Chaplaincy with the rank of Hon. Lieutenant Colonel in 1944 and returned to the pastorate. In June, 1953 he retired as Senior Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, a church he had helped bring into being as a union of Westminster-Central and Old St. Andrew's. Harriet died in 1970, and Bruce in 1972. They had two children, Margaret and Angus.

Fonds consists of the following series; 1) Records of John Bruce Hunter (1908-1942), 2) Records of Harriet Pringle (1896-1944), and 3) Records of Angus Hunter (1922-1943); 4) Photographs, 1917-1962.

See also correspondence re John Bruce Hunter in Fonds 22 Methodist Church in Canada Army + Navy Board fonds.

**SERIES 1/ RECORDS OF JOHN BRUCE HUNTER. --1908-1942.**

Series consists of records of John Bruce Hunter's ministerial and military career, as well as personal correspondence (received and sent), educational and biographical material.

| Acc. No.  | Box/Item | Title   | Date(s)       |
|-----------|----------|---|---------------|
| 1986.358C | MR-1     | Correspondence [as minister of Metropolitan United Church, London]                      | 1931-1933     |
|           | MR-2     | ---   | 1933-1934     |
|           | MR-3     | ---   | 1924-1930     |
| 2012.101C | TR-1     | Illuminated Book of Appreciation [given to Hunter by Central Methodist Church, Toronto] | 1923          |
| 2017.019C | 3-11     | Correspondence of <b>Bruce Hunter</b> [received]: various                               | 1908          |
|           | 3-12     | ---: ---  | 1914          |
|           | 3-13     | ---: ---  | 1917          |
|           | 3-14     | ---: ---  | Jan-Jul, 1918 |
|           | 3-15     | ---: ---  | Aug-Dec, 1918 |
|           | 4-1      | ---: ---  | 1919          |
|           | 4-2      | ---: ---  | n.d.          |
|           | 4-3      | ---: re Thunderer Article   | 1929-1930     |
|           | 4-4      | ---: ---  | 1930          |
|           | 4-5      | ---: various  | 1938-1946     |

| Acc. No. | Box/Item | Title   | Date(s)   |
|----------|----------|---|-----------|
|          | 4-6      | Bruce Hunter [received and sent]: re Wesley Methodist Church (Edmonton) | 1912      |
|          | 4-7      | ---: Central Methodist (Toronto)  | 1919-1923 |
|          | 4-8      | ---: re leave   | 1923      |
|          | 4-9      | ---: re Metropolitan (London)   | 1930-1933 |
|          | 4-10     | ---: Peace Memorial (Vancouver)   | 1933      |
|          | 4-11     | ---: re Canadian Memorial Chapel (Vancouver)                            | 1933-1935 |
|          | 4-12     | ---: re St. James (Montreal)  | 1935-1942 |
|          | 4-13     | ---: re Military Work [inc. Military Cross]                             | 1918-1919 |
|          | 4-14     | Correspondence of Bruce Hunter [sent]: Mother                           | 1917      |
|          | 4-15     | ---: Angus Hunter   | 1918      |
|          | 4-21     | Education: Course Certificates [Methodist Church of Canada]             | 1908-1913 |
|          | 4-22     | Sermons   |           |
|          | 4-23     | World War 1 memorabilia   | 1914-1918 |
|          | 4-24     | Report of Work  | 1917-1918 |
|          | 5-1      | Scrapbook: Part 1   | 1934-1937 |
|          | 5-2      | ---: Part 2   | 1938-1940 |
|          | 5-3      | ---: Part 3   | 1941-1942 |
|          | 5-4      | ---: Part 4   | 1943-1944 |
|          | 5-5      | ---: Part 5   | 1946-     |
|          | 6-16     | ---: additional   | 1937-1954 |
|          | 6-17     | Miscellaneous   |           |

**SERIES 2/ RECORDS OF HARRIET PRINGLE. --1896-1944.**

Harriet (Hattie) Pringle was the wife of John Bruce Hunter. She was raised in Belleville, Ontario by parents Martha Pringle (Furnival) and Henry Pringle. Her brother was Angus Furnival Pringle (1884-1905). Harriet was active in the church, and was especially active with the St. James United Church Services League during WWII organizing bales of clothing to send to Bombed Babies shelters in England.

Series consists of correspondence received and sent by Hattie Hunter; predominantly letters sent by Bruce Hunter to Hattie during the wars, and letters written by various family members. Also included are some educational and biographical materials.

| Acc No.   | Box-File | Title   | Date(s)        |
|-----------|----------|---|----------------|
| 2012.101C | TR-2     | Illuminated Book of Appreciate [given to Harriet Hunter by the Ladies of Metropolitan Church, London] | 1934           |
| 2017.019C | 1-1      | Correspondence of <b>Hattie Hunter</b> [received]: from Bruce Hunter during WW1                       | Jan-Mar, 1917  |
|           | 1-2      | ---: ---  | Apr-Jun, 1917  |
|           | 1-3      | ---: ---  | Jul-Aug 1917   |
|           | 1-4      | ---: ---  | Sept-Oct, 1917 |
|           | 1-5      | ---: ---  | Nov-Dec, 1917  |
|           | 1-6      | ---: ---  | Jan-Feb, 1918  |
|           | 1-7      | ---: ---  | Mar-Apr, 1918  |
|           | 1-8      | ---: ---  | May, 1918      |

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|                | 2-1             | ---: ---   | Jun, 1918      |
|                | 2-2             | ---: ---   | Jul, 1918      |
|                | 2-3             | ---: ---   | Aug, 1918      |
|                | 2-4             | ---: ---   | Sept, 1918     |
|                | 2-5             | ---: ---   | Oct, 1918      |
|                | 2-6             | ---: ---   | Nov, 1918      |
|                | 2-7             | ---: ---   | Dec, 1918      |
|                | 2-8             | ---: ---   | Jan-Mar, 1919  |
|                | 2-9             | ---: ---   | [191-?]        |
|                | 3-1             | ---: ---   | 1940-1941      |
|                | 3-2             | ---: from Angus Hunter   | 1925-1942      |
|                | 3-3             | ---: from Angus Pringle  | 1904           |
|                | 3-4             | ---: from Patty Gordon [widow of Geoffrey Gordon, Bishop of Jarrow][includes note on relationship] | n.d.           |
| 2017.019C      | 3-5             | ---: ---   | 1936-1957      |
|                | 3-6             | ---: various re St. James United Church Services league donations to British shelters              | 1942-1944      |
|                | 3-7             | ---: from Grandmother  | 1924           |
|                | 3-8             | ---: from Parents  | 1896-1913      |
|                | 3-9             | Correspondence of Harriet Hunter [sent]: to Grandparents [inc. from brother Angus Pringle]         | 1896           |
|                | 3-10            | ---: to Parents  | n.d.           |
|                | 4-16            | Correspondence of <b>Bruce and Hattie</b> Hunter: The Pringles (parents)                           | 1914-          |
|                | 4-17            | ---: various   | 1942-1945      |
|                | 4-26            | Hattie Pringle: Education  |                |
|                | 6-14            | Correspondence: Sent to aunt Hattie Pringle  | 1905-1908      |

**SERIES 2/Subseries 1: Records Martha, Henry and Angus Pringle**

Subseries consists of records of Harriet Pringle's parents, Martha Furnival and Henry Pringle, and her brother, Angus Pringle.

| <b>Acc No.</b> | <b>Box-File</b> | <b>Title</b>                              | <b>Date(s)</b> |
|----------------|-----------------|---|----------------|
| 2017.019C      | 5-6             | Martha Pringle: Received                  | 1896-1914      |
|                | 5-7             | Mattie Furnival (Pringle) (Received)      | 1880-1881      |
|                | 5-8             | ---                                       | 1921           |
|                | 5-9             | ---                                       | 1922           |
|                | 5-10            | ---                                       | 1923           |
|                | 5-11            | Henry Pringle (received) [*inc. bio info] | 1914           |
|                | 5-12            | Angus Pringle: Various                    | 1895-1904      |
|                | 5-13            | ---: Diaries                              | 1903, 1907     |
|                | 5-14            | ---: Education & biographical information | 1900-1904      |
|                | 6-15            | Correspondence: various family members    | 1861-1864      |

**SERIES 2/Subseries 2: Records of Martha Wilson and John Wesley Furnival**

Subseries consists of records of Martha Wilson and John Wesley Furnival (d. 1858) who were the parents

of Martha Pringle (Furnival). They were married in September, 1855 in Belleville, Ontario. Included are letters with various other family members, such as Ann Clapbon Appleby (mother of John Wesley Furnival). Letters of note include those written during by soldiers during the Civil War, and family members who survived the Chicago Fire.

| Acc No.   | Box-File | Title   | Date(s)           |
|-----------|----------|---|-------------------|
| 2017.019C | 6-1      | Received: various   | 1852-1918         |
|           | 6-2      | ---: Eugenia [Cousin?]  | 1855-1857         |
|           | 6-3      | ---: Sarah Sprague (nee Wilson) [sister of Martha]                |                   |
|           | 6-4      | ---: Ann Clapbon Appleby (nee Furnival)                           | 1858-1872         |
|           | 6-5      | Biographical Information  |                   |
|           | 6-6      | John Wesley Furnival (sent/received: various)                     | 1845-1905         |
|           | 6-7      | ---: Biographical Information                                     | 1850-1854         |
|           | 6-8      | Pringle Family: Historical Information/Memorabilia                | 1818-1914         |
|           | 6-11     | Hattie Furnival (Received)<br><b>Ann Clapbon Furnival Appleby</b> | 1898-1905         |
|           | 6-9      | Correspondence: various   | 1808-1855         |
| 2017.019C | 6-10     | Journals  | 1828-1848, 1851-? |
|           | 6-12     | Correspondence: Kellogg [maternal grandparents Martha Wilson]     | 1858-1861         |
|           | 6-13     | Business documents: Jabez and John Furnival [sons of Ann Appleby] |                   |

### SERIES 3/ RECORDS OF ANGUS HUNTER. – 1922-1943.

Angus Hunter was the son of John and Harriet Hunter. His wife was Enid Hunter.

Series consists of correspondence of Angus Hunter and his wife Enid, as well as some educational materials.

| Acc No.   | Box-File | Title  | Date(s)   |
|-----------|----------|--|-----------|
| 2017.019C | 4-18     | Correspondence of <b>Angus Hunter</b> [received]: Grandmother [Martha Wilson Pringle (nee Furnival)] | 1921-1922 |
|           | 4-19     | ---: various   | 1941      |
|           | 4-20     | Correspondence of <b>Enid Hunter</b> : received  | 1943      |
|           | 4-25     | Angus Hunter: Education  | [193?]    |

### SERIES 4/ PHOTOGRAPHS. --39 photographs. --1917-1962.

Series consists of photographs of John Bruce Hunter, his career and family, 1917-1962.

See Archives Catalogue for item-level descriptions of photographs.