

Fonds: Heirs of L.M. Montgomery fonds

Reference code: F 6

Dates of creation: 1891-2025, predominate 1891-1945

Physical description:

- 3.5 centimetres of textual records
- 1 volume of textual records
- 1 photograph : black and white print
- 1 artifact : piece of ribbon
- 1 artifact : afghan
- 1 artifact : pocket watch
- 1 artifact : lapel pin (framed)
- 1 artifact : certificate (framed)
- 1 artifact : serving platter
- 1 artifact : naval uniform
- 1 artifact : kimono

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of records created and accumulated by the L.M. Montgomery heirs concerning L.M. Montgomery.

Textual records include correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Willard Pritchard, George Boyd MacMillan, Lord Grey, and United Kingdom Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin, as well as Willard Pritchard's memorial card. The volume of textual records is of a family bible that belonged to L.M. Montgomery's Macneill grandparents in Cavendish, PEI.

The photograph consists of a childhood snapshot of Stuart and Chester Macdonald in Cavendish.

The artifacts consist of L.M. Montgomery's pocket watch, Order of the British Empire lapel pin and certificate, and kimono. Also included is an afghan made by L.M. Montgomery, a serving platter from the Maro Polo ship, and a Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve uniform owned by Montgomery's son Stuart Macdonald. The ribbon consists of a piece of pink and black ribbon that was used to originally tie together Willard Gunn Pritchard's letters to L.M. Montgomery.

Biographical sketch:

Heirs of L.M. Montgomery Inc. was incorporated by the author's heirs David Macdonald, trustee, and Ruth Macdonald. David Macdonald (1944–2017) was the son of Chester Macdonald. Ruth Macdonald (1915–2017) was the wife of Stuart Macdonald. Chester and Stuart were the sons of L.M. Montgomery and Ewan Macdonald. The company was set up with a view to protecting the integrity of L.M. Montgomery while promoting her literary legacy. Heirs of L.M. Montgomery Inc. owns various trademarks related to the

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As of 2026, Kate Macdonald, daughter of Dr. Stuart Macdonald, is President of Heirs of L.M. Montgomery Inc.

Restrictions on Access:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms Governing Use:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

The kimono (Reference code: F 6-4-8) was donated by L.M. Montgomery's daughter-in-law Ruth Macdonald in 2004.

The Macneill family bible (Reference code: 6-4-5) was donated by the L.M. Montgomery heirs in 2005.

The L.M. Montgomery pocket watch (Reference code: F 6-4-2) was donated by Ruth Macdonald in November 2008.

The Marco Polo serving platter (Reference code: F 6-4-6) was donated by L.M. Montgomery's daughter-in-law Vivian Macdonald and granddaughter Alison Hodge in 2019.

Series F 6-1 (Accession UASC2024-001) was donated by Kate Macdonald Butler, Alan (Deke) Macdonald and Vivian Macdonald in 2024.

Custodial History:

Accession UASC2024-001:

The records in this accession were given by Stuart Macdonald to Terence Macartney-Filgate in the 1970s when he was working on the TV special, "Lucy Maud Montgomery: The Road to Green Gables," which aired in 1975. Filgate never returned the files. In 1998, when he retired from the CBC, Filgate cleaned out his office and took all his files to his home. Macartney-Filgate died in Toronto on July 11, 2022, at the age of 97. After discovering these papers, his wife Lorna Novosel returned them to Kate Macdonald Butler in 2024.

Associated Material:

- Penzie Macneil fonds, F 4
- Webb family fonds, F 8
- Kindred Spirits Society of Hamilton fonds, F 10
- Campbell family fonds, F 15
- Gladys Birkland fonds, F 21
- Ryrie-Campbell collection, C 11

Related Material:

The University of Guelph Archives and Special Collections:

- [L.M. Montgomery fonds](#), CA F605
- [Chester Cameron Macdonald fonds](#), CA F606
- [Ewen Stuart Macdonald fonds](#), CA F607
- [L.M. Montgomery Collection](#), CA F608
- [Mary Henley Rubio fonds](#), CA F821
- George B. MacMillan collection (s0235b01- s0235b23)

Public Archives and Records Office for PEI:

- [Lucy Maud Montgomery photographic fonds : \[pre-1911-1921\]](#), Fonds Acc2818

Confederation Centre of the Arts, PEI:

- [The Anne of Green Gables manuscript](#)

Library and Archives Canada:

- [Lucy Maud Montgomery collection \[textual record\]](#)
- [\[Ronald I. Cohen collection of works by L.M. Montgomery\]](#)
- [Ephraim Weber fonds \[textual record\]](#)
- [George Boyd MacMillan fonds](#)

Accruals:

Further accruals may be expected.

Former codes:

UASC2024-001

How to order:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Finding Aid:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Authority Record:

Office:

Heirs of L.M. Montgomery

Biography:

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Person:

Montgomery, L.M.

Biography:

Lucy Maud Montgomery (LMM) was born in Clifton, PEI, on November 30, 1874, the only child of Hugh John Montgomery (1841-1900) and Clara Woolner Macneill (1853-1876). Montgomery's mother died from tuberculosis when LMM was twenty-one months old. Her father's second marriage was to Mary Ann McRae, with whom he had four children (Kate, David Bruce, Hugh, and Ila).

Except for one year spent with her father and stepmother in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, when she was sixteen, Maud was raised in Cavendish by her maternal Macneill family. At the Macneill homestead, Montgomery was in the care of her Aunt Emily from age two to eight, after which she was cared for by her grandparents, Alexander Marquis Macneill (1820-1898) and Lucy Woolner Macneill (1824-1911).

From 1893 to 1894, Montgomery attended Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown and took two years of training in one. In July of 1894, she began teaching in Bideford, PEI. With the money she saved from teaching and some financial help from her grandmother, Montgomery attended Dalhousie College in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from 1895 to 1896, where she studied English Literature. Lacking the money to continue her studies, she returned to PEI, where she taught in Belmont from 1896 to 1897 and Lower Bedeque from 1897 to 1898.

Montgomery's grandfather Alexander died in 1889, after which she returned to Cavendish to live with her widowed grandmother. From 1898 to 1911, Montgomery established herself as a professional writer by publishing hundreds of stories and poems and her most famous novel, *Anne of Green Gables*, in 1908. During this time,

Montgomery spent nine months in Halifax (September 1901 to June 1902), working for the Daily Echo as a proofreader and journalist.

During this time, Montgomery also became secretly engaged on October 12, 1906, to the local Presbyterian Minister, Reverend Ewen Macdonald. They delayed getting married until after the death of her grandmother Lucy Macneill in 1911. After Montgomery and Macdonald were married, LMM moved to Ontario to accompany her husband, who was serving two parishes in Leaskdale. In 1926, they moved to Norval and made one final move to Toronto in 1935. The last 31 years of Montgomery's life were spent in Ontario with her family.

Montgomery and Macdonald had three sons: Chester (1912-1963), Hugh (stillborn, 1914), and Stuart (1915-1982).

Montgomery died on April 24, 1942, in Toronto and was buried in the Cavendish Community Cemetery on PEI.

Montgomery published 22 novels, over 500 short stories, an autobiography, and dozens of poems in her lifetime. She received the Order of the British Empire (1935), was the first Canadian woman to become a member of the Royal Society of Arts and Letters (1923), made a National Historic Person in Canada (1943), and her Leaskdale, Ontario and Cavendish, PEI homes were designated as National Historic Sites.

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Series and Subseries Arrangement:

Series F 6-1	Correspondence to and from L.M. Montgomery
Subseries F 6-1-1	Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Willard Gunn Pritchard
Subseries F 6-1-2	Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from George Boyd MacMillan
Subseries F 6-1-3	Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Lord Grey, 4th Earl Grey
Subseries F 6-1-4	Letter to L.M. Montgomery from Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin
Series F 6-2	L.M. Montgomery's writings
Subseries F 6-2-1	Essays written by L.M. Montgomery
Series F 6-3	Photographs created and accumulated by L.M. Montgomery
Series F 6-4	Lucy Maud Montgomery and family artifacts

Series 6-1: Correspondence to and from L.M. Montgomery

Dates of creation:

1891-1942

Physical Description:

3.25 centimetres of textual records

1 artifact : piece of ribbon

Scope and Content:

Series consists of correspondence written to L.M. Montgomery from her friend Willard Gunn Pritchard, Scottish pen-friend George Boyd MacMillan, Lord Grey (4th Earl Grey), and the United Kingdom Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

Series also includes an artifact (a piece of pink and black ribbon) used to originally tie together Willard Gunn Pritchard's letters to L.M. Montgomery.

Series has been divided into the following subseries:

- Subseries F 6-1-1: Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Willard Gunn Pritchard
- Subseries F 6-1-2: Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from George Boyd MacMillan
- Subseries F 6-1-3: Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Lord Grey, 4th Earl Grey
- Subseries F 6-1-4: Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin

Access restrictions:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms Governing Use:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Finding Aid:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

How to:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Subseries F 6-1-1: Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Willard Gunn Pritchard

Dates of creation:

1891-1897

Physical Description:

2.25 centimetres of textual records

1 artifact : piece of ribbon

Scope and Content:

Subseries consists of fifty-two letters written to L.M. Montgomery from Willard Pritchard in Laurel Hill, Saskatchewan, and St. John's College in Winnipeg, Manitoba, between 1891 and 1896, including a "ten-year letter" written in August of 1891. In the correspondence Pritchard reminisces about their days together in Prince Albert. He provides Montgomery with updates about his family (in particular his sister Laura, also a friend of Montgomery's), their circle of friends in Prince Albert, his social life, and his life at college. In addition to answering questions posed by Montgomery in her correspondence, he references their exchange of photographs, as well as Montgomery sending him some of her compositions.

Artifact is a piece of pink and black ribbon used to originally tie together Willard Gunn Pritchard's letters to L.M. Montgomery.

Access restrictions:

Item F 6-1-1-52 (Letter from Willard Pritchard to L.M. Montgomery [Ten Year Letter]) is restricted for preservation reasons. A digitized copy of the letter is available. Please consult with the Archivist.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the Archivist.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Notes:

Images of how the letters were originally held together with a pink and black ribbon are available. Please consult the Archivist.

The letters are organized for the most part in chronological order, which is also the original order the letters were kept. The exception is F 6-1-1-52, the Letter from Willard Pritchard to L.M. Montgomery dated August 1, 1891, which is not in chronological order in the file listing. The reason for this is the letters have been left in their original order.

Subseries F 6-1-2: Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from George Boyd MacMillan

Dates of creation:

February 1, 1942

Physical Description:

.25 centimetres of textual records

Scope and Content:

Subseries consists of one letter written to L.M. Montgomery from her friend George Boyd MacMillan in Scotland, received three months before she died.

In the letter, MacMillan references the state of Montgomery's health, a letter he previously sent her in which he said he encouraged her not to give up hope, and a sermon delivered by Dr. Robson, a Junior Minister at the church MacMillan attended. In the letter, MacMillan encouraged Montgomery to "try to look out for God's help each day in the little things he sends to bring comfort and heartening."

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

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Subseries F 6-1-3:

Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Lord Grey, 4th Earl Grey

Dates of creation:

1910

Physical Description:

.5 centimetres of textual records

Scope and Content:

Subseries consists of three letters written by Lord Grey (Albert Grey), 4th Earl Grey, to L.M. Montgomery.

The letters reference Mrs. Gaskell (Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell), the *Bookman* (literary journal), Prince Edward Island, British artist George Frederic Watts, and Professor MacNaughton. Lord Grey also mentions sending Montgomery books and felt Montgomery's verse was not as good as her prose. In his letters, he specifically mentions Montgomery's *Kilmeny of the Orchard*, *Anne of Avonlea*, and *The Story Girl*.

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

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Subseries F 6-1-4:

Correspondence to L.M. Montgomery from Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin

Dates of creation:

June 19, 1927

Physical Description:

.25 centimetres of textual records

Scope and Content:

Subseries consists of a letter written by the United Kingdom Prime Minister Stanley Brown to L.M. Montgomery.

Addressed to "Mrs. MacDonald," the letter is signed "Stanley Baldwin" and is written on "10 Downing Street, Whitehall" stationery. An embossed "Prime Minister" stamp appears at the top of the stationery.

In the letter, Stanley references his upcoming visit to Canada and states it would give him keen pleasure to shake her hand and thank her for the pleasure her books have given him. He says he hopes he will be allowed to go to PEI as he must see Green Gables before he returns home, stating, "not that I shouldn't be at home at Green Gables."

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

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Series F 6-2: L.M. Montgomery's writings

Dates of creation:

[ca. 1906-1927]

Physical Description:

.25 centimetres of textual records

Scope and Content:

Series consists of writings by L.M. Montgomery.

Series is divided into the following subseries:

1. Essays written by L.M. Montgomery (F 6-2-1)

Access restrictions:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms Governing Use:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Finding Aid:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

How to:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Subseries F 6-2-1: Essays written by L.M. Montgomery

Dates of creation:

[ca. 1906-1927]

Physical Description:

.25 centimetres of textual records

Scope and Content:

Subseries consists of a sixteen-page handwritten essay by L.M. Montgomery about the 17th-century Salem witchcraft trials.

In the essay, Montgomery references the following individuals involved in the Salem witchcraft trials: Margaret Jones (the first person to be executed for witchcraft in Massachusetts Bay Colony); William and Ann Hibbins (executed in 1656); Richard Bellingham (Governor of Massachusetts); John Norton; 1688 Goodwin children (possessions); Puritan Minister Samuel Parris, Parris' servants John Indian and his wife Tituba, daughter Elizabeth; niece Abigail Williams, Mary Walcott, Elizabeth Hubbard, Elizabeth Booth, Susanna Churchill, Ann Putnam, and Mercy Lewis ("afflicted children"); Sarah Lord and Sarah Osborn; Martha and Giles Corey; siblings Rebecca Nurse, Mary Easty, and Sarah Cloyce; John Proctor and George Jacobs; Mabel Martin; George Burroughs; Sir William Phipps; John Willard; and Reverend Nicholas Noyes. Montgomery also references John Greenleaf Whittier's poem, *The Witch's Daughter*.

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Series F 6-3: Photographs created and accumulated by L.M. Montgomery

Dates of creation:

[1933?]

Physical Description:

1 photograph : black and white print

Scope and Content:

Series consists of photograph(s) created and accumulated by L.M. Montgomery.

Includes one black and white photograph of a horse hitched to a wagon of hay, with Stuart and Chester Macdonald and one unidentified child standing on top of a load of hay. In the background is a barn, believed to be at the Webb family farm in Cavendish (later to become known as Green Gables).

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

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Notes:

The photograph was in an envelope addressed to Mrs. E. Macdonald in Norval, Ontario, dated June 28, 1933. The return address on the envelope is Cockfield Brown & Company Limited, Metropolitan Building, Toronto.

F 6-4: Lucy Maud Montgomery and Macdonald family artifacts

Dates of creation:

[circa 1911-1942]

Physical Description:

- 1 volume of textual records
- 1 artifact : framed certificate
- 1 artifact : lapel pin
- 1 artifact : afghan
- 1 artifact : serving platter
- 1 artifact : naval uniform

Scope and Content:

Series consists of artifacts accumulated by L.M. Montgomery, as well as other Montgomery family members.

Artifacts belonging to Montgomery include her pocket watch, Order of the British Empire framed certificate and lapel pin, as well as a handmade afghan.

Also includes Montgomery's Macneill family bible, a serving platter from the Marco Polo ship, and Stuart Macdonald's Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve uniform.

Access restrictions:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

How to:

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