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ACADIA UNIVERSITY

SHERMAN AND NANCY BLEAKNEY FONDS
Accessions 2011.006-BLE, 1990.005-BLE



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Sherman and Nancy Bleakney fonds. – [textual records, graphic materials]. – 1908-1914, 1947-2011. – less than 1 cm of textual records. – 50 photographs : b&w

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1. Personal papers. – 1947-2011. – 8 folders of textual records

Series contains documents relating to Acadia University, especially to Sherman and Nancy's time as students.

Note:

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File list included

File List:

- 2011.006-BLE/1 invitation to commencement exercises, Acadia University (1949)
- 2011.006-BLE/2 letters of appointment (1947-1949) to Nancy Tyler for appointments of Laboratory Assistant at Acadia University
- 2011.006-BLE/3 outline of privileges and regulations for women students [194-?]
- 2011.006-BLE/4 Easter parade dance bid card (1950) Acadia University dance
- 2011.006-BLE/5 letter from Mary Manzen (1954) letter traces activities of fellow classmates from Acadia, written by Mary Manzen Acadia Class of 1950
- 2011.006-BLE/6 Class of 1949 - list of deceased (1988)
- 2011.006-BLE/7 clippings (1947-2011) includes aerial image of Acadia, newspaper articles regarding Wolfville residents, local events, and fellow graduates
- 2011.006-BLE/8 photograph identification sheets (2011) scans of images printed and marked on by Sherman Bleakney with individuals identified. Images included are 2011.006-BLE/10, 13, 14, 15, 17, 42, 47

2. Photographs. – 1947-1950, 2011. – 50 photographs

Series contains photographs from Sherman and Nancy's time at Acadia University and Sherman's taxidermy projects.

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- 2011.006-BLE/9 Arrival at Wolfville. - 1947. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5cm. - Photograph shows students standing on a train platform with luggage. Train is visible in the background with more people seated in the windows. - The reverse of the photograph has been written on in ink and pencil: "Arrival at Wolfville. Sept 1947 / Shirley Scurr, Nancy Tyler, Betty Parsons / George Todd background/ Boy with bags / 'spitalhouse' / son of Port Arthure / doctor. / Train from Digby"
- 2011.006-BLE/10 Initiation. - 1947. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5xm. - Photograph shows students gathered in Convocation Hall, University Hall, Acadia University. 14 students are standing up in the middle of the photograph. The rest are seated. Many of the

students have paint on their faces and are covered in flour. - The reverse of the photograph has been written on in ink: "Standing from left in row standing up / 1. Frances Collins - St. John. N.B. / 2. Berdice Dimock / 3. Jean Mack - Toronto / 4. Joan Whitman - Kentville N.S. / 5. me getting painted - Nancy Tyler / 6. Shirley Scurr - Moncton NB / 7. not a Maplewood-ite / 8. Grace Cochran - St. John NB / 9. Betty [Rawson] / 10. Pat Reynolds - St. John NB / 11. Shirley Ellis - St. John NB / 12. Sally Schurman - / 13. Grinning face in front of Ally - Ann Woodward Kentville N.S. / Initiation 1947 Sept. / JSB 2011". - See file 2011.006-BLE/8 for further information

2011.006-BLE/11 Initiation. - 1947. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5cm. - Photographs shows a male student walking on his hands and knees with a female student on his back. The male student is wearing pyjamas and a crown which says "FROSH". Another couple is visible behind them. Men wearing trench coats are surrounding them. - The reverse of the photograph has been written on in ink and pencil: "Wallace McCain / Acadia Univ - in U-Hall / Initiation 1947"

2011.006-BLE/12 Muriel Roscoe receiving her honorary degree. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5xm. - Photograph shows Dr. Watson Kirkconnell shaking hands with Dr. Muriel Roscoe. Dr. Kirkconnell is standing in front of a podium and microphones. Another professor is standing behind Dr. Roscoe. Additional people are seated behind the three standing figures. - The reverse of the photograph has been written on in ink and pencil: "at Inauguration of Pres. W. Kirkconnell / Oct 22 /-48 / Kirkconnell - M. Roscoe - Chet Small / Miss Roscoe / receiving her honorary degree / Prof. Small standing / behind her. / Guess who is in front! / Isn't he a niminy / piminy? / He looks like someone in a / cartoon."

2011.006-BLE/13 Dr. Kirkconnell's inauguration. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5xm. - Photograph shows Dr. Watson Kirkconnell and Dr. Elliott standing in front of a podium and microphones on the stage in University Hall. Several rows of people are seated on the stage behind them. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Oct 22, 1948 / Actually, there were 5 rows of / guests on the stage - only the first / one and a bit shown in the picture / This is the point where / he'd just received his / presidency. / (we weren't in a dance picture / after all." - See file 2011.006-BLE/8 for further information and identification

2011.006-BLE/14 Dr. Kirkconnell's inauguration. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5xm. - Photograph shows a man standing in front of a microphone on the stage in University Hall. Dr. Watson Kirkconnell is on the other side of the stage and the two are facing each other. Several rows of people are seated on the stage behind them. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Oct 22 1948 / Fred Prince delivering / his welcome / Man on Kirkconnell's right is / Dean Longley of Faculty / of arts / Doc Pat on far right. / Man on far right left is Pres. of U. of N.B. / the one with pink and red robe! / Next to him in a / purple robe!!". - See file 2011.006-BLE/8 for further information and identification

2011.006-BLE/15 Procession to University Hall. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5xm. - Photograph shows a line of people in academic robes walking on the path by the Acadia Ladies' Seminary building. Whitman House and McConnell Hall are visible in the background. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "Acadia Univ. / 22 Oct 1948"

2011.006-BLE/16 Biology and psychology students. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5xm. - Photograph shows 26 people seated around a long table. Teacups, saucers,

and books are on the table. Bookcases and photographs line the walls of the room. There is a large window on the left side of the room, and a door across from it. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "1948 / Right hand - Prof. Bishop / Prof. Archibald / Left Sherman, half head / showing. / Biology Seminar - visitors / Psychology club. / Several away at Football game". - See file 2011.006-BLE/8 for further information and identification

2011.006-BLE/17 Biology and psychology students. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12.5cm. - Photograph shows 21 people posing for a photograph. They are arranged in three rows; the first row is seated. They are posed in front of a bookcase. - 1948 - is written in ink on the front top left corner of the photograph. The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "1948 / Front. L to R / 2 + 3 are future medical missionaries, ____, ____, ____, Dr. Bishop ____, Me, Enid Menzies / ____ . Middle: ____, ____, Sherman Bleakney, / Gerry Stiles, Scott, Bob Kerr, / Prof. Archibald. / Back: David Erskine, Don Don Tapley, / Vie McLaughlin, ____, Charlie Hawks, / Prof. Bayne. / Part of Biology Seminar + / part of Psychology group". - See file 2011.006-BLE/8 for further information and identification

2011.006-BLE/18 Enid Menzies. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 5.5cm x 7cm. - Photograph shows a young woman sitting on a grassy hill. Forest is visible in the background. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Class '49 / Enid Menzies / Biol Seminar Picnic / 1948"

2011.006-BLE/19 Sherman Bleakney. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 5cm x 4.5cm. - Photograph shows Sherman Bleakney standing in front of the Gaspereau Valley. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "S. Bleakney / 1948 / "The Stile" on / Wolfville Ridge / -view Gaspereau / Valley"

2011.006-BLE/20 Sherman Bleakney. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 8cm. - Photograph shows Sherman Bleakney standing in a clearing, surrounded by trees. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "S. Bleakney / Exploring Kings Co in / company of Nancy Tyler / 1948"

2011.006-BLE/21 Nancy Tyler. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5cm x 8cm. - Photograph shows Nancy Tyler standing on a snow covered hill with trees in the background. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Nancy Tyler / Acadia U. / Wolfville 1948 / Wolfville 1948"

2011.006-BLE/22 Nancy Tyler at White Rock Pond. - [1948]. - 1 photograph : 8cm x 8cm. - Photograph shows Nancy Tyler leaning against a tree on a snow covered bank in front of a body of water. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "Nancy Tyler / White Rock Pond. / Kings Co. N.S. / 1948 (?)"

2011.006-BLE/23 Nancy Tyler and Betty Parsons. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 10cm x 7cm. - Photograph shows Nancy Tyler and friend standing arm in arm on the deck of a boat. - The reverse of the photograph is written in ink and pencil: "May 17 /48 / May 17 1948 / Nancy Tyler Betty Parsons"

2011.006-BLE/24 Sherman Bleakney and Nancy Tyler skiing. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5cm x 8.5cm. - Photograph shows Sherman Bleakney and Nancy Tyler wearing skis, standing in the snow. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Sherman Bleakney / Nancy Tyler / Wolfville 1948 / Wolfville 1948"

2011.006-BLE/25 Crossing the Bay of Fundy. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 8cm. - Photograph shows Sherman Bleakney leaning against the rail of a boat. Lifeboat is

- hanging behind him. Land is visible in the background. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Sherman Bleakney / crossing Bay of Fundy / Digby - St. John / on way to spend Xmas / in Montreal at Nancy's / home in Pointe Claire, Que / Xmas 1948 / Xmas 1948"
- 2011.006-BLE/26 Studying for exams at Maplewood Ladies Residence. - 1948. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 8cm. - Photograph shows 5 young women sitting in the roof of a building with notebooks. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Studying (!) for / exams on Maplewood Roof / 1948 / 1948 / Maplewood Ladies Res."
- 2011.006-BLE/27 Plant ecology weekend. - [1948 or 1949]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows a group of 4 young people looking at the camera. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink: "Plant Ecology weekend field trip / to Kedge Lake area + South Shore / of N.S. / about 1948-49 / L-R Claire Killam / Sherman Bleakney / Nancy Tyler / Ivan Hall / S. Bleakney"
- 2011.006-BLE/28 Plant Ecology weekend. - [1948 or 1949]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows 5 people gathered around a tree stump in a clearing surrounded by trees. One of the men and one of the women are leaning on the stump. One woman is barely visible behind one of the men. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink: "Plant Ecology weekend 1948-'49 / approx / L-R / Prof. Elizabeth MacMillan (-shaperon) / Murdock Bruce (vet) / Sherman Bleakney / Prof. Chalmers Smith / Claire Killam"
- 2011.006-BLE/29 Margaret Menzies. - [between 1948 and 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 12cm x 8cm. - Photograph is a posed headshot of a woman. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink: "Margaret Menzies / class 1950 / 1948-1950"
- 2011.006-BLE/30 "Candy" Frances Neily Collins. - [between 1948 and 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 5.5cm. - Photograph is a posed headshot of a woman. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink: "Don't / forget Maplewood / with its scandals, / jokes, going through / windows, black coffee, / jam sessions, and / gossip to-do's! Come / down early in the fall / and I'll show you the / river in summer / love / "Candy" / Collins / 1948-'50"
- 2011.006-BLE/31 Dance at Acadia. - [between 1948 and 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 10.5cm x 12.5cm. - Photograph shows 6 people (3 couples of men and women) standing in a hallway. The walls are partially covered in wood paneling. There is a staircase visible behind the people, and a closed door on the right. The people are in formal wear. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "Dance at Acadia 1948- '50 / period / L-R / Sherman Bleakney / Nancy Tyler / Claire Killiam / Gordon Haliburton / ___? ? / JSB / 2011"
- 2011.006-BLE/32 Wolfville Ridge. - [between 1948 and 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows a view of the Gaspereau Valley from behind a barbed wire fence. The ground is snow covered. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "Wolfville Ridge - style over fence / not in photo / overlooking Gaspereau Valley / + village + church / 1948 '49, '50 / J.S. Bleakney / 2011"
- 2011.006-BLE/33 Nancy Tyler at the Wellington Dykelands. - [between 1948 and 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows a young woman leaning against a post in the left of the photograph. A partially snow covered field, with houses and trees in the distance are visible behind her. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink: "Nancy Tyler / Wellington Dykeland, Canard / Kings Co. N.S. / 1948-50"

- 2011.006-BLE/34 Biology lab. - [between 1948 and 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows a young man and woman leaning over a dissected animal. There is a textbook open to the left of the animal, and a case containing tools in front of the animal. The young woman is wearing a lab coat. - Reverse of photograph written on in ink: "Biol. 6. Lab. / Wilfred / Wilf Schofield + Nancy Tyler / working on remains of a cat."
- 2011.006-BLE/35 Christmas Dance. - 1949. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows a large group of young people sitting at tables. They are in formal wear. The wall behind them is decorated with garland and images. Someone dressed up as Santa Clause is standing beside one of the tables in the background and many of the people have their heads turned towards him. - Reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "See how lovely is Nancy's hair! / Left / Lorne White / head turned / Right corner Pat Nowlan / Sherman Bleakney / Nancy Tyler / Xmas Dance / 1949"
- 2011.006-BLE/36 Gentlemen of Swing at Christmas dance/ - 1949. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows 12 young men in suits playing instruments. They are seated in two rows: The front row of men are playing saxophones and the row behind them are playing trumpets and trombones. A man in the far left is leaning over the music of one of the musicians. One of the men is seated at a piano in the front right of the image. The piano has pine boughs on it. A man sits at a drum set in the background. Behind him is a wall covered in boughs. Beside them is a white wall decorated with garland and images. In front of the band is a small Christmas tree and boughs decorated with lights. - Reverse of photograph is written on in pencil: "Acadia Gentlemen of Swing 1949"
- 2011.006-BLE/37 Christmas Open House. - 1949. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 12cm. - Photograph shows a group of young men and women in formal wear standing on a gym floor. There are bleachers behind them and several young women are seated on them. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "girl at left in white top, with 4 hands / became Nancy (Tyler) Bleakney in 1952 / (died of cancer in 1999) / Xmas Open House 1949 / JSB"
- 2011.006-BLE/38 Pyjama party in Tully. - 1949. - 5 photographs : b&w ; 6cm x 8.5cm. - Photographs show a large gathering of young women, all wearing pyjamas. They are spread out on the floor and on the bed. Behind them you can see a large window with striped curtains and various decorations are visible on the walls. - The reverse of all the photographs have been written on in ink and/or pencil. Some of the individuals have been identified as being Norma McBain, Claire Williams, Marg Menzies, Mona Williamson, Nancy Tyler, Joyce McLeod, Helen Allaby, Mary Manzer, Anne Williamson, Hildegard McLean, Thelma [?], Lois Lockhart, Mary Anne Brooks, Gert [Silikes], Mid Hawkes, Louise Devillez.
- 2011.006-BLE/39 First Student's Union Building. - [1949]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 6cm x 11cm. - Photograph shows the first Student's Union Building at Acadia University from the front. The area surrounding the building is all dirt. - Reverse of photograph is written on in ink: "1st Student's Union Bld / opened Nov. 1949"
- 2011.006-BLE/40 Spring 1949. - 1949. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 8cm. - Photograph shows 5 young women in academic gowns standing on a path surrounded by grass. There are buildings visible behind them. - Reverse of photograph written on in ink and pencil: "Spring 1949 / Spring '49 / L-R / ? / Thelma Macdonald / Mary Ann Brooks / Enid Menzies / Gloria Dickie"

- 2011.006-BLE/41 Enid Menzies. - 1949. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 8cm. - Photograph shows a young woman sitting on the cement wall alongside the stairs leading up to Whitman Hall at Acadia University. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "class '49 / Enid Menzies / Spring 1949"
- 2011.006-BLE/42 Biology Club. - 1949. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.5cm x 14cm. - Photograph shows 31 people seated around a long table. Teacups, saucers, plants and books are on the table. Bookcases and photographs, and animal specimens line the walls of the room. There is a large window on the right side of the room, and a door across from it. - The front of the photograph has '1949' written in ink on it. The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "H.G. Perry / E.R.M. Kay / E.C. Smith / P. M. Bayne / Enid Menzies / H. Schofield / Robert Kerr / Al Skinner / Joan McGowan / Biol Seminar / 1949 / 1949/ Biology Club". - See file 2011.006-BLE/8 for further information and identification
- 2011.006-BLE/43 Engineer's Ball. - [1949 or 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9cm x 12cm. - Photograph shows 13 people sitting at tables on a gym floor. The walls are decorated with a large mural. People are in formal dress. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "Engineer's Bal 1949-50 / 4 persons at / left table / Gladys Webster Nancy Tyler / George Perry Sherman Bleakney"
- 2011.006-BLE/44 Wilfred Schofield and Nancy Tyler. - [1949 or 1950]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9cm x 6.5cm. - Photograph shows a young man and woman standing in front of an evergreen tree. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "Wilfred Schofield / Nancy Tyler / Acadia '49-50"
- 2011.006-BLE/45 Cane Sunday. - 1950. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 6cm x 6cm. - Photograph shows 4 young women standing in the grass holding canes. Several men and some buildings can be seen in the background. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "Cane Sunday" 1950 / L-R / Gladys Webster / Nancy Tyler / Mary Menzies / Bobby McLellan"
- 2011.006-BLE/46 Tulle 'Suite Girls'. - 1950. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 7cm x 7cm. - Photograph shows 4 young women in academic gowns standing in front of the doorway of a building. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: "L-R / Nancy Tyler / Margaret Menzies / Gladys Webster / Bobby McLellan / Tulley 'Suite Girls' 1950"
- 2011.006-BLE/47 Biology Seminar. - 1950. - 1 photograph shows 33 people sitting and standing behind a table. There are plants and books on the table. Two windows are behind the people. There is a bookshelf on the left wall with animal specimens on top. - '1950' is written in ink on the top left of the photograph. On the reverse of the photograph is written 'Biol. Seminary / 1950' in pencil. There is a stamp in ink on the reverse of the photograph which reads: "PHOTOGRAPHS BY / CHARLES SEMPLE / SYDNEY, N.S.". - See file 2011.006-BLE/8 for further information and identification
- 2011.006-BLE/48 Ski Club. - 1950. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 13cm x 18cm. - Photograph shows five people sitting and standing for a posed photograph. Two young men stand in the back row, with two young women on either side of a man sitting in the front row. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink and pencil: "Ski Club 1950 / Ski Club 1950 / Nancy Tyler / Sherman Bleakney / J. Campbell / A. Urquhart / Nancy Tyler / Patricia Keeping". "PHOTOGRAPHS BY / CHARLES SEMPLE / SYDNEY N.S." is also stamped in ink on the reverse
- 2011.006-BLE/49 'Bobby' McLellan. - 1950. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 12cm x 8cm. - Photograph is a posed headshot of a young woman. She is looking to the left and wearing a necklace

with a large letter A on it. – ‘Bobby’ is written in ink in the lower right corner of the photograph. The reverse is written on in ink and pencil: “Barbara ‘Bobby’ / McLellan / 1950 / Bobby M”

- 2011.006-BLE/50 Bobby (McLellan) and Gordie McNeill. - 1950. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 11.5cm x 9cm. - Photograph shows a woman in a wedding dress, holding flowers, standing beside a man in a white blazer and black pants. He is wearing a bow tie. They are standing on a grassy hill overlooking trees. - The reverse of one of the photographs is written on in ink: “1950(?) / Bobby and Gordie / McNeill (?) / became member of / Acadia Board of Governors”
- 2011.006-BLE/51 Barbara McLellan with her wedding party. - 1950. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 9cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows 8 people in formal clothing standing on a grassy hill overlooking trees and fields. Two men stand on the left, with two women in gowns holding flowers beside them. Beside the two women is another woman in a wedding dress, also holding flowers. Beside her are three more men. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: “Bobby McLellan / wedding (in Vermont?)”
- 2011.006-BLE/52 Barbara McLellan at her wedding. - 1950. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5cm x 9cm. - Photograph shows a young woman in a wedding dress holding a bouquet of flowers standing on a grassy hill overlooking trees and fields. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: “Barbara McLellan / Class 1950”
- 2011.006-BLE/53 Shirley Mae Scurr. - [19-?]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5cm x 8cm. - Photograph is a posed headshot of a young woman. – “Your little sister, / Shirley.” is written in ink on the lower right corner of the photograph. The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: “in 1947 photo of students / arriving by train at / Wolfville station Sept 1947 / Shirley Mae Scurr / Class ‘49 Home Ec.”
- 2011.006-BLE/54 Acadia College farm barn. - [194-?]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 8cm x 11.5cm. - Photograph shows large barn sitting on a slight hill. Below the barn is another small farm building and a wooden fence. A tree is visible in the foreground on the left. - The reverse of the photograph is written on in ink: “Acadia College Farm Barn 1940s / a major source of food for / students. / S. Bleakney”
- 2011.006-BLE/55 S.S. Princess Helene. - [1947]. - 1 postcard : b&w ; 8.5cm x 14cm. - Image on the front of the postcard is of a ship sailing in a body of water. Land is visible across the water. Two trees are in the foreground of the image. On the image is written “S.S. Princess Helene. From Fundy View House, Victoria Beach, N.S. E. GRAHAM / PHOTO.” - On the reverse of the photograph in ink is written: “St. John NB - Digby Ferry than DAR train / to Wolfville / route taken by / students from Ontario and Quebec / 1947”
- 2011.006-BLE/56 Maplewood Residence. - [1948]. - 1 postcard : b&w ; 9cm x 14cm. - Image on postcard is of Maplewood Residence, Acadia University. The house sits on a well groomed lawn, surrounded on the left and back by trees. There is a garage visible behind the house. On the front of the image is written: “Maplewood Residence / Macaulay / photo”. - The postcard is addressed to ‘Mrs. S. P. Tyler / 26 Golf Ave / Pointe Claire, / Montreal 33, / Que.’ The message reads: “Dear Mom, / Just got back from St. John, will / write soon after I’ve done a / philosophy theme! Got the income / tax stuff. Cheers eh - send it off. / Mom, would you please send / me in time for April 10 two / dresses - the pale green cotton / one that was yours and the / flowery one I made – There’s / go to be a cotton-dress dance and / anyhow we’ll be wearing them / soon. Do you mind? (hope not!) / xxxxx Love [Nank] xx = Nancy Tyler / March 31 / 1948”

2011.006-BLE/57 Gaspereau River at White Rock. - [19-?]. - 1 postcard : b&w ; 9cm x 14cm. - Image on postcard shows a road with a wooden bridge crossing a river. The road goes through a wooded area, and the river is visible through the centre of the image. A black car with the left side door open is stopped beside the river before the bridge. "Gaspereau River at White Rock, N.S. GRAHAM / PHOTO" is inscribed on the image.

2011.006-BLE/58 scanned photographs (2011) scanned images printed off of Sherman Bleakney's wall decorations. Sherman Bleakney is in one of the photographs. Images show many taxidermy projects as well as photograph and dance bids hanging on the walls

3. **Bleakney family papers. – 1908-1914. – 2 folders of textual records**

Series contains correspondence with various members of the Bleakney family (but mostly Guy) and a Class Day program for Acadia College.

Guy Garfield Bleakney (1882-1949) was born in Moncton, NB. His brothers were Clarence 'Clair' (Class of 1916) and Edward (Class of 1913). The family lived in Tusket, NS until 1910, before moving to Wolfville. Although a member of the Class of 1914, Bleakney was not awarded his B.A. until 1922 due to an administrative conflict. He received a B.D. from Newton Theological Seminary in 1916 and studied at Columbia University. After working in various Baptist Churches in New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. Guy married Ruby Mitchell in 1923. He retired to Wolfville with his family in 1939.

These papers were found in the attic of the family home on Gaspereau Avenue.

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1990.005-BLE/1 family correspondence (1908-1914), specifically:

- to Guy Bleakney from J.F. Tufts in 1914, with context and transcription
- to Guy Bleakney from brother Eddie, with transcription
- to Guy Bleakney at Acadia College from The Scarborough Company of Canada, Limited, in 1914, with contract
- to Clare from PE Richard in 1912
- to Mrs. Bleakney from Synthia Gates in 1912, with context
- to Clair from D.E. Doucette in 1911, with family context
- to Mrs. Bleakney from Maud McGrath in 1910, with family context
- to Mr. Clarence Bleakney from Will in 1910, with transcription
- to Guy Bleakney from W.B. in 1908, with transcription

1990.005-BLE/2 class day program (1913) of which Edward M. A. Bleakney is a member

Biographical Sketch

J. Sherman Bleakney, son of Guy Garfield and Ruby (nee Mitchell), was born in 1928. Bleakney graduated from Acadia with a B.Sc. in 1949 and a M.Sc. in 1951; he graduated from McGill with a PhD. in 1956. Bleakney became a professor in the Biology Department at Acadia University from 1957 to 1988 and University Fellow from 1988 to 1993.

Nancy (Tyler) Bleakney (1927-1999) was born in Letchworth, England. By 1948, her family lived in Montreal. She received a B.A. from Acadia in 1950 and a MSc in Botany from McGill in 1952.

Sherman Bleakney and Nancy Tyler were married in Wolfville on December 20, 1952 and have two children.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of three series:

1. Personal papers
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Notes

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See also Sherman Bleakney as an author on the Library's catalogue for publications.

See also Sherman Bleakney fonds at the Esther Clark Wright Archives.

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Access Points

Bleakney, Nancy (1927-1999)

Bleakney, J. Sherman (b. 1928)

Bleakney, Guy Garfield (1882-1949)

Acadia University. Class of 1949

Acadia University. Class of 1950

Acadia University-Students

Student activities (Wolfville, NS)