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MORLEY (EDNA LILLIAN) Papers. 1891-1975

The papers of E. Lillian Morley were willed to the University of Toronto at her death, April 20, 1975. 2 feet, 4 inches.

Biography.

Very little biographical information is available on this Canadian poet. She was born in Milverton, Ontario, and with the exception of several years in the early nineteen thirties, spent her life there. During the years 1929-1935, she attended, possibly part-time, a teachers' course at the University of Toronto, graduating with a B.A. in June 1935. It is known that she taught public school before attending university, but her position after graduating is not known. Her scrapbooks indicate that from 1917 on, she was a steady contributor to the local paper, the Milverton Sun, whose librarian and indexer she became in the nineteen fifties. She was also a regular contributor to the Globe and Mail, featured especially in its Home Forum, either under her own name, or that of one of her pseudonyms "Miss Pernick". Her interest in local history can be seen by the numerous articles printed in the Sun and in the Notes of the Western Ontario Historical Society, for whom she also compiled an index. At her own expense she produced three books of poetry: Verses (1938), Songs of freedom (1940) and Watchwords of liberty (1942) and a bibliography of Perth County authors, published in the early nineteen fifties. All her published works are in the collections of this library.

Series

- Box 1. Biographical material
Articles published in misc. publications
Course notes and other material relating to her years at the University of Toronto
- Box 2 Perth County Bibliography - correspondence, notes, drafts.
- Box 3 Methodist Church records
Milverton history - notes
Rural school libraries - article
Stratford bibliography - notes for a projected work
Notes of the Western Ontario Historical Society - issues and her index
- Box 4 General correspondence
Published poetry and prose
- Box 5 Scrapbook - newsclippings of her published poetry and prose and items of special interest to Morley
- Item 6 Morley's B.A. degree, University of Toronto, 1935.

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