

Labatt Family

In order to improve access to more of the existing holdings of Western Archives, copies of a number of preliminary finding aids are being made available. These preliminary finding aids, some of which were prepared many years ago, vary in degrees of completeness, detail and accuracy. Some provide only basic box listings of the contents of a fonds or a collection, while others provide additional background material. All are intended to be the starting point for access to the records and they should not be considered a definitive source of information on the full nature and contents of the fonds or collection. Questions about the information provided in the preliminary finding aids should be directed to archives.services@uwo.ca

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Dates of creation: ca.1870 - 1950	

Physical Description:

30 cm. of textual material
4 photograph albums
148 photographs

Biographical History:

John Sackville Labatt was born in London Ontario on March 10th, 1880. He was the grandson of John Kinder Labatt, who founded Labatt's Brewery which John S. later became president of in 1915. John was educated at Trinity College in Port Hope and later received his BSC from McGill University in Montreal. In 1926 John married Elizabeth Anne Lynch. Elizabeth or Bessie, as she was known, was born on June 24th, 1891. Elizabeth was a graduate of the McGill University Library School, she gave up her career to marry John. Both John and Elizabeth were active members in society. He was a member of the London Club, the Toronto Club and the London Hunt and Country Club. Elizabeth was an active member of the St. John's Ambulance, Nursing Division for Southwestern Ontario. She became Lady District Superintendent in 1942 and in 1952 became Dame of Grace, the highest rank possible with the St. John's Ambulance. Mrs. Labatt was also the founding member of the Family Service Bureau in London. Mr. and

Mrs. Labatt had three children; John Pridam, Mary Elizabeth and William Arthur Sackville. John S. Labatt died on July 8th, 1952 and Elizabeth died over twenty years later on February 19th, 1975.

Custodial History:

The custodial history of the Labatt Family fonds is unknown.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of two series, the textual and photographic series. The files of the textual series consists predominantly of Elizabeth Labatt's activities, in an official capacity with the St. John Ambulance consisting of such items as correspondence, minutes of meetings, pamphlets, financial papers and her personal journals. The photographic materials consists of files for the Labatt, Amesbury, Denham, Zollicoffer and various friends and family members to Elizabeth Labatt. As well, there are many unidentified photographs.

Title based on contents of fonds.

There are no restrictions on access to the collection.

File lists are available for the series. See series description for more information.

There is other Labatt related materials available in the Regional Collection.

No further accruals are expected. 3

Series 1: Textual Materials

Dates of Creation: ca. 1920 - 1955

Physical Description: 30 cm. of textual records.

Scope and Content: Series consists of two personal journals and a home visitors book {1934-1935,1951- 1952}; personal correspondence of Elizabeth Labatt {1943,Jan.1 945-Jan.1946, 1948}; correspondence of the Nursing Division of the St. John's Ambulance (May 1943, Mar.-Apr. 1944, Oct.-Nov.1944); two newspaper sections (1927,1955); war effort involvement correspondence, newsletters and Girl Guide information (1942-1945); school memorabilia (1920?,1946); Western Ontario's Lady District Superintendent, St. John's Ambulance Brigade financial record (Jan-Dec.1941); 6th Annual Report of the Family Services Bureau (Mar. 1944) and a cheque stub book possibly from the St. John's Ambulance Brigade listing different expenses (Dec.1944-Dec.1945).

Series 2: Photographic Materials

Dates of Creation: ca. 1870 1950

Physical Description: 148 photographs 4 photographic albums

Scope and Content: Series contains files of the Labatt family (ca.1925-1950); Amesbury family (ca. 1880- 1908); Denham family (ca.1870-1910); Zollicoffer family (ca.1903-1908); various family names (ca.1910-1947). As well, there are files containing photos of unidentified families, children, women and men (ca. 1860-1945); four unidentified family albums (1904-1935) and a file of miscellaneous photographs (ca.1891-1940).

File Listings - Series I: Textual Materials

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File #1 Personal Journals

Dates of Creation: 1934-1935, 1951-1953

Physical Description: 6 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains two journals for the years 1934 and 1935. The 1934 journal contains lists of reminders, bills to be paid, Christmas cards received, appointments and children's drawings. The 1935 journal contains social engagements, guest lists, appointments and birthdays. In the back of the journal are two invitations to church events as well as offering envelopes for St. Peter's Cathedral. The visitor book for Mrs. Labatt's home contains visitors for the years 1951 to 1953, also addresses and appointments.

File #2 Personal Correspondence of Elizabeth Labatt

Dates of Creation: 1943, Jan.1945-Jan. 1946, 1948, 1972

Physical Description: 2 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains personal correspondence of Elizabeth Labatt arranged chronologically. There are telegrams, a 1946 dinner party list, a dance reminder, two Benedictions for Henry Edward Domer, some religious literature, two calling cards from Mr. And Mrs. Lynch and two copies of a letter written by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie dated May 31, 1945.

File #3 Newspaper Clippings

Dates of Creation: Oct.29, 1927 - Oct. 29, 1955

Physical Description: 2 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains two news clippings. One is a section from Saturday Night October 29, 1927 which has a photograph of Elizabeth's parents Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Lynch celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. There is also an article and photograph of Lady Mowat, wife of Sir Oliver Mowat. The other news clipping is from the Ottawa Journal, October 29, 1955. It contains an article entitled "The Story of Earnscliff" with a photograph of the room where Sir John A. Macdonald died. Underneath this photograph is written " and I slept here when Clutterbacks? were in residence - 5 days one visit 3 days another".

File #4 St. John's Ambulance Correspondence

Dates of Creation: May 1943, Mar.-Apr., Oct.-Dec. 1944

Physical Description: 5 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains St. John's Ambulance Brigade Letter Book full of letters arranged alphabetically, cover the date between Mar. and Apr. 1944. There are three Armed Forces' air mail letters from the Brigade overseas to Mrs. Labatt, dated 1944. There is a St. John's Nursing Division pamphlet "How to become a St. John's V.A.D." as well as a few undated letters.

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File #5 War Effort Involvement

Dates of Creation: 1942 - 1945

Physical Description: 5 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains correspondence from the Foreign Policy Association May, 1945; The League of Nations March 1944, Jan. 1945 and six pamphlets and newsletters from various associations dealing with social conditions during the war. There is also a travel permit used during WWII for travel between Canada and the U.S.

File #6 School Memorabilia

Dates of Creation: ca. 1920 - 1946

Physical Description: 3 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains two items. One is a report card for Mary Labatt (1946-1947) for grade XII from St. Angela's High School in London. The other is a note book which belonged to John S. Labatt, "notes on Class Lectures and Examples". This book contains notes chemistry, physics and beer making. This book was possibly used

File #7 Financial Record of the Superintendent of St. John's Ambulance Brigade

Dates of Creation: Jan. - Dec. 1941

Physical Description: 2 cm. Scope and Content:

File contains the financial journal for the Western Ontario's Lady District Superintendent of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Records list the various activities Mrs. Elizabeth Labatt was involved in over the year for this organization, teas, trips, meetings, etc. and the expenses incurred.

File #8 6th Annual Report of the Family Service Bureau

Dates of Creation: Mar. 24, 1944

Physical Description: 2 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains the 6th Annual Report of the Family Service Bureau for London, Ontario. This seven-page booklet lists the Board of Directors and Staff, the Report of the Executive Secretary for 1943, some general statistics, the financial statements for the year ending Dec. 31, 1943 and a little poem on the back of the book about what a case worker is.

File #9 Cheque Stub Book

Dates of Creation: Dec. 1944 - Dec. 1945

Physical Description: 3 cm.

Scope and Content: File contains one non-descript cheque stub book possibly from the St. John Ambulance Brigade nursing Division. Records of cheques were made out to the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Canadian Pacific Express Co.; The London Fruit Store; Hay Stationary Co. Ltd. and other London businesses and persons.

File Listings - Series 2: Photographic Materials

File #1: Labatt Family

Dates of Creation: ca.1925-1950

Physical Description: 1 photograph: b&w 8 photographic proofs: b&w 1 photograph: color 6 photocopies: b&w

Scope and Content: File contains one photograph of Mary Elizabeth Labatt, eight photographic proofs of Mrs. Elizabeth Labatt, one color photo of John S. Labatt in a hospital bed and six photocopies of Labatt family photos.

File #2: Amesbury Family

Dates of Creation: ca.1880-1908

Physical Description: 6 photographs: b&w, various sizes

Scope and Content: File contains portraits of Fannie Amesbury; Dorcus Amesbury; Ernest Gilbert Amesbury; Sarah and Dora Amesbury with Frank's wife and son Ernest; Elizabeth Amesbury and Fannie Amesbury (Collins) and family.

File #3 Denham Family

Dates of Creation: ca.1870-1910

Physical Description: 3 postcards: 10 photographs: b&w, various sizes.

Scope and Content: The postcards are of H. Denham dressed in a western costume, G. Denham and G. Denham in later years with Lillian Shaw. Photographs are of Emily Denham with two small children; Henry George Denham during the Boer War and another photograph of Henry George Denham's grave, "Died 25 Feb. 1902, Aged 22"; Mary Denham (Wallis) Family 1900; George Denham and Girl?; Mother, Mary, Amie, Emily, George and Herb; Herbert Denham; Amiel Denham; Amiel Denham at age 18 years of age and Alice Denham.

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File #4: Zollicoffer Family

Dates of Creation: ca.1903-1908

Physical Description: 4 photographs: b&w, various sizes.

Scope and Content: File contain four portraits, Dorothy A. Zollicoffer as a baby; Clarence A. and Dorothy A. Zollicoffer as children; Clarence Amesbury Zollicoffer and his grandmother, and lastly Clarence Amesbury Zollicoffer as a small child.

File #5 Unidentified Families

Dates of Creation: ca.1880-1907

Physical Description: 1 tintype: 14 photographs: B&W, various sizes

Scope and Content: File contains one tintype of two women and a baby and fourteen photographs of unidentified families. Most are studio portraits but there are a few outdoor activities photographs.

File #6 Unidentified Children

Dates of Creation: ca.1860-1945

Physical Description: 2 stereoscopic views: 17 photographs: b&w, various sizes

Scope and Content: File contains unidentified children at play, in pageants as well as in studio portraits.

File #7 Unidentified Men

Dates of Creation: ca.1870-1915

Physical Description: 1 postcard: 9 photographs: b&w, various sizes

Scope and Content: File contains various photographs of unidentified men. There are three group photos and the rest are studio portraits.

File #8 Unidentified Women

Dates of Creation ca.1870-1945

Physical Description: 8 postcards: 23 photographs: b &w, various sizes

Scope and Content: File contains various photographs of unidentified women. There are a few group photographs that were taken during the 1940's. Most are studio portraits and are from an earlier period.

File #9 Various Families Photographs

Dates of Creation: ca.1910-1947

Physical Description: 16 photographs: b&w, various sizes

Scope and Content: File contains various photographs of friends and family of John and Elizabeth (Lynch) Labatt. Thornton Johnston, 1947; Miss Reid; Jack Aides; Christmas Greetings from "The Tillmanis"; photo of Sketch of Henry Francis "Father"; George Thursk; Beatrice Discon; Tom Barnes; Daunton Family and Aunt Alice, England; Herbert Shaw; Willbert Kullycombe, Walter and Willie Eryland; A. Mullier 1924; Tom and Fred Shorthill; Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Smith, Marjorie Hanson and Dorcus, Hot Springs, 1910; Marjorie Hanson and Dorcus, 1912, and a photo of three ladies "taken in the backyard, Fannie, Sara and Dorcus 6/16/16".

File #10 Miscellaneous Photographs

Dates of Creation: ca. 1891-1940

Physical Description: 1 stereoscopic view; 17 photographs: b&w, various sizes

Scope and Content: File consists of various photographs of people, places and things. There are group photographs showing orchestras, The London Hunt & Country Club and persons at a switchboard. Also in the file are photos of Blackford Church, Kew Gardens in England as well as other places. As well, there are four autographed photographs of theatrical performers addressed to Mr. and Mrs. John Labatt, Josephene Antoine, Joseph Bentonelli, Robert Weede and Helen Olheim.

File #11 Photographic Albums

Dates of Creation: 1904-1935

Physical Description: 4 photographic albums

Scope and Content: File contains four albums. The first is a small album containing 23 miniatures of unidentified people. The second is a black album with "Photographs" written on the front cover. This has photos of a family on vacation, some are labeled. The third is a green album with two large baby photos and others are stored behind the pockets of the album, John P. Labatt is listed on one of the photographs. The fourth album contains various vacation beach photos with "Eva" and Nuttycombe" written on a few of the photos. Most are unidentified.