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Antoft Family fonds. - 1824 - 1985 [predominant 1920 - 1985]. - 2.5 m of textual records. - 270 photographs : b&w and col. ; 28 x 18 cm or smaller. – 3 albums ; 33 x 23.5 or smaller (134 photographs). – 6 artifacts

This fonds contains records of four members of the Antoft family. The family, consisting of Otto Hugo, his wife Asta Sigrid (née Rump), and their three sons, Otto Hjalmar, Finn and Kell, emigrated from Denmark to Canada in 1930. They first lived in Winnipeg, MB where Hugo worked for the Colonization Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, but by 1933 they had moved to Lakeville, Kings County, NS where the family established a poultry farm and pork curing business. When Hugo died in 1954, Asta wound up the business and in order to support herself, started a nursery that eventually became widely-known and well-respected as *Mrs. Antoft's Gardens*.

The records within the fonds have been divided into six sous-fonds, one for each member of the Antoft family for whom records exist (Hugo, Asta, Otto and Kell), as well as one for the records of the Andresen family. The final sous-fonds consists of 'Other Records' for which provenance could not be determined. No records were received relating to son Finn Antoft and, hence, there is no sous-fonds for him.

Biographical information for each person is given at the beginning of his/her sous-fonds. This information was reviewed and edited by Kell Antoft in March 2003¹. Antoft also wrote a biography of his brother Finn and it can be found in the Appendix of this finding aid.

Custodial History

These records were donated to the Archives by Asta Antoft.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of six sous-fonds as follows:

7. Otto Hugo Antoft
8. Asta Sigrid (née Rump) Antoft
9. Otto Hjalmar Antoft
10. Kell Antoft
11. Andresen Family
12. Other records

¹ See accession file for the complete text of the biographies written by Kell Antoft.

Notes

Title based on contents of fonds

File level finding aid available

Digital copy available

Many of the records are written in Danish

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See also the Dalhousie University Archives for Kell Antoft's personal, professional and volunteer organization records

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Subjects

Antoft family (Lakeville, Kings Co., NS)

Dana Poultry Farm (Lakeville, NS)

Agriculture—Nova Scotia--History

Family farms—Nova Scotia

Nurseries (Horticulture)—Nova Scotia

1 Otto Hugo Antoft sous-fonds. - 1920 - 1954. - 53 cm of textual records. - 6 photographs : b&w ; 23 x 16.5 or smaller. – 2 photograph albums ; 33 x 23.5 (32 photographs) and 19 x 13.5 cm (21 photographs)

Biography

Otto Hugo Antoft was born 6 January 1889 in Copenhagen, Denmark, the son of Hjalmar Madsenius Olsen Andresen and Laura Andresen (née Ottosen). He attended the Danish Military College at Copenhagen between 1911 and 1915 and subsequently the army's Lieutenants' School at Elsinore, Denmark. After graduation he served as a lieutenant in the infantry of the Danish army. In 1917, in army service, Antoft suffered an injury to his knee. He was hospitalized for some months and subsequently awarded a medical pension and retired from the military. Hugo met Asta, a nurse-in-training, during his hospital stay. They married in 1918. Asta's maternal uncle, Marius Godskesen, a long term Mayor of the City of Frederiksberg, Denmark, secured Hugo a position in the city administration. The family lived in an apartment on Smallegade in Frederiksberg, where sons Otto and Finn were born.

In 1920, Hugo was hired by Bennetts Rejse Bureau (travel agency) in Copenhagen, as a tour organizer and conductor. Antoft's ability to speak seven languages made him ideal for this position. He later became Secretary for Bennett's department for conducted tours, a position that he held until 1927. A disagreement with the owner of Bennett's caused him to resign. He accepted a position with the Copenhagen office of the Canadian Pacific Railway's Colonization Office, which cemented a life long friendship with the manager, M. B. Sorensen. From 1927 until March 1929 his job with the CPR involved the recruitment of Danish families and individuals for immigration to Canada. In the years up to the Great Depression of the 1930's, the transportation and settlement in Canada of people from northern Europe was an important activity of the CPR, and was the basis for the operation of the company's fleet of ocean liners and the sale of company lands across Western Canada.

In 1929, Hugo was offered and accepted a transfer to the CPR Colonization office in Winnipeg. He made the trip from Europe aboard the CP passenger ship, the SS Duchess of Athol, landing in Saint John, NB on 30 November 1929. He travelled by CPR train to Winnipeg to prepare for the arrival some months later of his wife Asta, and their three sons, Otto, Finn and Kell.

Antoft secured the rental of a house in Winnipeg, located on Luxton Avenue in the East Kildonian area of the city. There he welcomed his family in April 1930. His new job with the Canadian Pacific Railways Colonization Department was set up in a subsidiary organization entitled the Danish Immigration Aid Society. His appointment was described as Secretary of the Society. While it had a Board of Directors made up of several prominent Danish-Canadian businessmen, professionals and clergy, the organization was in all respects a CPR creation and

front for the corporation's activities in selling transportation and lands to newcomers. For Hugo, it was an opportunity to travel throughout Canada and to become acquainted with a wide cross section of Danes who had settled in the country during the previous half century.

With the arrival of Asta in Winnipeg, the family took an active interest in the activities of other Danes in the city. Hugo and Asta joined the Danish Lutheran Church, as well as several Danish social clubs. The boys were enrolled in summer school held in the basement of the Church, where they were schooled in the Danish language combined with bible studies. A Danish children's folk dance group became a weekly activity for the boys, and Asta occupied many hours in creating and sewing folk costumes for her three sons. Asta and Hugo wrote scripts for the songs in the annual "revy" produced for the social club, the Danske Brodersamfund, and Hugo played the lead role in a highly acclaimed production in the winter of 1931. Hugo also occupied a good deal of his free time as a correspondent for Danish weekly papers in Canada and the U.S.A.

With the rapidly deepening economic depression, in 1930 the Canadian government passed laws that virtually shut the door on new settlers. Hugo stayed with the CPR for several years, although most work with new immigrants dried up. To augment his duties, the CPR sent him to Nova Scotia to visit the CPR Colonization Office in Kentville and to examine the state of Danish settlements in the province. In April 1931 he was sent as a Travelling Colonization Agent to New Brunswick to determine the possible locations to place settlers in that province. Eventually there was just too little work to justify his continued employment; on 8 November 1932 he received a letter terminating his appointment with the CPR effective 31 December 1932.

When transferred to Canada in 1929, the agreement with the CPR specified that if Hugo Antoft's services were no longer needed, the CPR would pay the passage for the family's return to Denmark. However, the Antofts decided they would prefer to remain in Canada, specifically Nova Scotia, and the CPR agreed that instead of the return to Denmark, the company would pay for their passage to Nova Scotia.

The decision to settle in Nova Scotia was based on an agreement made with a Danish newspaper publisher, Odin Kunze, who had established his home in Lakeville, King's County, and had founded a Danish weekly, the *Danske Herold*, published initially in Winnipeg, MB and subsequently in Kentville, NS. Kunze had become acquainted with Hugo Antoft through his contributions as Western Canada correspondent for the paper. On one of Antoft's visit to Kentville, Kunze told him of a house that he owned that needed renovation. It was located across the road from Kunze's home in Lakeville.

A deal was struck - while the house was being restored, the Antofts could stay with the Kunze family, and in return for lodging, Antoft would contribute articles to the newspaper. When the restoration was finished, the family could rent the house and the surrounding five acres of farmland. Accordingly, the family arrived from Winnipeg shortly after New Year, 1933. The house was restored in the next few months and the family moved in.

Antoft and his wife had collected information and literature on the intricacies of raising chickens. They decided to set up a poultry business starting with 500 baby chicks. It was called the Dana Poultry Farm, and was based both on egg production and on broilers. During the restoration of the house (originally built in 1844) a large, walk-in bake oven was discovered. At Asta's suggestion, it was modified to be used for the smoking of fish and meats. As neither one of the couple had the slightest experience in such matters, Asta wrote to her parents in Denmark, and in due course they responded with books on how Danish farmers cured and smoked meats for their own use. Word of this new enterprise spread throughout the community, and soon farmers were bringing their hams and bacons to be treated by this traditional Danish preservation process.

It was not long before the volume of demands for the service outstripped the ability of the Antofts to keep up. Expansion seemed crucial, but in those days of the "hungry thirties" there was little prospect for financial help from the outside. But by a remarkable coincidence, the solution appeared upon the scene in the person of a man who had found his way through the Canadian immigration minefield. Mr. H. Grimm, a Swiss citizen who had been granted entry to Canada by virtue of his cash resources, came to the Antoft house as a boarder while he was looking around for a farm that would suit his skills and ambitions. Grimm was a machinist, toolmaker and blacksmith. He undertook the design and fabrication of a large metal walk-in smoke box that was located next to the existing smoke oven. It proved to be far more efficient and the family was able to expand the business many fold. In turn, this resulted in further increases in the demand for custom processing, and enabled the Antofts to make a new addition to the house for the meat business as well as in the introduction of improved processing methods.

Despite having no previous farming experience, the family also succeeded in the poultry business. Curing and smoking was a seasonal business confined largely to the late fall and winter. Poultry mostly involved work in the spring and summer. By 1945 the Antofts had 200 acres of land with an annual output of 2,000 to 3,000 dressed broilers, and a firmly established reputation for making high quality ham and bacon.

Throughout this time, Hugo Antoft continued to proofread and write articles and literary critiques for the *Danske Herold*, although this work was mostly unpaid labour. Publisher Odin Kunze died in 1937, and the management of the print shop

and the newspaper fell to his stepson, Edmund Green. Green's command of Danish was not perfect and Hugo Antoft thus assumed increasing responsibility for editorial tasks. With the outbreak of World War II, revenues from advertising for the trans-Atlantic passenger liners serving Scandinavia dried up. The newspaper thus folded in 1940.

Hugo Antoft also continued to help Philip Sandford, the CPR's Colonization Agent, located in a Kentville office. Fluent in seven European languages, Hugo often was called on to act as an interpreter. Because of the potential loss of his Danish military pension if he ceased to be a Danish citizen, Antoft chose not to become a Canadian citizen. But some of the leadership and entrepreneurship that he and his wife Asta brought to the farming community in the Annapolis Valley still survives. Thus, he was one of the founding members of the Evangeline Credit Union, and when the middlemen of the poultry industry made life frustrating for farmers in the Valley, Antoft helped to establish the ACA poultry cooperative, serving as a member of its first Board of Directors. To these ventures he brought his awareness and knowledge of how the cooperative movement had enabled Danish agriculture to survive and prosper in the intensively competitive conditions of an earlier era in Europe.

Hugo Antoft was a chain smoker of tobacco all his adult life and his health showed the ravages of this addiction. In his fifties, severe emphysema forced him to limit his physical activity. Frequent bouts of coughing, increasing symptoms of congestive heart disease, and ultimately a stroke, forced him to abandon the meat processing business.²

Otto Hugo Antoft died of lung cancer on December 31, 1954, a few days short of his 65th birthday. His ashes were buried in a family memorial park located at the back of the family farm. This three-acre park is also the site of a memorial cairn erected to Otto, as well as the burial site of the ashes of Asta and two of Kell's children. Before the farm was sold, the three-acre park was surveyed and the parcel deeded to son Kell. It is now owned and maintained by Kell's eldest son, Nicholas.

Scope and Content

This sous-fonds is divided into five series, as follows:

1. Correspondence
2. Career records

² A farmhand in Berwick, NS, a fellow but younger Dane named Henrik Larsen, seized the opportunity to fill the need that the Antoft business was no longer meeting. Larsen converted a small abandoned building behind his residence to a smoke house. From this modest beginning emerged the very successful Annapolis Valley enterprise that became the Larsen meat packing plant

3. Dana Poultry Farm business records
4. Other records
5. Photographs

1/1 Correspondence. - 1937 - 1947. - 5 cm of textual records

Series predominantly contains in-coming correspondence. Although addressed to both Hugo and Asta Antoft, it was decided to place it in Hugo's sous-fonds. (For correspondence received after Hugo's death, see Asta's sous-fonds, 1900.182/2.) Correspondents include their sons Otto and Kell; friends offering condolences regarding the death of son Otto; and others.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

Note: Some of the correspondence is written in Danish

1/1/1 Correspondence with son Otto. - 1938 - 1944. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters written by the Antoft's eldest son, Otto. The early letters were sent from King's College and from his summer job at Digby Pines resort, Digby, NS. The later letters were sent from England where Otto was stationed with the RCAF.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: The correspondence is written in Danish

1/1/2 Correspondence about the death of son Otto. - 1944 - 1947. - 2.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters relating to the death of Otto, particularly official letters from the RCAF and letters of condolence from friends. Also includes correspondence with the Imperial War Graves Commission regarding the burial and reburial of Otto.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: Some of the correspondence is written in Danish

1/1/3 Correspondence with son Kell. - 1943 - 1946. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains letters written by the Antoft's youngest son Kell.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: The correspondence is written in Danish

1/1/4 Correspondence with others. - 1937 - 1944. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters of undetermined subject matter (most are written in Danish)

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: Some of the correspondence is written in Danish

1/1/5 Correspondence regarding war service. - 1939 - 1940. - 7 sheets of textual records

File contains correspondence between Hugo and various departments of the Canadian government. When WWII broke out, Otto volunteered to serve in the Canadian army, citing his Danish military experience as proof of his military ability and experience. He eventually was informed that there were 'no vacancies'.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/2 Career records. - 1920 - 1933. - 16 cm of textual records

Series documents the post-military career of Otto Antoft while he was still living in Denmark; the decision of the Antofts to emigrate to Canada in 1930; his dual employment with the Department of Immigration and Colonization of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., and the Danish Immigration Aid Society (DIAS) in Winnipeg, MB; and the termination of his employment with both organizations in 1932.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1/2/1 Correspondence with Bennett's Rejsebureau. - 1927 - 1930. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters received from, and copies of letters to, the Director of the Bennett Travel Bureau, Nils Gjersoe. Antoft was employed by Bennett's between 1920 and 1929 to conduct travel tours throughout the European continent. The letters may be reports about the outcome of the tours. See also series 1900.182/1/5, Photographs, for photographs taken during some of these tours.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: The letters are all written in Danish

1/2/2 Travel documents. - 1920 - 1928. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains passports and other travel documents that indicate Antoft conducted travel tours to Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Spain, the United Kingdom, Holland, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria on a number of trips between 1920 and 1927. He also made an unrelated trip to Canada in August 1928. One passport contains his photograph in which he was wearing his military uniform.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

1/2/3 Bennett's Travel Bureau printed material. - [1920 - 1929]. - 5 cm of textual records

File contains material, much of it written in Danish, that appears to be tourist booklets, scripts, sheet music, programs, etc.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Much of the material is written in Danish

1/2/4 Correspondence re: Canadian employment. - 1927 - 1930. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains copies of correspondence apparently given to Antoft in order for him to understand the circumstances leading up to the decision to hire him to emigrate to Canada and become a Colonization Agent for the Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Many of the letters are written in Danish

1/2/5 Travel Brochures and reports. - 1929 - 1930. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains CPR Steamship travel brochures, and what appear to be reports or sales pitches regarding CPR trips.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Much of the material is written in Danish

1/2/6 Lists of Danes in Canada. - [193-]. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains a number of undated lists, sorted by province and by large cities, that document where Danish settlers were living in Canada. The lists include names and addresses.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

1/2/7 Correspondence with Anthon Rasmussen. - 1929 - 1933. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence between Antoft and Rasmussen who was the President of the Danish Immigration Aid Society. The DIAS encouraged the immigration of Danes to Canada, provided loans when necessary that were underwritten by the CPR Department of Immigration and Colonization, and helped the new settlers find work to do or farms to buy. This correspondence relates to Antoft becoming the Secretary-Treasurer of DIAS, his reports to Rasmussen, and his eventual termination in 1932.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Some of the letters are written in Danish

1/2/8 9th International Dairy Congress. - 1930 - 1931. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence from Antoft in which he suggests to the CPR that the CPR arrange a tour for farmers to attend the 9th International Dairy Congress that was held in Copenhagen in July 1931. The CPR thought the idea a good one and Antoft was subsequently asked to assist in producing a brochure.

Note: Title transcribed from file

1/2/9 Correspondence with J. N. K. Macalister. - Dec. 1930. - 3 leaves of textual records

File contains three copies of a letter sent by Antoft to Macalister who was the Chief Commissioner, Department of Immigration and Colonization, CPR. The letter was in reply to a general appeal for suggestions about 'leads and tips on traffic that may be developed'.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

1/2/10 Correspondence with Valdemar Christensen. - 1930 - 1932. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence between Antoft and Christensen who was the Scandinavian Passenger Agent for the CPR, Montreal, PQ. The letters appear to be about travel arrangements for those Scandinavians who had been recruited to emigrate to Canada, as well as about arrangements for publishing travel brochures.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Much of the material is written in Danish

1/2/11 Correspondence with M. B. Sorensen. - 1930 - 1932. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence with Sorensen who was a CPR representative in Copenhagen. It appears that Antoft assisted by visiting Danish settlements in Canada and the USA to encourage passengers for tours sponsored by CPR from Canada to Europe and, especially, Denmark.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Most of the letters are written in Danish

1/2/12 Correspondence with others. - 1930 - 1932. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File consists of correspondence between Antoft and others regarding settlers. Some are reports about their progress; others about collecting money owed on loans from the CPR.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Much of the material is written in Danish

1/2/13 Correspondence about Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. - 1930 - 1931. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence, memoranda, reports, etc. from Antoft to CPR District Commissioner Macalister and Assistant Commissioner C. A. Van Scoy re: a trip he made to become familiar with the Scandinavian settlements in Nova Scotia in the summer of 1930, and a trip he made in April 1931 to assess the potential of settlements in the Harvey region of New Brunswick.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

1/2/14 Reports to P. L. Sanford. - 1931 - 1932. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains copies of memoranda sent to Sanford who was the District Superintendent of Colonization for the CPR in Kentville, NS. The unsigned memos were written by the 'travelling colonization agent' and it appears that beginning in April 1931, Antoft temporarily held that position. Most of the memos report on the progress of specific settlers; one is a report of a trip to New Brunswick to scout out possible farms for settlement. Also includes a printed copy of the CPR *Report of Proceedings at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders*, 4 May 1932.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

1/2/15 *Dansk Canadisk Tidende* = *Danish Canadian Newspaper*. - 1931. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence and typewritten articles that Antoft submitted for publication to this newspaper. All are in Danish, but it appears that these articles inform readers of the efforts of the CPR to colonize Western Canada.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: All are written in Danish

1/2/16 Germans. - 1932. - 10 leaves of textual records

File contains lists, agreements and several letters written in German related to German settlers.

Note: Title transcribed from file

Note: Some of the letters are written in German

1/2/17 [Correspondence re: termination of employment with CPR](#). - November 1932. - 6 leaves of textual records

File contains correspondence between Antoft and CPR Assistant

Commissioner Van Scoy regarding the necessity to terminate Antoft's employment with the CPR, as well as an agreement to transport the Antoft family to Nova Scotia, at Antoft's request, rather than to return them to Denmark.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

1/2/18 Correspondence with V. Damskov. - Jan. - Feb. 1933. - 9 leaves of textual records

File contains letters between Antoft and V. Damskov who appears to have been Antoft's replacement at the CPR Department of Immigration and Colonization. The letters relate to 'tying up loose ends' after Antoft's departure from the position.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

1/3 Dana Poultry Farm business records. - 1943 - 1955. – 23.5 cm of textual records

Series contains records that document the Antoft's business, the Dana Poultry Farm. For the most part the records are financial in nature, including income tax forms, cancelled cheques, invoices and receipts, as well as order books. See also file 1900.182/2/5/2 for farm accounts found in an unrelated book.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

1/3/1 Meat Order Books. - 1943 - 1955. - 15 cm of textual records

Files contain day books in which were recorded orders for various cuts of meat, primarily bacon and ham. Some of the books include household accounts. It has not been determined why the books overlap in time, nor why there are no orders for chickens. Several of the books are undated.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of files

1/3/1/1 Meat Order Book. - Oct. 1943 - April 1944. - 1 v of textual records

1/3/1/2 Meat Order Book. - Feb 1945 - June 1947. - 1 v of textual records

1/3/1/3 Meat Order Book. - Dec. 1945 - April 1946. - 1 v of textual records

1/3/1/4 Meat Order Book. - Oct. 1946 - Feb. 1947. - 1 v of textual records

- 1/3/1/5 **Meat Order Book. - Jan. - Dec. 1947. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/6 **Meat Order Book. - Feb. 1947 - April 1948. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/7 **Meat Order Book. - Dec. 1947 - Dec. 1948. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/8 **Meat Order Book. - Dec. 1948 - April 1951. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/9 **Meat Order Book. - Oct. 1949 - Jan. 1950. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/10 **Meat Order Book. - Oct. 1949 - Dec. 1950. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/11 **Meat Order Book. - Dec. 1950 - Sept. 1951. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/12 **Meat Order Book. - Oct. 1951 - April 1952. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/13 **Meat Order Book. – Dec. 1953 – Jan. 1955. – 1 v of textual records**
Volume also includes farm accounts.
- 1/3/1/14 **Meat Order Book. - [19-]. - 1 v of textual records**
- 1/3/1/15 **Meat Order Book. - [19-]. - 1 v of textual records**
File also includes a number of receipts, written in Danish, from Finn Antoft to his Uncle Lief and Aunt Agnete Rump, dated 1944 - 1945.
- 1/3/2 **Income Tax. - 1946 - 1947. - 4 cm of textual records**
Files contain Canadian income tax forms for 1946 and 1947, including supporting invoices and receipts for expenditures.
Note: Supplied title based on content of files
- 1/3/2/1 **Income Tax. - 1946. – 1.5 cm of textual records**

1/3/2/2 Income Tax. - 1947. – 2.5 cm of textual records

1/3/3 Cancelled Cheques. - 1943 - 1945. – 1.5 cm of textual records

1/3/4 Invoices and Receipts. - 1945 - 1950. – 2.5 cm of textual records

1/3/5 Wartime Prices and Trade Board. - 1943 - 1944. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains a letter sent from the Board requesting that farmers fill in a form that detailed their production of canned meat during 1943 and 1944. Antoft's copy of the form indicates his production of liverpaste. In addition, file contains a draft letter written by Antoft in which he explained the workings of his business because he was uncertain about how to fill in another form sent to him by the Board. This letter is revealing about his curing and smoking business and his customers.

Note: Title transcribed from folder

1/3/6 Sign. – [19-]. – 1 sheet of textual records

Item is a sign used by Antoft to promote his poultry and curing business. It states: "Get the greatest enjoyment out of Your Pork. Have it Cured and Smoked by Antoft, Dana Poultry Farm, Lakeville, NS. Phone 049-31." See file 1900.182/2/7/31 for a photograph in which this sign (or an identical one) appears.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

1/4 Other records. - 1926 - 1945. - 4 cm of textual records

Series contains records of a miscellaneous nature, including news clippings, an identified manuscript written in Danish, and house plans.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of files

1/4/1 House plans. - 1926. - 1 leaf of textual record

File contains floorplan, elevation and detailed drawings of a 'Sommerbolig' (summer house) designed for 'Hr. Premierløjtnant O. H. Antoft' (First Lieutenant O. H. Antoft).

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/4/2 Miscellaneous manuscript material. - [19-]. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains holograph notes written in Danish by Hugo Antoft. They are a collection of discussions of current events in the post World War II period, as well as his philosophical reaction to what was happening. Includes a list/inventory of possible targets of destruction around Copenhagen.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/4/3 News clippings - foreign. - 1934 - 1946. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains clippings from several foreign (Danish?) newspapers. Includes a page from a Danish paper titled *Information* in which is published a letter to the editor from Otto Antoft.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/4/4 News clippings - general. - 1934 - 1945. - 14 leaves of textual records

File contains clippings about improvement projects such as how to plan a durable septic tank and maintain it, building a barn, a greenhouse and an ice-house. Also contains information pamphlets about the weather.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

1/4/5 *Praktisk Landbrug i Canada.* – 1928. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book written in Danish that was published by the Canadian National Railways Agricultural Department and which was meant to instruct immigrants about Canadian farming practices.

Note: Title transcribed from item

- 1/5 Photographs. - [192-]. - 6 photographs : b&w ; 23 x 16.5 cm or smaller. – 2 photograph albums ; 33 x 23.5 cm and 19 x 13.5 cm**
Series contains two albums and a number of loose photographs that appear to have been taken during the time that Otto Antoft conducted tourist tours of Europe.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

- 1/5/1 European Tour Album. - [192-]. - 1 photograph album ; 33 x 23.5 cm (32 photographs)**

Album contains a number of photographs that appear to have been taken during one of the tours that Antoft conducted throughout Europe. None of the photographs are identified.

Note: Supplied title based on format of item

- 1/5/2 Paris Album. - 1925. - 1 photograph album ; 19 x 13.5 cm (21 photographs)**

Album contains a number of photographs that were taken during one of the tours that Antoft conducted to Paris. Inscription on first page states: 'Optagelser fra "Berl Td"s Pariserrejser 1925. FOT Chr. Jensen'. None of the photographs are identified.

Note: Supplied title based on format of item

- 1/5/3 Parisian landmarks. - [192-]. - 5 photographs : b&w ; 17 x 24.5 cm or smaller**

File contains five photographs of Parisian landmarks: the Eiffel Tower, Louvre, L'Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame and Blois le Chateau.

Note: Supplied title based on content of images

- 1/5/4 [Versailles]. - 1921. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 23 x 16.5 cm**

Photograph is of a group of men and women standing at the base of a very tall and wide staircase. Otto Antoft stands centre front of the photograph, with his hands on the shoulders of a young boy. Inscription, lower left, recto, states: 'Landmand fra Roskildeegn. Føllestur til Nordfrankrig, 1921'.

Note: Supplied title based on inscription of photographer (lower right, recto) that states: 'Photo Georges fils, Versailles'.

- 2 **Asta Sigrid (née Rump) Antoft sous-fonds. - 1912 - 1984. - 58 cm of textual records. – 162 photographs : b&w and col. ; 28 x 18 cm or smaller. – 6 negatives. – 1 photograph album ; 32 x 23 cm**

Biography

Asta Sigrid Rump was born in Denmark on 29 January 1896, one of nine children born to Harald Rump and his wife Petra Godskesen. During Asta's early years, the family lived in Aalborg, Denmark, where her father was chief engineer of a railroad in Jutland. When her father lost his job, ca. 1903, the family moved to Charlottenlund where her father subsequently built an agency for building materials and owned a number of apartment properties. Asta attended school in Hellerup and later, as was customary in the training of young women, served a period as a governess. She was briefly employed as a student porcelain painter in the Royal Danish Porcelain factory in Copenhagen. When World War I broke out, she volunteered to train as a nurse. During her service in a military hospital ward, Asta met First Lieutenant Otto Hugo Antoft of the Danish Army infantry. He had been hospitalized due to a career-ending twisted knee. The couple married in 1918 and eventually had three sons: Otto Hjalmar (b. 1919), Finn (b.1921) and Kell (b.1923).

The family emigrated from Denmark to Canada in the spring of 1930, first settling in Winnipeg, MB. See the biography of Hugo Antoft (file 1900.182/1) for information regarding the years from 1918 to 1954.

After her husband Hugo's death in 1954, Asta liquidated the curing and poultry business. In order to make a living for herself she began a commercial nursery that became known as *Mrs. Antoft's Gardens*. While this venture was highly successful, by 1967 at the age of 71, Asta was unable to continue the demanding pace. She sold the nursery, including lands, buildings and equipment for a fixed sum, but a life lease on the house was negotiated with the purchaser so that she could continue to live in the family home. During her retirement, Asta was not idle. She authored a book entitled *Thoughts from my Gardens*, published in 1973, with a second edition in 1974. In 1951 Asta had started a handicraft business but it was only after her retirement that she could concentrate more fully on producing her needlepoint items; she also continued to paint, and the items were sold from her home.

Eventually, in 1988, at the age of 92, ill health forced Antoft to go to live in the Grandview Manor, Berwick, NS., although she did not give up the life-lease on her house. When the empty house was vandalized and became run-down, the municipality boarded it up. After Antoft's death it was sold but the new owner felt it was not salvageable and had the fire department burn it down.

Asta Antoft died at the Grandview Manor in 1992 at age 96 years. She is buried in

the family park at the back of their former farm, Lakeville, NS.

Scope and Content

This sous-fonds consists of six series, as follows:

1. Correspondence
2. *Mrs. Antoft's Gardens* business records
3. *Thoughts From My Gardens* publication records
4. Financial Records
5. Handicrafts and Painting records
6. Other records
7. Photographs

2/1 Correspondence. - 1933 - 1985. - 1.5 cm of textual records

This series contains correspondence between Asta Antoft and various friends and relatives, as well as letters to government departments and to a gardening magazine that published an article about her.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

Note: Some of the correspondence is written in Danish

2/1/1 Correspondence. - 1933. - 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains several letters written in Danish addressed to Asta, with excerpts in German and photocopies from books written in German attached to one of the letters.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/1/2 Correspondence. - 1971 - 1974. - 10 leaves of textual records

File contains correspondence in Danish between Asta Antoft and C. F. Schiopffe of Denmark, in which Schiopffe appears to be requesting information about Asta's sons Otto and Kell. The information may have been for a publication about members of the Danish military. One letter appears to be about a Danish medal awarded to Otto.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/1/3 Correspondence. - 1954 - 1985. - 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence to Asta Antoft from various friends, as well as carbon copies of letters she sent to others. Several of the letters are with the Netherlands War Grave Committee regarding a trip she made to Holland to see the grave of her son Otto. See also the photographs taken of the cemetery and Otto's grave in file 2/7/38.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/1/4 Correspondence with *Landscape Canada*. - 1973 - 1974. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence between Asta Antoft and the editor of *Landscape Canada* magazine. This magazine ran an article about Mrs. Antoft's Gardens in its October 1974 edition (included in file).

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/1/5 Correspondence with provincial government departments. - 1972 - 1979. - 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence between Asta Antoft and several Nova Scotia government departments. Most of the letters are with the Department of Highways and relate to the state of the roads in the area adjacent to Antoft's home.

2/2 Mrs. Antoft's Gardens business records. - 1957 - 1968. - 25 cm of textual records

Series contains records related to Asta Antoft's commercial nursery. Includes financial records, invoices and receipts, orders, customer accounts, correspondence with suppliers, and other material. Also includes a series of notebooks written in Danish by Asta that appear to be lists of gardening material used in her gardens.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

2/2/1 Correspondence with Denca Roses. - 1957 - 1962. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence and orders between Antoft and this nursery that was located in Denmark. Much of the material is written in Danish. Apparently Antoft had a dispute with the company over a bill and the file includes correspondence with Antoft's lawyer.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/2 Correspondence with Danplanex & Salling. - 1957 - 1964. - 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence, orders and customs clearances for orders Antoft placed with this Danish nursery stock company.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/3 Correspondence with W. H. Perron & Co. - 1957 - 1968. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence, orders and invoices for orders Antoft placed with this company that was located in Chomedey, PQ.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/4 Correspondence with McConnell's Nursery. - 1961 - 1962 . - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence and orders between Antoft and this nursery that was located in Port Burwell, ON.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/5 Correspondence with Giefeldt's Nursery. - 1963 - 1964. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence written in Danish between Antoft and this nursery that was located in Lawrencetown, NS. It appears to be with regard to orders placed by Antoft.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/6 Invoices and Statements. - 1965 - 1968. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains invoices and statements, predominantly from various nursery stock companies from whom Antoft placed orders.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/7 Customer Order Book. - 1962 - 1963. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which Asta Antoft recorded orders placed by her customers.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/8 Life Lease - Percy Balcome. - 1968 - 1974. - 1 cm of textual records

In 1967 Asta Antoft sold her commercial nursery to Percy Balcome. At that time they agreed upon certain conditions that constituted a 'life lease' that allowed Antoft to remain in her home until her death and that also identified various obligations Balcome had to her and her property. File contains copies of correspondence from Antoft to Balcome with regard to his non-compliance with the agreement, as well as lists of amounts Antoft felt Balcome owed her.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/9 Life Lease - Thorne, Buntain & Muttart. - 1971 - 1975. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence and invoices between Asta Antoft and the law firm of Thorne, Buntain & Muttart with regard to the lawsuits started by Antoft against Percy Balcome over non-compliance with the Life Lease Agreement. Also includes copies of letters sent by the law firm to Balcome's lawyer.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/2/10 Garden 'Diaries'. - 1938 - 1985. - 18 v of textual records

Items are books in which Asta Antoft recorded, on a daily basis, the plants she had purchased, where she bought them, where she planted them, etc. In the later years, it appears she also recorded daily events in her life and medications taken. The book dated 24 Aug 1977 to 13 Nov. 1979 has an accounting of the bonds she held and loans she owed.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: The diaries are written in Danish

- 2/3** ***Thoughts from my Gardens* publication records. - 1973 - 1979. - 14 cm of textual records**
Asta Antoft wrote a handbook for gardening in 1973 and updated it with illustrations in 1974. She advertised extensively throughout the Maritime provinces and sold the book by mail order, selling over 8,000 copies. Series contains a copy of the revised edition, draft manuscript, publicity about the book, and orders received.
Note: Supplied title based on content of series
Note: Archivist discarded invoices from various newspapers for cost of advertising the book
- 2/3/1** ***Thoughts from my Gardens*. 1974. – 1 v of textual records**
File contains the 1974 revised edition of the book.
- 2/3/2** **Manuscript. - [197-]. – 1 cm of textual records**
File contains several annotated, typewritten drafts of the manuscript for *Thoughts from my Gardens*.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file
- 2/3/3** **Publicity. - [1974 - 1977]. - 11 leaves of textual records**
File contains newspaper clippings about Antoft and about her book. Also includes a 1961 article about Mrs. Antoft's Gardens, her commercial nursery.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file
- 2/3/4** **Orders. - 1973 - 1979. - 13 cm (4 folders) of textual records**
Files contain letters in which copies of Antoft's book were ordered.
Note: Supplied title based on content of files
- 2/4** **Financial records. - 1967 - 1984. - 4.5 cm of textual records**
Series contains bank statements, deposit slips, invoices and receipts, and remittance forms and correspondence with the Provincial Tax Commission.
Note: Supplied title based on content of series
- 2/4/1** **Banking records. - 1968 - 1984. - 2.5 cm of textual records**
File contains bank statements, deposit slips and other financial records related to Asta Antoft's bank accounts.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file
- 2/4/2** **Receipts and Invoices. - 1967 - 1980. - 2 cm of textual records**
File contains receipts and invoices for various household purchases.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/4/3 Provincial Tax Commission. - 1971 - 1977. - 0.25 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence and remittance forms submitted to the Provincial Tax Commission with regard to the tax Asta Antoft paid on the handicrafts and paintings she sold.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/5 Handicraft and Painting records. - 1956 - 1980. - 8 cm of textual records

Series contains correspondence, newsletters, and other material regarding Asta Antoft's submission of her handicrafts (cross-stitch embroidery) and paintings to various exhibitions, exhibits, and arts and crafts organizations. Also includes a book in which Antoft recorded those items that she took to exhibitions, several sketch books, and a file of her designs.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

2/5/1 Handicraft and Art. - 1962 - 1980. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence, newsletters, and other material regarding Asta Antoft's submission of her handicrafts (cross-stitch embroidery) and paintings to various exhibitions, exhibits, and arts and crafts organizations.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

2/5/2 Exhibitions. - 1956 - 1959. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains a book in which Antoft recorded those items that she took to exhibitions. This book also contains accounts related to the meat curing and smoking and the poultry businesses that Asta ran with her husband Otto, Dana Poultry Farm (see Otto Hugo Antoft sous-fonds).

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/5/3 Sketches and designs. - [19-]. – 2.5 cm of textual records

File contains numerous sketches, predominantly of flowers.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: Original folder titled 'Smaa Tegninger' = Little drawings

2/5/4 Lampshade templates. - [19-]. – 1 cm of textual records

Apparently one of the crafts made by Asta Antoft was lampshades. File contains templates she would have used in their manufacture.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/5/5 Skitsebog = sketchbook. – 1912. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a sketchbook with many of the pencil sketches dated and initialed “AR” (Asta Rump).

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/5/6 Artists Sketch Book. – [1970]. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a spiral sketch book of pencil drawings. One sketch is dated 1970.

Note: Title transcribed from Item

2/5/7 Canadian Map Drawing Book. – [19-]. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a sketch book with many pencil sketches and one watercolour drawing.

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/5/8 Map Drawing Book. – [19-]. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a sketch book pencil sketches and one watercolour drawing.

Note: Title transcribed from item

2/6 Other records. – [19-]. – 5 cm of textual records

Series contains unrelated miscellaneous records that appear to have belonged to or been compiled by Asta Antoft.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

2/6/1 Signs. – [19-]. – 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains paper versions of signs that were probably later made up in wood and used to direct customers to and around the nursery.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/6/2 Recipes. – [before 1918]. – 1 v of textual records

File contains a book in which are written recipes in Danish. If the book is turned the other way, the pages contain a daybook for an unidentified year.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: Inscription, front cover of the volume, states: ‘Asta Rump’, Asta’s maiden name

2/6/3 Reference material about ‘women’. – [197-]. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains material Asta collected that related to some aspect of women’s rights, especially from the Nova Scotia Task Force on the Status of Women and the Wolfville Women’s Centre. Also contains unrelated miscellaneous material.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/6/4 Miscellaneous. – [19-]. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains unrelated material on various topics. Includes some poetry, a report by Asta Antoft's caregiver, a driver's examination, and other material.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

2/7 Photographs. – [18-]. – [19-]. – 162 photographs : b&w and col. ; 28 x 18 cm or smaller. – 16 negatives. - 1 photograph album ; 32 x 23 cm

Series contains photographs that were found loose amongst the other records of this fonds. It is not possible to determine who accumulated the photographs, but since the records were received after Asta Antoft's death, the archivist has assumed that these photographs had been collected by her.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

Note: In some cases there are duplicates of the photographs contained in the envelopes

Note: Kell Antoft assisted in the identification of these photographs in January 2003

2/7/1 Family album. – [18-] – [19-]. – 1 photograph album ; 32 x 23 cm (41 photographs)

Item is a photograph album that contains unidentified pictures that are of the Rump family, Denmark. Includes photographs of Asta's childhood home in Copenhagen, and of her grandparents, aunts and cousins.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/2 Faero Islands village with bridge. – [1-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 14 cm on sheet 17 x 24.5 cm

Item depicts buildings on either side of a small stone bridge over a narrow river. Several persons are standing under the bridge and two on it.

Note: Annotation, recto, states: 'Thorshavn. Elven, der loper gjennem Byen sg falder ud i Ostvigen'.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/3 Three Generations of Godskesens men. – [18-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5 x 14 cm

Item is a studio photograph of Petra Godskesen's (Asta's mother) father, Jens Godskesen b. 1830 and d. 1917 (right), and two other Godskesen men, Marius b. 1861 and d. 1937 (left), and Oluf b. 1893 and d. 1974 (center).

Note: Title transcribed from original envelope

- 2/7/4 Finn Antoft. – [19-]. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 4 x 5 cm each**
Items are two photographs, attached in a strip and probably made in a photo booth, of Finn Antoft when he lived in Copenhagen.
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
- 2/7/5 Finn Antoft and unidentified young woman. – [19-]. – 1 photograph: 9 x 13.5 cm**
Item is a photograph of a Finn and friend, in formal wear.
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
- 2/7/6 Hugo Antoft . – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 9 cm. – 1 negative**
Item is a photograph of Hugo, in work clothes, working on his farm.
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
- 2/7/7 Otto, Finn and Kell Antoft. – 13 April 1930. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 6 x 9 cm**
Item is a photograph of the three Antoft sons, all dressed up in short pants, shirts, ties and a jacket.
Note: Supplied title based on annotation, verso
Note: Annotation, in Danish, states '13-4-1930, Otto, Finn og Kell. Mange Hilsner til Asta, fra Dagni'.
- 2/7/8 Otto, Finn and Kell Antoft. – August 1932. – 1 photograph : 11 x 8.5 cm**
Item is a photograph of the three Antoft sons dressed in cowboy outfits. Snapshot taken in Swan River, MB.
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
- 2/7/9 Otto, Finn and Kell Antoft. – [193-]. – 6 photographs : b&w ; 10 x 8 cm or smaller**
Items are snapshots of the three Antoft sons, some of which feature them with young friends.
Note: Supplied title based on content of items
- 2/7/10 [House and barns](#). – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm on sheet 28 x 23 cm**
Item is a photograph of the farm where Hugo Antoft's mother grew up, location unidentified.
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
Note: Item is ripped from center-left, across horizontally and into the photograph

2/7/11 [Antoft Farm](#). – [193-]. – 13 photographs : b&w ; 5 x 6 cm or smaller

Items are small format photographs of the Antoft farm, depicting buildings, animals, etc.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/12 [Antoft Farm](#). – [1938?]. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 12 x 9 cm or smaller. – 1 negative

Items are photographs of the Antoft's house, Lakeville, NS. There is little landscaping done and, therefore, the photograph was probably taken ca. 1938, before Asta Antoft began building her gardens around the house.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/13 [Kempt Shore Farm](#). – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 12 x 9 cm

Item is a photograph of Kell Antoft's in-law's (Petersen's) farm at Kempt Shore, NS.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/14 [Kell Antoft](#). – [194?]. – 5 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 6 cm or smaller

Items are photographs of Kell Antoft in various unidentified locations.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/15 [Kell Antoft and friends](#). – [194-]. – 10 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 6.5 cm or smaller. – 2 negatives

Items are photographs of Kell Antoft with various unidentified friends, in various unidentified locations.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/16 [Kell Antoft](#). – [194-]. – 1 photograph : 11 x 16.5 (sight)

Item is a studio photograph of Kell Antoft.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

Note: Photographer = Blank & Stoller Ltd., Montreal, Quebec

2/7/17 [Kell Antoft with group of RCAF men](#). – [1944?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 25.5 x 17.5 cm

Item is a photograph of a group of men wearing the RCAF uniform, standing at attention outside a building at Chatham, NB where Kell Antoft went to navigation school. Kell Antoft is standing in the back row, first on left.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

Note: Some of the men signed the photograph, verso

2/7/18 Kell Antoft with group of RCAF men in front of aircraft. – [1944?]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 13 cm

Item is a photograph of a group of men wearing the RCAF uniform, arranged in front of an airplane at Chatham, NB where Kell Antoft went to navigation school. Kell Antoft is standing in the middle row, second from right. The white flash on their hats denotes aircrew-in-training.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/19 Kell Antoft and RCAF friends. – [194-]. – 5 photographs : b&w ; 8.5 x 6.5 cm

Items are photographs of Kell Antoft and various unidentified friends from the RCAF, in various unidentified locations.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/20 Kell Antoft with 'Porky'. – [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm

Item is a photograph of Kell and his RCAF friend 'Porky' standing 'at ease' in front of an airplane.

Note: Title taken from original envelope

2/7/21 Kell Antoft with Frank, Tommy and Porky. – [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.5 x 5.5 cm

Item is a photograph of Kell and three RCAF buddies in an unidentified location.

Note: Title taken from annotation, verso

Note: Annotation in Danish, verso, states: 'Frank, Tommy, Porky, Kell. Tre af Kammeratune fra sidste sommer'.

2/7/22 Kell Antoft and RCAF friends. – [1944?]. – 3 photographs : b&w ; 8.5 x 6 cm

Items are photographs that Kell enclosed in a letter to his parents, dated 21 May 1945 (see file 1900.182/1/1/3). Two of them depict him with RCAF friends, the other is a snapshot of his quarters.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/23 Kell Antoft and the Goschens. – [194-]. – 3 photographs : b&w ; 8.5 x 6 cm

Items are photographs of General Goschen and his family and their home. The Goschens opened their home to servicemen through the Lady Ryder Officers' Leave Club organization. Both Otto and Kell had

leave there and became friends with the family. The photos were taken during a visit Kell made. See also file 1900.182/4/1/3 for letters sent to Kell by the Goschens.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

Note: Photographs identified, verso, in Kell's handwriting

2/7/24 Kell Antoft at Canterbury Cathedral. – January 1945. – 2

photographs : b&w ; 6 x 8 cm

Items are photographs of Kell Antoft taken during a visit he made to Canterbury Cathedral. He enclosed them in a letter he sent to his parents dated 21 May 1945 (see file 1900.182/1/1/3).

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/25 Kell Antoft with relatives in England. – April 1945. – 3

photographs : b&w ; 6 x 8.5 cm. – 1 negative

While in England Kell visited his Aunt Eva and cousins Yvonne and Sally. Items depict him with them at their home that was located in Southwick, Hants, UK. Includes a negative of a young girl, but a developed photograph of that negative was not found in the fonds. Kell enclosed them in a letter he sent to his parents dated 21 May 1945 (see file 1900.182/1/1/3). Aunt Eva was a daughter of Marius Godskesen and she had married a British naval officer.

Note: Supplied title based on annotations, verso

2/7/26 Kell Antoft at Wintley Bay. – May 1945. – 1 photograph : b&w ;

6 x 8.5 cm

Item is a photograph of Kell Antoft taken during a visit he made to Witney Bay, UK. He enclosed the photograph in a letter to his parents dated 21 May 1945 (see file 1900.182/1/1/3).

Note: Supplied title based on annotation, verso

2/7/27 [Kell Antoft and Asta Antoft](#). – [194-]. – 2 photographs

b&w ; 6.5 x 9 cm. – 1 negative

Items are a photograph of Kell Antoft standing next to his mother in an unidentified location, and another photograph of Asta standing alone in the same location.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/28 Asta Antoft and unidentified group of people. – [194-]. – 4

photographs : b&w ; 11.5 x 8.5 cm

Items are photographs that include Asta. In these photographs she is wearing a military uniform and is standing with two unidentified men.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/29 Asta Antoft and unidentified women and man. – [194-]. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 11.5 x 8.5 cm

Items are photographs of Asta. In these photographs she is wearing a military uniform and is seated in a jeep with an unidentified, uniformed, woman and man.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/30 Otto Antoft. – May 1937. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 5 x 6 cm. – 2 negatives

One item is a photograph of Otto and an unidentified young man and young woman standing beside a car, probably at Kings County Academy, Kentville, NS. The other photograph is of the young woman standing alone in front of the car.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/31 [Otto and Finn Antoft](#). – December 1937. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 12.5 x 10 cm

One item is a photograph of Otto and Finn Antoft standing beside the Antoft's truck. The second photograph is of Otto, Finn and two unidentified young woman employees in the meat operation, standing on the front bumper of the truck. The truck has a sign affixed to its side that appears to be the sign located at file 1900.182/1/3/5.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/32 Otto Antoft. – March 1937. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 12 x 17 cm

Item is a head-and-shoulders photograph of Otto in a knit sweater.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/33 Otto Antoft in uniform. – [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 16 x 10.5 cm

Item is a photograph of Otto at RCAF headquarters, London, UK, looking at a D-Day album with an unidentified, uniformed, man and woman.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

Note: Stamp, verso, states that the photo is number 35931, Canadian Military Photograph

2/7/34 Otto Antoft with group of men and woman. – [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 28 x 18 cm

Item is a photograph of a very large group of men and women,

posed in five rows in an auditorium, and all wearing a ribbon on their chest. Perhaps they were attendees of a conference?? Otto Antoft stands in the fourth row, sixth from the right.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/35 Otto Antoft and a woman with flowers. – [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 20 x 15 cm. – 1 negative

Item is a photograph of Otto Antoft shaking hands with an unidentified woman who has a bouquet of flowers. Two other unidentified women look on. This is the same event as depicted in 1900.182/2/7/36. It is possible that the woman with the flowers is a member of the Danish royal family.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/36 Otto Antoft and a woman with flowers. – [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 20.5 x 15 cm

Item is a photograph of Otto Antoft, seated and looking at a woman holding a bouquet of flowers. She appears to be giving a speech. Three other unidentified persons look on. This is the same event as depicted in 1900.182/2/7/35.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/37 Otto Antoft with a group of men. - [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 20.5 x 15 cm. – 1 negative

Item is a photograph of eight men standing in a row. All are unidentified except Antoft who is standing second from the right. This is probably the same event as depicted in 1900.182/2/7/35 and 36.

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

2/7/38 Grave of Otto Antoft. – [19--]. – 41 photographs : b&w ; 19.5 x 25.5 cm or smaller

Otto Antoft was a navigator in an airplane that was conducting a bombing raid on 21 September 1944. The plane was shot down over Holland and Antoft was killed. Initially buried in a small cemetery in the town of Zetten near the polder where the plane crashed, the Imperial War Graves Commission later re-interred the remains in Osterbeek Cemetery, Arnhem, Holland. The Antofts visited their son's grave as soon as possible after the war and made several trips in later years. The following photographs appear to be snapshots taken during their visits. Few are dated and it is impossible to state which visit they represent. See also associated correspondence at 1900.182/2/1/3.

Note: Supplied title based on content of items

Note: A number of the envelopes contain duplicate photographs

- 2/7/38/1** Grave of Otto Antoft. – [19-]. – 4 photographs : b&w ; 10.5 x 8 or smaller
- 2/7/38/2** Grave of Otto Antoft. – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm
- 2/7/38/3** Grave of Otto Antoft. – 10 July 1949. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5 x 6.5 cm
Note: Annotation, verso, states: “Arnhem, 10/7/1949”.
- 2/7/38/4** Grave of Otto Antoft. – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 10.5 x 7 cm
Note: Stamp, verso, states: “Arnhem Br. Cemetery, Plot IV, Row D, Grave No. 6-7”.
- 2/7/38/5** Grave of Otto Antoft. – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w 9 x 11.5
- 2/7/38/6** Grave of Otto Antoft. – [19-]. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 12 x 9 cm
- 2/7/38/7** Grave of Otto Antoft. – 20 April 1954. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 6.5 cm
Note: Annotation, verso, states: “Arnhem 20/4 1954”.
- 2/7/38/8** Oosterbeek, Airborne Cemetery. – [19-]. – 1 postcard : b&w ; 13.5 x 9 cm
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 2/7/38/9** Oosterbeek Cemetery Monument. – [19]. - 2 photographs : b&w and col. ; 7.5 x 8 cm and 12 x 9 cm
Items are photographs of a monument located in the Oosterbeek Cemetery. Inscription on the monument states: “Their Name Liveth for Evermore”.
- 2/7/38/10** Flagpole at Oosterbeek Cemetery. – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.5 x 11.5 cm

- 2/7/38/11 Oosterbeek Cemetery. – [19-]. – 19 photographs : b&w ; 11.5 x 9 or smaller**
Items are photographs from many angles of graves in the cemetery where Otto Antoft is buried.
- 2/7/38/12 Tombstone, Zetten Holland. – [19-]. – 4 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 11.5 cm or smaller**
Items are photographs of a tombstone in a graveyard in Zetten, Holland. This is the graveyard in which Otto was first buried.
- 2/7/38/13 Grave of Otto H. Antoft. – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 23.5 cm**
- 2/7/38/14 Airborne Cemetery, Oosterbeek. – 24 June 1947. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 15.5 cm**
Item is a photograph of the cemetery and a flagpole that flies the British flag. Annotation, verso, states: Airborne Cemetery, Oosterbeek. Foto: C. J. Nicolai, Zeist, 24 June 47”.
Note: Title transcribed from item
- 2/7/38/15 Interior of Westminster Cathedral, London, England. – 14 June 1945. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 19.5 x 24.5 cm + letter of transmittal**
Item is a photograph of the service conducted in Westminster Cathedral by the Overseas Catholic Chaplains and personnel of the RCAF. The service honoured the ‘beloved dead’ who sacrificed their lives during WWII. Item is accompanied by a letter of transmittal and a service bulletin.
- 2/7/39 Man rowing. – 1939. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 17.5 x 12.5 cm**
Item is a photograph taken by Kell Antoft of an unidentified man rowing a boat in Hyde Park, London, UK. Kell took the photograph on his way back to Canada in 1939.
- 2/7/40 Canadian Military Photographs. – [19-]. – 3 photographs : b&w ; 12 x 12 cm**
Items are ‘official’ Canadian Military photos of army personnel. Stamps, verso, indicate they are from the Public Relations Branch of Canadian Military Headquarters and that

they are photo nos. 33829, 33830, and 33831.

2/7/41 Kirsten at Lake Mississquoi. – June 1950. – 1

photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 11.5 cm

Item is a photograph of Kell Antoft's first wife Kirsten Petersen who is crouched beside a deck chair. Annotation, verso, states: "June 1950, Lake Mississquoi".

2/7/42 War Damaged European Sites. – [19-]. – 13 photographs : b&w ; 11.5 x 8.5 or smaller

Items are snapshots of various war damaged buildings. No locations or dates are given.

2/7/43 Danish Resistance Group. – June 1945. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5 x 6 cm

Item is a photograph of some members of the Danish Resistance group lined up at Deer Park, Copenhagen. Kell was with a RAF crew in a Stirling aircraft that took part in a demonstration of how supplies were delivered to the Danish resistance movement during the war. The photo was taken by Kell in June, 1945.

2/7/44 Deer Park Air Demonstration. – 1945. – 2 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 6.5 and 9 x 6 cm

Items are photographs of an airplane in the air and of a group of men standing next to an airplane. Both were taken during an air demonstration at Deer Park, Copenhagen.

2/7/45 Lancaster Airplane. – [19-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.5 x 6 cm

Item is a photograph of a Lancaster airplane sitting on an airstrip. Location not identified. Inscription, verso, in Danish.

2/7/46 Finn and friends. – [19-]. – 3 photographs : b&w ; 7 x 11.5 and smaller

Two photographs of a former girlfriend of Finn, taken in the Alps, at a resort. Third photograph is of Finn (center) with two unidentified women in an unidentified location.

2/7/47 Airshow at Farnham, Quebec. – [194-]. – 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 6 cm

Item is a snapshot of men on foot, horse and in a truck, watching an airshow at Farnham, Quebec.

**2/7/48 Miscellaneous Negatives. – [19-]. – 4 negatives : b&w ; 6
x 10 or smaller**

Items are unidentified negatives of photographs that do not appear in the fonds. One appears to be of Hugo with an unidentified man; another appears to be Otto, in uniform.

- 3 Otto Hjalmar Antoft sous-fonds. - 1926 - 1944. - 42 cm of textual records. - 102 photographs : b&w ; 24.5 x 19.5 cm or smaller. - 6 artifacts**

Biography

Otto Hjalmar Antoft was born on 21 February 1919 in Denmark, the son of Hugo Antoft and Asta (née Rump) Antoft. When he was eleven years old, the family emigrated to Canada, first to Winnipeg, MB until 1933 and then to Lakeville, Kings County, NS. In Nova Scotia, Otto attended Kentville schools and graduated with honours from Kings County Academy in June 1937, winning the Stevenson Scholarship (\$150) to attend King's College. He graduated from university in 1941 with an honours BA in Public Administration. While a student he was involved with a number of student organizations, including the Canadian Student Assembly. Other interests included co-operatives, labour unions, and youth organizations. During summer breaks from university, he worked as a bellhop at the Digby Pines resort, in Digby, NS. After his undergraduate years, Antoft had intended to complete a Master's degree with a study of the Danish colonial administration of Greenland. The war intervened.³

After graduation Otto worked as secretary and research assistant to the newly elected three man CCF caucus in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly. He served in this position until 1942 when he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He received training in Jarvis and Hagersville, ON and at Chatham and Pennfield Ridge, NB where he trained as a navigator and observer. He was sent overseas in the summer of 1943, and was posted to a number of bases. Antoft was a navigator in one of the Stirling aircraft that for five days were towing gliders and dropping supplies to the Airborne units attempting to secure the Rhine bridge at Arnhem in Holland. On 21 September 1944 his plane was shot down over Holland and Antoft was one of the crew members who was killed. Initially buried in a small cemetery in the town where the plane crashed (Zetten, Valburg municipality), the Imperial War Graves Commission later re-interred the remains of the five airmen in Osterbeek Airborne Cemetery, Arnhem, Holland.

In 1942 the Canadian government had granted Danish citizens serving in the Canadian military the right to add the "Denmark" shoulder patch to their uniforms and Otto did this. Antoft posthumously received a number of Canadian war medals as well as one from the Danish government in recognition of his service as a Dane in Allied war service. See file 1900.182/3/7 for Antoft's medals and insignia.

³ Kell Antoft has the research material that Otto had assembled and had intended to complete the work. Although that intention was not fully realized, Kell made use of the material in a study that he carried out for the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in 1985.

Scope and Content

This sous-fonds consists of five series, as follows:

1. Correspondence
2. Academic records
3. Royal Canadian Air Force records
4. Scrapbook, including photographs
5. Other records
6. Wallet contents
7. Artifacts

3/1 Correspondence. - 1939 - 1944. - 7 cm of textual records

Series consists of letters sent and received by Otto Antoft from his parents, brother Kell, and friends.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

Note: Some of the correspondence is written in Danish

3/1/1 Correspondence from parents. - April 1941 - 1 Aug. 1944. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters written to Otto from his parents, Hugo and Asta Antoft.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: There are no letters written in 1942

3/1/2 Correspondence from brother Kell. - Aug. 1943 - April 1944. - 4 leaves of textual records

File contains letters written to Otto from his brother Kell.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/1/3 Correspondence with Norma Linton. - 1939 - 1943. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains letters from Norma Linton of Canterbury, NB, as well as carbon copies of letters Otto sent to Norma. Norma was Otto's girlfriend. She broke his heart when she unexpectedly married another man during the summer of 1941. Also includes a 'Journal to Norma' written by Antoft when he was in the throes of sorrow.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

Note: There are no letters written in 1942

Note: Norma married and her surname became Springford

3/1/4 Correspondence - General. - 1939 - 1942. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters from a large number of friends and acquaintances, as well as carbon copies of replies from Otto.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/1/5 Correspondence - General. - 1943. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains letters from various friends and acquaintances, as well as carbon copies of replies from Otto. Most letters are social in nature.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/1/6 Correspondence - General. - 1944. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains letters from various friends and acquaintances, as well as carbon copies of replies from Otto. Most letters are social in nature, but some are with organizations such as the Danish Youth in Great Britain, or with editors of newspapers.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/2 Academic records. - 1937 - 1941. - 24 cm of textual records

Series contains records that document Antoft's King's College/Dalhousie University career. Included are papers and essays from various courses he took, examinations, ephemera from social events, and records about the Canadian Student Assembly of which he was a member.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

3/2/1 High School transcripts, etc. - 1937 - 1938. - 6 leaves of textual records

File contains a transcript of Antoft's marks from Luxton School, Winnipeg, MB, and one from the Dalhousie University sessional examinations, 1938, along with a letter from the Registrar. Also includes a copy of the Class of '37 *Class History* that Antoft wrote as his class graduated from the Kings County Academy.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/2/2 Examinations. - 1939; 1941. - 14 leaves of textual records

File contains the Dalhousie University examinations that Antoft wrote in December 1939, December 1941, and April 1941, including History, English, Economics, Political Science, Mathematics, and Latin.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

- 3/2/3 Bibliographies, reading lists, etc. - [1937 - 1941]. - 1 cm of textual records**
File contains handwritten notes, bibliographies, reading lists, and other associated material regarding the courses studied by Antoft.
Note: Title transcribed from original folder
- 3/2/4 Academic ephemera. - 1938 - 1939. - 1 cm of textual records**
File contains dance programs, a theatre program, a poster from a University of New Brunswick vs. King's College debating match, a certificate and program dating from Antoft's installation into the Zeta Psi Fraternity, and other material.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 3/2/5 King's College - Accounting. - 1939. - 2 cm of textual records**
File contains a laboratory manual and Antoft's handwritten notes for this accounting course.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 3/2/6 Dalhousie University - course notes. - 1939. - 0.5 cm of textual records**
File contains handwritten notes taken by Antoft for an unidentified course.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 3/2/7 Dalhousie University - Public Finance, 1940/41. - 1940 - 1941. - 1 cm of textual records**
File contains handwritten notes taken by Antoft for this Economics course.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 3/2/8 Dalhousie University - Money and Banking, 1940/41. - 1940 - 1941. - 0.5 cm of textual records**
File contains handwritten notes taken by Antoft for this Economics course.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file
- 3/2/9 Dalhousie University - Public Administration, 1940/41. - 1940. - 7 leaves of textual records**
File contains handwritten notes taken by Antoft for this course, and includes a course outline.
Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/2/10 Dalhousie University - Political Science, 1940/41. - 1940 - 1941. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains handwritten notes taken by Antoft for this course that focused on Canadian Problems.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/2/11 Dalhousie University - Economic Theory, 1940/41. - 1939 - 1941. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains handwritten notes taken by Antoft for this course. Includes some notes from a similar course he studied in 1939, as well as the exam he wrote December 1939 in Economics 5.

Note: Title transcribed from original folder

3/2/12 Dalhousie University papers. - 1937 - 1943. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains papers written by Antoft and submitted for a variety of courses he was studying, including Political Science, History, Economics, and others. Some have the professor's marks and annotations.

Note: Title transcribed from original folder

3/2/13 Dalhousie University papers. - [1938 - 1941]. - 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains undated papers written by Antoft and submitted for a variety of courses he was studying, as well as miscellaneous notes.

Note: Title transcribed from original folder

3/2/14 Dalhousie University - other papers. - [1938 - 1941]. - 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains rough notes and a number of handwritten drafts of papers. Many are untitled, most are incomplete, and two were written by other students.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/2/15 Canadian Student Assembly. - 1938 - 1940. - 9 cm of textual records

Files contain correspondence, minutes, notices, newsletters, news clippings and other material related to this organization. Antoft was the Chair of the Dalhousie University branch. In Dec. 1940 the annual National Conference of Canadian University Students was held at Macdonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Quebec, under the auspices of the CSA. The conference proved controversial and caused a media sensation when the students were accused of

holding anti-British, anti-war, communist and even pro-fascist sympathies.

Note: Titles transcribed from folders

3/2/15/1 CSA - Correspondence. - 1940. - 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters between Antoft and others involved with the CSA 1940 controversy.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

3/2/15/2 CSA - Other material. - 1939 - 1940. - 3 cm of textual records

File contains correspondence, minutes, notices, newsletters, news clippings and other material related to this organization.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

3/2/15/3 CSA - Scrapbook. - 1940. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains loose news clippings and a scrapbook apparently compiled by Antoft, in which is pasted clippings from various newspapers about the Conference controversy.

Note: Supplied title based on format of item

3/2/15/4 CSA - Printed material. - [1938 - 1940]. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains pamphlets, booklets, questionnaires, a copy of *The Canadian Student*, Feb. 1938, conference programs, 1939, and other material.

Note: Supplied title based on format of item

3/3 Royal Canadian Air Force records. - 1942 - 1944. - 6 cm of textual records

Series contains records that document some aspects of Antoft's career with the Royal Canadian Air Force, including his flight log book, course assignments, an aircraft recognition manual and other material.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

3/3/1 RCAF Flying Log Book. - Oct. 1942 - Aug. 1944. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a bound volume in which Antoft recorded all flights he made during his training courses in Canada (Oct. 1942 - Aug. 1943), as well as training runs and real operations from England (Aug. 1943 until his death in Sept. 1944).

Note: Title transcribed from item

3/3/2 RCAF Course Assignments. - 1943. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains forms filled out by Antoft that recorded navigational data for test flights he made during one of his Canadian courses. Some forms bear the corrections of his instructor and the mark given.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

3/3/3 RCAF Aircraft Recognition Course. - [194-]. - 1.5 cm of textual records

File contains a 'scrapbook' in which is pasted images of airplanes. This manual was apparently used for instructing about how to recognize aircrafts in the air.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: Pages removed from deteriorating covers for preservation purposes

3/3/4 RCAF Miscellaneous. - 1942 - 1943. - 5 leaves of textual records

File contains a program from the dinner held during Antoft's graduation from Course 64, Chatham, NB, March 1943; a letter regarding Antoft's application for enlistment as an Observer; a printed list of all Zeta Psi Fraternity members in the armed services of Canada and the USA; a five franc French note; and a driver's licence issued by the Leicestershire County Council, March 1944.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

- 3/4 Scrapbook. - 1937 - 1944. - 0.5 cm of textual records. - 102 photographs : b&w ; 24.5 x 19.5 cm or smaller**
Item is a scrapbook compiled by Antoft that contains newspaper clippings about himself and photographs of himself, his friends, and his airforce buddies. A number of the photographs were labeled by Antoft.
Note: Supplied title based on format of item
Note: Scrapbook was in fragile condition and therefore disassembled, with clippings photocopied for preservation purposes, and photographs placed in acid-neutral envelopes, with labels transcribed exactly.
- 3/4/1 Scrapbook - clippings. - 1937 - 1941. - 0.5 cm of textual records**
File contains photocopies of the clippings Antoft had glued into a scrapbook. The clippings document Antoft's winning of scholarships and prizes, his academic standing, and his graduation from Dalhousie University.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file
- 3/4/2 Scrapbook - photographs. - 1928 - 1942. - 102 photographs : b&w ; 24.5 x 19.5 cm or smaller**
File contains photographs of Antoft at various stages in his life, but also includes photographs of his friends and air force buddies.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file
- 3/4/2/1 Finn, Kell, Otto, at Rorvig, Summer 1928. - 1928. - 1 photograph**
Photograph taken in Rorvig, Denmark, before the family emigrated to Canada.
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/2 Lutheran Danish Sunday School, Summer '31 or '32. - [193-]. - 1 photograph**
Photograph probably taken in Winnipeg, MB.
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/3 Otto Antoft. - 1934. - 1 photograph**
Note: Supplied title based on content of item
Note: Date taken from photographer's stamp, verso: "Reid Studio, 2 August 1934"
- 3/4/2/4 Picture for '36 yearbook! KCA. - 1936. - 1**

- photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: KCA = Kings County Academy
- 3/4/2/5** **Kell in Danish folk costume, Festival '37. - 1937. - 1 photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: Festival = Apple Blossom Festival, Kentville, NS
Note: There is an annotation, verso, in Danish
- 3/4/2/6** **KCA '37. - 1937. - 2 photographs. – 1 negative**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: KCA = Kings County Academy
- 3/4/2/7** **Otto, Summer '37, home. - 1937. - 2 photographs. – 1 negative**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/8** **[Dana Poultry Farm, Summer '37.](#) - 1937. - 1 photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/9** **A fishing trip in May (skipped 3 periods), 1937 with Margaret and Mildred. - May 1937. - 8 photographs. – 3 negatives**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: Original labels for individual photos transcribed, verso, by archivist
- 3/4/2/10** **Fishing trip during German period, May '37. - 1937. - 2 photographs**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/11** **Who? (Mental case?) School, May '37. - May 1937. - 1 photograph**
Photo of Otto Antoft.
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/12** **Otto & Auto, June '37. - June 1937. - 1 photograph. – 1 negative**

- Photo of Otto Antoft in an automobile
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/13** **Snaps from '37 season at Pines, Digby. - 1937. - 9 photographs. – 3 negatives**
Antoft worked at Digby Pines, a resort in Digby, NS during the summers of 1937, 1938 and 1939. Photographs of Otto and various friends and guests.
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: Original labels for individual photos transcribed, verso, by archivist
- 3/4/2/14** **Season '37. - 1937. - 2 photographs**
Photographs of Otto Antoft at Digby Pines, Digby, NS
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: Original labels for individual photos transcribed, verso, by archivist
- 3/4/2/15** **Initiation of the Freshmen, King's, Oct. 1937. - Oct. 1937. - 1 photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: King's = King's College, Halifax, NS
- 3/4/2/16** **Finn, Asta and Otto, Winter '38. - 1938. - 1 photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/17** **King's, Feb 1938. - Feb. 1938. - 2 photographs**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: King's = King's College, Halifax, NS
- 3/4/2/18** **Picture for Passport, March '38. - March 1938. - 1 photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/19** **Freshman Class of '41, April 1938. - April 1938. - 1 photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/20** **Kell at Pines '38. - 1938. - 1 photograph**

- Note:** Title transcribed from scrapbook
Note: Pines = Digby Pines, Digby, NS
- 3/4/2/21** **The Mad Bellhop, Digby, '38. - 1938. - 1 photograph**
Photograph of "Harry Junior, Al Streater, Hugh Krenson, Tedda Saunders".
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/22** **Digby Pines, Digby, NS. - [1938]. - 9 photographs**
Unlabelled photographs of Otto, his co-workers and the swimming pool at the resort.
Note: Supplied title based on content of items
- 3/4/2/23** **Summer '38, Pines, Cottage #27. - 1938. - 5 photographs**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/24** **Pines '39. - 1939. - 6 photographs**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/25** **Montreal, May 1942. MA Thesis in briefcase. - May 1942. - 1 photograph**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/26** **#3 H Depot, Hagersville, ON, 21 Apr. - 3 June 1942. - 1942. - 4 photographs**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/27** **Summer 1942, Kingsport and Lakeville. Sally, Mrs. Cox, Hank, Otto. - 1942. - 5 photographs. – 1 negative**
Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook
- 3/4/2/28** **Summer 1942, Kingsport and Lakeville. - 1942. - 2 photographs**
Note: Supplied title based on content of items
- 3/4/2/29** **#1 B&G, Jarvis, 8 Oct - Nov 22. - [1942]. - 5 photographs. – 2 negatives**
Several photographs are of Otto Antoft sitting in the cockpit of an airplane. One photograph is

of a group of men in front of a building at Jarvis, ON. Otto is standing in the back row, second from the right.

Note: Title transcribed from scrapbook

3/4/2/30 Otto with his father Hugo. - [194-]. - 1 photograph

Note: Supplied title based on content of item

3/4/2/31 Otto and Kell Antoft with their parents Asta and Hugo [in Lakeville?]. - [194-]. - 3 photographs

Note: Supplied title based on content of items

3/4/2/32 Otto and Air Force Buddies, in England. - [1943?]. - 22 photographs. – 1 negative

Note: Supplied title based on content of items

3/4/2/33 Otto and Air Force Buddies. - [194-]. - 7 photographs

Note: Supplied title based on content of items

Note: Original labels for individual photos transcribed, verso, by archivist

3/5 Other Records. - 1936 - 1944. - 5 cm of textual records

Series contains unrelated records of a miscellaneous nature.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of series

3/5/1 Poetry. - 1939 - 1943. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains handwritten and typewritten poems. Although not signed, the handwriting looks like that of Otto Antoft.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

3/5/2 Youth Organizations. - 1942 - 1944. - 2.5 cm of textual records

File contains booklets, pamphlets, newsletters, etc. about youth organizations based in a number of countries, including the Labour Youth Federation of Canada, World Youth, International Youth Council in Britain, The Free German Youth in Great Britain, and others.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

3/5/3 Miscellaneous Printed Material. - 1936 - 1944. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains newsletters, flyers, reports and other unrelated material, grouped here for convenience purposes.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

3/5/4 Miscellaneous invoices and receipts. - 1940 - 1942. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains invoices and receipts, but also scraps of notes, a summons from the Halifax Police Department, lists of books, and other unrelated material.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

3/5/5 Reference Files. – 1943 – 1944. – 14 cm of textual records

Files contains newspaper clippings on subjects of interest to Antoft.

Note: Titles transcribed from original folders unless otherwise indicated

3/5/5/1 Reference File - AMGOT. - 1943. - 4 leaves of textual records

File contains newspaper clippings about this organization which was established by the British and the Americans after they recaptured and occupied Italy. A military body, its purpose was to administer the country until the war was over.

3/5/5/2 Reference File - China. - 1943. - 9 leaves of textual records

File contains newspaper clippings about China's position/role in the war.

3/5/5/3 Reference File - Denmark. - 1943. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains various Danish publications, such as *Frit Danmark*, a Danish weekly published in London, England; *Meddelelse fra Kurer*, the official organ of the Danish Seamen's Union; and circular letters from the Danish Council in London. Also contains clippings and booklets about Denmark.

- 3/5/5/4 Reference File - Economics. - 1943. - 7 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Nation* and *The Tribune* about various aspects of this subject.
- 3/5/5/5 Reference File - England, General. - 1943. - 21 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Economist* and *The Tribune* about various aspects of England and the war.
- 3/5/5/6 Reference File - England, Coal Mines. - 1943. - 7 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Economist* and *The Tribune* about this topic.
- 3/5/5/7 Reference File - England, Labour Party. - 1943. - 4 leaves of textual records.**
File contains news clippings from *The Tribune* about this topic.
- 5/5/5/8 Reference File - European Countries, Eire, Spain, Poland, Austria. - 1943. - 6 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Tribune* and *The Nation* and booklets about these countries and their interest/role in the war.
- 3/5/5/9 Reference File - France. - 1943. - 9 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Nation* and one booklet, about France and its role in the war.
- 3/5/5/10 Reference File - Italy. - 1943. - 17 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Nation*, *The Tribune* and *The Economist* about Italy and the war.
- 3/5/5/11 Reference File - Mexico, Latin America, Middle East, South Africa. - 1943. - 13 leaves**

- of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Nation*, *The Tribune* and *The Economist* about the above countries and the war.
- 3/5/5/12 Reference File - Miscellaneous Book Reviews. - 1943. - 16 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings of book reviews and suggested readings.
- 3/5/5/13 Reference File - Russia. - 1943. - 4 leaves of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Nation* and *The Economist* about Russia and the war.
- 3/5/5/14 Reference File - USA, State Department and labour. - 1943. - 0.5 cm of textual records**
File contains news clippings from *The Nation* and *The Tribune* about the United States and the war.
- 3/5/5/15 Reference File - The War, *Behind Enemy Lines*, etc. - 1943. - 0.5 cm of textual records**
File contains news clippings about various aspects of the war, as well as clippings from *The Nation* containing a column entitled *Behind Enemy Lines*, written by 'Argus'.
- 3/5/5/16 Reference File - Miscellaneous print material. - 1942 - 1944. - 2.5 cm of textual records**
File contains various publications, many of which are about youth movements and labour unions.
- 3/5/5/17 Reference File - Miscellaneous print material. - 1942 - 1944. - 2 cm of textual records**
File contains various newspapers and newsletters such as *The New Republic*, *Labor News*, *The Nation*, *Student News*, and *The Canadian Tribune*

3/5/5/18 Reference File - Miscellaneous news clippings. - 1942 - 1943. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains news clippings from various English-language newspapers on various topics, some war-related, but some about Canadian agriculture..

3/6 Wallet contents. - 1940 - 1944. - 12 leaves of textual records. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 8.5 x 6 cm or smaller

File contains the contents of a leather wallet that belonged to Antoft. The papers include a Nova Scotia driver's licence, Voter Registration card, various membership cards, a vaccination card and several bus tickets. Also includes two photographs, one of Otto with an unidentified young woman and another of an unidentified Air Force buddy.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of item

Note: Wallet covered in mildew and thus discarded

3/7 Artifacts. - 3 leaves of textual records. - 6 military medals. - insignia from Air Force uniform

Items include 6 medals received by Antoft for his participation in the Air Force, World War II. They are: the Air Crew Europe Star, the Defence Medal, the War Medal, 1939 - 1945, the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal and one bar, and the 1939-1945 Star. One medal was awarded by Denmark and is inscribed, verso: For Daltagelse I Allieret Krigstjeneste, 1940 - 1945. Two of the medals have accompanying transmittal sheets. Also includes insignia that appear to have been removed from Antoft's uniform, and a pamphlet entitled *Information Regarding Mounting and Wearing of Decorations, Campaign Stars and Medals*

Note: Supplied title based on format of items

4 Kell Antoft sous-fonds. - 1938 - 1985 [predominant 1938 - 1948]. - 20 cm of textual records**Biography**

Kell Antoft was born 24 July 1923 in Roskilde, Denmark, the third son of Hugo and Asta (née Rump) Antoft. In March 1930, Asta and her three sons left Denmark and from Hamburg, Germany, set sail for Canada and, after arriving in Quebec City in early April, traveled by train to Winnipeg, MB to join up with Hugo who had traveled to Canada earlier.

Kell and his brothers were sent to Luxton School , where Kell completed the first three grades by June 1932. Kell and his brothers spent that summer with a Danish family on a farm while their parents visited Nova Scotia in preparation for the family's move to Lakeville, Kings Co., NS early in 1933.

Kell attended elementary school at the Brooklyn Street (Kings County) rural one-room schoolhouse and then Kings County Academy in Kentville, NS. After completing grade eleven, he interrupted his schooling for a year, signing on as cabin boy on a Danish steamer loading apples in Port Williams. He arrived back in Nova Scotia in May 1939, completed grade twelve in 1940 and enrolled at Dalhousie University in 1941. In the spring of 1943, he interrupted his studies and enlisted in the RCAF. In 1944 he was posted to the U.K. for training as a Radar Navigator in night fighters. At the end of the war, he returned to Canada, and served a further nine months on the RCAF trans-Atlantic service out of Rockcliffe in Ottawa. After return to civilian life, he served in RCAF Auxiliary Unit 2401 for four years and was promoted to F/L. Antoft received the Defence Medal, the Voluntary Service Medal with Overseas Bar, the Victory Medal, and the Chr. X Medal (Danish) for his participation in World War II.

On retirement from the RCAF in 1946, Kell and his brother Finn organized Viking Air Service Ltd. in Montreal. The company initially was formed to sell and ferry aircraft from Canada to various clients in Europe. In 1947 Viking Air became the agent for Canadair Limited in the sale of spare parts for the C47 aircraft. This was the military transport aircraft that, in conversion to civilian use, became the basic passenger aircraft used in the western world for the next decade or more. When Canadair in Cartierville, PQ was sold to General Dynamics of the United States, the plant ceased its activities in civil aviation and converted to the production of military aircraft. The Antoft brothers had no interest in military aviation, so they sold the company.

In 1951, Kell organized Nordic Biochemicals Ltd., a pharmaceutical manufacturing company, in which he served as President until selling his interest in 1966. This career break allowed him to return to Dalhousie University and he received a BA in

1967. He then was appointed Assistant Executive Director of the National Cancer Institute of Canada and of the Canadian Cancer Society. In 1969 he accepted an appointment at Dalhousie University as Assistant Director of the Institute of Public Affairs. He was appointed Director in 1976 upon the retirement of Guy Henson. During his employment by IPA, Kell studied part-time and received an MA (Political Science, Public Administration) in 1977. He completed his full time service at Dalhousie University as a Professor in the School of Public Administration and as a Research Professor in Henson College in 1990, and continues as a part time Adjunct Professor up to the present (2003).

Over the years, Antoft served as a volunteer and as a Board member in a number organizations, activities that merited him induction into the Nova Scotia Sports Hall of Fame as a builder in 2000, and as a Member of the Order of Canada in 2001. He was appointed as a member of the Council of the Order of Nova Scotia on its establishment in 2002.

Kell married Kirsten Hersom Petersen in 1949. They had six children, of whom two boys died in infancy. The surviving children include Asta Ellen, Susan Kirsten, Nicholas Kevin and Timothy Steven. The couple divorced in 1978 and Kell married Mary Lou Courtney in 1980. Kell Antoft died on 8 January 2005 at Halifax, NS.

Scope and Content

The sous-fonds consists of two series, as follows:

1. Correspondence
2. Dalhousie University records

as well as other files.

4/1 Correspondence. - 1942 - 1948. - 0.5 cm of textual records

Series consists of letters received by Kell from his parents while he was overseas.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series,

4/1/1 Correspondence. - 1942 - August 1943. - 4 leaves of textual records

File contains two letters written by Otto Antoft, Kell's oldest brother.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: One of the letters is written in Danish

4/1/2 Correspondence. - July 1943 - February 1948. - 9 leaves of textual records

File contains nine letters written by Hugo and Asta Antoft, Kell's parents.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

Note: The letters are written in Danish

4/1/3 Correspondence. - January 1944 - May 1945. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains letters from friends as well as some carbon copies of letters he sent to his friends. Includes an undated letter from Jack Thomas who was rear gunner in the plane that crashed, killing Kell's brother Otto. Jack described the events of that day in response to an enquiry from Kell.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

4/2 Dalhousie University Records. - 1940 - 1943. - 3 cm of textual records

Series contains draft papers for courses.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

Note: The reference files have been tentatively attributed to Kell, but may in fact have been compiled by his brother Otto while stationed in England.

4/2/1 Course papers. - [1942]. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains drafts of a paper[s?] written for an unidentified course at Dalhousie University. The subject relates to agriculture in Canada.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

4/2/2 [Agriculture in Nova Scotia](#). - [1942]. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains drafts of a paper entitled Agriculture in Nova Scotia, apparently written for an unidentified course at Dalhousie University.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

4/2/3 Reference File - Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board. - 1940. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains mimeographed circulars, memos, blank agreements, etc. of this Board that was formed in 1940 under the authority of the War Measures Act as a food conservation measure, to assist in the marketing and processing of surplus apples in Nova Scotia. Kell may have collected this material to use in a course assignment.

File includes an unsigned copy of an agreement between the Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board Ltd and the Ministry of Agriculture re: terms of [agreement with Nova Scotia apple producers during WW2](#)

under the War Measures Act, a final report and financial statement for 1939-1940 (Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board Ltd.), [articles of Association](#) (Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board, Ltd.), [memo to sub-agents Re: competitive packaging](#) (Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board Ltd.), [a memo to sub-agents re: trucking rates](#) (Nova Scotia Apple Marketing Board Ltd.), a memo to sub-agents re: [disposition of apples affected by frost](#), a memo to sub-agents re: [prices fixed for hampers, boxes](#), etc, a memo to sub-agents re: [varieties, grades and sizes for sale in Canada, Newfoundland & British West Indies](#), a memo to sub-agents re: [varieties released for sale in Nova Scotia](#), a memo sub-agents re: [varieties, grades and sizes released for sale quotation and shipment](#), a memo to re: [varieties, grades and sizes released for sale in Canada and export](#), a memo to sub-agents re: [the responsibility for prices & regulations of apples](#) supplied to Canada, Newfoundland & British West Indies, memo to sub-agents re: [resolutions rescinded & amended by directors of the NSAMB](#), a memo to sub-agents re: [frosted apples](#), an [apple price, size and variety list](#)

Note: Title transcribed from folder

4/3 Royal Canadian Air Force ephemera. - 1941-1944. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains the program from Kell Antoft's graduation dinner, May 1944 and from the graduation ceremony, June 1944. Also contains two RCAF instruction manuals - one about morse code and the other about armaments.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/4 Miscellaneous papers. - 1938 - 1985 [predominant 1938 - 1943]. - 8 leaves of textual records

File contains documentation regarding a trip Kell made to Denmark in 1938, in which he served as a cabin boy on a ship on the trip over, then returned as a passenger; a union dues card for the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of Canada, Local No. 1, Halifax, NS, 1942; and a copy of the speech he made to the Federation of Danish Associations in Canada, June 1985, in which he encouraged Danish Canadian organizations and persons to deposit their records with Canadian archival institutions.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/5 Newspaper clippings about Kell Antoft. - 1939 and 1985. - 2 sheets of textual records

File contains two clippings. The first reports that Kell Antoft, age 15 years,

was in sole charge of the Youth Hostel Association of Nova Scotia after spearheading the drive to establish the first hostels in the province. The second, written in Danish, was published in *Politiken*, a newspaper in Copenhagen, Denmark, and is about anti-nuclear weapons (see letter from Kell's wife Mary Lou to mother Asta, in file 1900.182/2/1/3, dated 23 January 1985).

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

4/6 Eulogy to O. H. Antoft. - [1955]. - 4 leaves of textual records

File contains a halograph draft and a typed version of the eulogy that Kell Antoft delivered at the time of his father's death, 1955.

Note: Supplied title based on contents of file

5 Andresen family sous-fonds. - 1824 - 1919. - 11 cm of textual records**Biography**

Attending the Military College in Denmark in the mid to late 1910s were three young men who were all named O. H. Andresen. Due to their identical rank, initials and surnames, their identities frequently were mixed up with each other. Since the vagaries of the Danish naming system had caused similarly confusing circumstances with other surnames, beginning in the mid-nineteenth century the Danish government had made provisions to allow Danes to adopt new surnames from a list of suitable choices.⁴ The three O. H. Andresen cadets at the Military College agreed that two of them should take advantage of this law. One young man decided to adopt the name of Antoft, after the village of An, located in the south of Jutland. Thus, these records are those of Otto Hugo Antoft (formerly Andresen). His father was Hjalmar Madsenius Olsen Andresen and his mother was Laura Andresen, née Ottosen. HMO Andresen was born on 8 September 1850 in Copenhagen. He joined the army in 1864 and was a career army officer. He died from tuberculosis ca 1901.

Scope and Content

All the records are written in Danish. Because of the archivist's inability to translate them, the records have not been placed into series; indeed, any file titles are, at best, guesses.

5/1 Certificates. - 1824 - 1919. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains various certificates that appear to record baptisms, births, marriages, inoculations, school marks and military involvement of several generations of Andresens.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

5/2 Maps. - 1861 - 1911. - 5 maps

⁴ Kell Antoft's explanation of the Danish naming convention, written March 2003: The traditional practice prior to the twentieth century among rural people was for sons to receive a Christian name, such as 'Hans', 'Peter', or 'Jens', and then an 'efternavn (aftername or surname) made up of the father's Christian name with the attachment of 'sen'. Thus a son of Hans would have the surname 'Hansen', Peter's son would be a 'Petersen' and so on. In the towns and cities, the middle and upper classes had long since opted for family names that remained constant from generation to generation. The government decided that the same system of family surnames should be imposed on the peasants, but ran into a lot of resistance, and the use of the 'sen' system died out only slowly. But when it was finally established, there was a huge number of families with surnames that ended in 'sen', even though the thousands of Hansens and Petersens were generally totally unrelated. The problem became increasingly acute as urbanization increased, with the need for more manageable ways of keeping track of families. For a while the names were appended by the individual's occupation. Thus, a Hans Petersen might be listed in the telephone books as 'Petersen, Hans – Carpenter' to distinguish him from 'Petersen, Hans – Schoolteacher'. Because nearly a third of the total population of Denmark had one of only ten surnames, such as Jensen, Petersen, Hansen, etc., the government undertook a campaign to induce more people to adopt a distinctive surname. This is how my dad came to select the name Antoft when he and his fellow cadets were encouraged to adopt distinctive surnames.

File contains published maps of Roskilde, Frederiksborg, and Frederikssund, all in Denmark. Each map has H. Andresen's signature on the outside cover.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file

5/3 Hjalmar Madsenius Olsen Andresen books. - 1864 - 1898. - 4 v of textual records

File contains four books that belonged to Hjalmar Madsenius Olsen Andresen and that relate to his military career. The first is an account book (afregnings-bog), 1864 – 1866, in which is recorded information about his enlistment; the second is a punishment book (straffebog), 1866 – 1869, that records the minor infractions he committed; the third is an exercise book, ca 1870, in which he recorded answers to math questions; and the final book is a diary or daybook, 1898, where Andresen recorded the military duties he performed, travel completed, sick days, and information about the weather.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file

5/4 Hjalmar Madsenius Olsen Andresen records. - [18-]. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains a variety of records, all written in Danish, that are grouped together here because they all exhibit the distinctive handwriting of HMO Andresen.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file

5/5 Dagbog = Diary. - 1910 - 1911. - 2 v of textual records

File contains two diaries, one for 1910/11 and one for 1911. Both are written in Danish. Label on covers state they belong to 'Kornetelev O. H. Andresen'.
Note: Title transcribed from items

5/6 Examinations. - 1910 - 1917. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains what appears to be either examinations or class assignments for Andresen/Antoft when he was a student at the Danish Military College at Copenhagen. The handwriting varies and it is possible that some of the assignments were completed by others.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file

5/7 Examinations. - 1913 - 1915. - 1 cm of textual records

File contains what appears to be either examinations or class assignments for Andresen/Antoft when he was a student at the Danish Military College at Copenhagen. A list of students in the 1913 class indicates that Andresen was a senior cadet (Kornet) at the time. Also includes several 'textbooks'.
Note: Supplied title based on content of file

5/8 Miscellaneous items. - [18-] - [19-]. - 0.5 cm of textual records

File contains several unrelated items. Includes a publication entitled *Kortfattet Danit Sproglaere* and inscribed with the name of Otto Hugo Andresen's mother, Laura Ottesen. This is a teaching manual for beginner's Danish grammar and composition; a number of blank forms that are military in nature and on which one would record transportation and billeting information; a postcard, ca 1911, with a photograph of Hugo Andresen/Antoft (standing), dressed in his military uniform and standing with four unidentified comrades. The postcard is addressed to his mother (Laura); and two postcards dated 1892, written in Danish, and probably addressed to the Andresen family from an acquaintance.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6 Other Records. - 1931 - 1951. - 10 cm of textual records

Series contains various records and reference material that cannot be attributed to a specific member of the Antoft family.

Note: Supplied title based on content of series

6/1 Scrapbook, Ottawa. - [193-]. - 1 v of textual records

File contains an exercise book in which is pasted undated news clippings about events in Ottawa. The compiler of this scrapbook is not identified.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6/2 [Finn Antoft]. - 1951. - 9 leaves of textual records

File contains a typed letter addressed to Finn Antoft, Zurich, to which is attached eight handwritten pages. All are written in Danish.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6/3 Postcards. - [19-]. - 12 postcards : b&w

File contains 12 postcards, not written upon. All are of Canterbury, England.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6/4 Newspaper Clippings. - 1931. - 9 leaves of textual records

File contains some clippings, in both English and Danish.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6/5 Diary/Address Book. - 1939. - 1 v of textual records

File contains a tiny book in which there is writing in Danish. File includes unrelated sheets of addresses.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6/6 Miscellaneous publications. - 1942 - 1948. - 4 v of textual records

File contains a journal titled *Dansk udsyn*, 1943; a booklet containing Yugoslavian songs, 1942; and two copies of the *Danish Outlook*, 1948

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6/7 Newspapers. - 1931; 1946. - 2 cm of textual records

File contains odd copies of several newspapers: *The Soviet Power*, undated; *Roskilde Dagblad*, Aug. 1946; *Holbaek Amtstidende*, Aug. 1946; and *Manitoba Free Press*; July and August 1931.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

6/8 *Danske Herold* = *Danish herald of Canada*. - 1937 - 1940. - 14 v of textual records

The *Danske Herold* was a Danish-language newspaper, with the eastern version published in Kentville, NS and the western version published in Winnipeg, MB. File contains copies from both Kentville and Winnipeg. There is not a complete run for the dates indicated.

Note: Title transcribed from items

Note: Additional issues of the *Danske Herold* were donated by Kell to the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in the 1980s.

6/9 Cartoon clippings. – 1944 – 1945. – 1 cm of textual records

File contains clippings of cartoons from unidentified newspapers. Most of them are about politics and war. The predominant cartoonist is [?] Low.

Note: Supplied title based on content of file

APPENDIX

BIOGRAPHY OF FINN ANTOFT

Written by Kell Antoft, March 2003

Finn Antoft was born at Fredericksburg, Denmark on 12 February 1921. After the family's emigration to Canada, he attended schools in Winnipeg and then Kentville, NS. After completing Grade 10 at Kings County Academy, in 1937 he traveled to Halifax and signed on as a cabin boy on a tanker operated by Imperial Oil. Early in 1938 when the ship called at ports in Europe, he made his way to Denmark to enroll in the School of Marine Engineering at Elsinore.

When the Germans occupied Denmark on 9 April 1940, Finn found himself unable to return to Canada. He continued his studies at Elsinore and was able to survive financially because his father Hugo Antoft had arranged to have his military pension paid over to this son. Finn joined the Danish Resistance Movement and became responsible for the organization of transportation required for the underground activities. At one point he escaped after being detained by the Gestapo, and made his way to Sweden. He returned to Denmark clandestinely and enrolled in the School of Business at the University of Copenhagen, completing a degree in Business Administration. After the war, he returned to Canada and was naturalized as a Canadian citizen in 1946.

In that year, Finn joined his brother Kell in organizing Viking Air Service Limited in Montreal and took on the job of European representative of the firm. When the brothers sold this company in 1951, Finn, who had long been interested in industrial, especially marine, photography, took up that profession and became a highly successful industrial and commercial photographer with an international clientele.

Finn married Lisbeth Hansen, a Dane. They were married in Denmark in 1963 and had two daughters, Marie Louise and Christine. The family lived in the Arlberg region of Austria. Finn died on 14 April 1990 and his ashes were buried in St. Anton am Arlberg.