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Charles Ritchie papers (1874-2001)

Gift of Judith Robertson 2016

Includes extensive early personal correspondence between Charles Ritchie and his mother; his brother Roland "Roley" Ritchie; his uncle Charles Stewart; Anne Maher; typescript diary drafts, 1971-1994 for publication; old family and personal photographs; other writings and various material related to his life and work

Extent: 19 boxes (4 metres)

Biographical information excerpted from his Obituary by C.J. Fox in *The Independent*, June 16, 1995:

Charles Stewart Almon Ritchie was a distinguished Canadian diplomat who is mainly remembered as a compelling diarist and author of one of the finest books on London in the Second World War. Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia on the 23rd of September, 1906, Ritchie will be recalled as a wit and bon viveur who "knew everyone", and contrived, well into his eighties, to be the life of dinner-parties from Chelsea to Little Venice despite the trials of becoming what he cheerfully called an "Ancient Monument". A Halifax lawyer's son, Ritchie attended both Oxford and Harvard before joining Canada's fledgling External Affairs Department in 1934. There he served with men like the subsequent Nobel laureate and Prime Minister Lester Pearson. From his first posting in Washington, Ritchie the diarist came to co-exist with his diplomatic persona. By the time he initially reached Canada House, London, in January 1939, he was ready to record as dramatic a situation as any diarist could hope for. The entries he published in 1974 as *The Siren Years* portray the tensions and bombardments of London, 1939-1945 with an evocative conciseness worthy of a prose-bound Louis MacNeice. Ritchie moved easily among the literary likes of Sacheverell Sitwell and Cyril Connolly. But as a London flat-dweller he brilliantly recorded first-hand from ground-zero the bombers' visitations and also helped pull neighbours from the ruins. As a diplomat he dined with the toffs at the Dorchester ("a fortress propped up with money-bags") and shared a fireside chat with the then Queen in April 1941. "To see that familiar postage-stamp face, those gestures of the nads known to millions, that smile that moves strong men to tears, and what is behind it all? Intelligence, enormous control."

The Siren Years focused frequently on women of a more private significance, too, for the dapper Ritchie was a supreme ladies' man, pursuing a wayward ballerina, meeting Elizabeth Bowen at the Tweedsmuir to usher in an enduring alliance. After the war, Ritchie went on to the Canadian embassy in Paris and consorted beyond the chancellery with the Duff Coopers, Nancy Mitford and Andre Malraux, all featured in the diary volume called *Diplomatic Passport* (1981). Married in 1948 to Sylvia Smellie, Ritchie became Canadian ambassador to West Germany in 1954, then to the UN (1958-62), in time for the Congo crisis. Ritchie started as ambassador to Washington (1962-66) at a time of U.S.-Canadian strains. Privately he read Blake and Genet and later watched President Johnson explode at the visiting Canadian Prime Minister Lester Pearson following rifts over Vietnam. All this surfaced in the diary volume called *Storm Signals* (1983) which took him through a brief ambassadorial tenure at NATO and on to the job he treasured most, High Commissioner to London (1967-71).

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Box 1 19 folders	School letters from Charles and Roley Ritchie 1900s to 1920s
Folders 1-7	School letters from Charles and Roley to their mother
Folder 8	Typescript of C.S.A. Ritchie's re: his grandfather and home
Folders 9-11	Correspondence and notes about loans, etc. Some to Sadie, turn of the century
Folder 12	Clippings re: H.K. 'Harry' Stewart
Folder 13	Clippings re: Charles Ritchie
Folders 14-18	Various letters to Roley and miscellaneous
Folder 19	5 colour photographs 3 in Washington, D.C. 2 various of garden
Box 2 26 folders	Letters to Roley during and after the war
Folders 1-12	Letters to Roley during and after the war
Folder 13	Lieutenant R. A. Ritchie Club membership cards, 1940s
Folder 14	Receipts
Folder 15	Captain R. A. Ritchie Service Clothing Book
Folder 16	Letters to Roley, various
Folders 17-18	School letters from Charles and Roley
Folders 19-26	Charles and Roley letters from Boarding School, 1920s
Box 3 46 folders	Correspondence, Charles Ritchie to mother, WWII Correspondence, Roley to mother, 1940s

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Folders 1-2	Ritchie to mother, 1938
Folders 3-5	Ritchie to mother, 1939
Folder 6	'An Airman to His Mother', June 18, 1940 Reprinted from <i>The Times</i>
Folders 7-10	Ritchie to mother, 1940
Folder 11	Ritchie to mother, 1941
Folders 12-13	Ritchie to mother, undated
Folder 14	Telegram March 3, 1935
Folder 15	Telegram September 25, 1940
Folder 16	Telegram July 24, 1940
Folder 17	Telegram September 12, 1940
Folder 18	Telegram September 9, 1940
Folder 19	Telegram September 13, 1940
Folder 20	Telegram August 13, 1940 Re: arrival of English children
Folder 21	Telegram August 26, 1940
Folder 22	Telegram March 14, 1940
Folder 23	Telegram December 14, 1940
Folder 24	Telegram October 20, 1941
Folder 25	Telegram October 25, 1941
Folder 26	Telegram September 3, 1941
Folder 27	Telegram January 17, 1941
Folder 28	Telegram June 20, 1941
Folder 29	Telegram July 31, 1941

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Folder 30	Telegram December 31, 1943
Folder 31	Telegram December 22, 1943
Folder 32	Telegram September 23, 1943
Folder 33	Telegram December 29, 1943
Folder 34	Telegram September 24, 1944
Folder 35	Roley to Mother, telegram
Folder 36	Receipt
Folder 37	Roley to Mother, telegram
Folder 38	Charles Ritchie to Mother, undated From Paris ca. 1940s
Folder 39	Charles to Mother, 1947, from Paris
Folder 40	Charles to Mother, 1944
Folder 41	Charles to Mother, 1947
Folder 42	Roley to Mother, 1941
Folder 43	Roley to Mother, 1943
Folders 44-45	Roley to Mother, 1944
Folder 46	Roley to Mother, undated
Box 4 39 folders	Charles Ritchie correspondence to his Mother From London and Paris during World War II
Folder 1	Charles Ritchie to Mother ALS February 20, 1932
Folder 2	Christmas telegram to Mother, 1936
Folders 3-7	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1939

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Folders 8-11	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1940
Folders 12-14	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1941
Folders 15-16	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1941 With censor label
Folder 17	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1941
Folders 18-19	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1942
Folders 20-22	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1943
Folder 23	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1943 With censor label
Folders 24-26	Charles Ritchie to Mother, 1944
Folders 27-34	Charles Ritchie to Mother, undated [1940s]
Folder 35	Charles Ritchie to Mother, undated [1940s] With censor label
Folders 36-37	Charles Ritchie to Mother, undated
Folder 38	'Strange letter passed on by Charles to his Mother'
Folder 39	Envelopes
Box 5 20 folders	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence 1929 and various to 1950s
Folder 1	Charles Ritchie holograph note re: Anne Maher
Folders 2-11	Charles to Anne Maher Various dates
Folder 12	Charles to Anne Maher, various dates 'Caroline's letter to E.R.'
Folders 13-14	Charles to Anne Maher, various dates
Folders 15-20	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence, 1929

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Box 6 23 folders	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence, 1929-1950s
Folders 1-5	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence, 1929
Folders 6-8	Anne Maher correspondence, 1930-31
Folders 9-12	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence 1932-33
Folders 13-15	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence 1930s
Folder 16	Anne Maher correspondence 1937
Folders 17-18	Anne Maher correspondence 1939-40
Folders 19-21	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence 1940s
Folder 22	Anne Maher/Charles Ritchie correspondence, 1950s
Folder 23	Anne Maher correspondence
Box 7 23 folders	Correspondence, 1914-1918, re: wounds and death of Charles Stewart Letters to Lillian Ritchie re: her brother Charles Stewart
Folders 1-4	Correspondence, 1914-1918 re: wounds and death of Charles Stewart
Folder 5	Long TLS, March 22, 1919 From George McDonald to Mrs. Ritchie about Charles Stewart
Folder 6	1 sepia photograph of Charles Stewart, 1896
Folder 7	Halifax clipping about Mrs. Charles Stewart
Folders 8-9	Letters to Lillian Ritchie, many concerning her brother Charles Stewart

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Folders 10-19	Letters to Lillian Ritchie
Folder 20	Ordre du Corps d'armee: Lieutenant-Colonel Charles James Townshend Stewart DSO, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry September 2, 1918
Folder 21	Re: Bar to Distinguished Service Order Lieutenant-Colonel C.J.T. Stewart, Deceased January 2, 1919
Folder 22	Patricia to Major Stewart, ANS
Folder 23	Ink and water colour cartoon, H.K. Stewart 75 th Gordon Highlanders
Box 8 22 folders	Correspondence and about Charles Stewart 1900-1918
Folders 1-2	C.J.T. Stewart letters from the West 1900-1908
Folder 3	C.J.T. Stewart letters from the West 1900-1908 1 sepia photograph of Charles Stewart
Folder 4	C.J.T. Stewart letters from the West 1900-1908 1 sepia photograph of Charles Stewart as a child
Folders 5-9	Charles Stewart early letters, 1900-1915
Folder 10	1 sepia photograph of Charles Stewart as a boy
Folders 11-14	Charlie Stewart war letters, 1914-1918 and earlier
Folder 15	Charles Stewart telegrams, 1914-1918 By and about FRAGILE
Folder 16	Typed note re: Charles Stewart and friends – fragment

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Folder 17	'Splendid Tribute to the late Lieutenant Alexander Rosamond' Typescript by Charles Stewart
Folders 18-22	Correspondence, 1914-1918 Primarily to Mrs. Ritchie
Box 9 Item in box	Charles Stewart Periscope piece with bullet hole from World War I
Box 10 69 folders	Photographs Family, personal, professional
Folder 1	Boxing Day 1992 14 colour photographs
Folder 2	Charles Ritchie wearing Order of Canada medal 2 colour photographs
Folder 3	Pembroke 1990 6 colour photographs
Folder 4	Lilian Stewart 189-?1 sepia photograph
Folder 5	Photographs of Newfoundland house 21 black and white photographs
Folder 6	Charles and Sylvia Ritchie passport photographs 6 black and white photographs
Folder 7	Charles Ritchie at the Paris Peace Conference Palais de Luxembourg 1946 2 black and white photographs
Folder 8	Copies of photographs of Charles Ritchie in morning coat 1 black and white photograph
Folder 9	Charles Ritchie being hooded Unidentified 2 colour photographs
Folder 10	Printout of wedding photograph Charles Ritchie as the best man at the wedding of Alistair Buchan

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Folder 11	'Charlie, Roly, Aunt Lillian, me! Cow Bay' 1 black and white photograph
Folder 12	Lyndon B. Johnson, Charles Ritchie and others on White House lawn 1 large colour photograph
Folder 13	Lester Pearson, Charles Ritchie, John F. Kennedy and others at the White House 1 colour photograph
Folder 14	Interiors 1906 2 sepia photographs
Folder 15	Charles Ritchie and family 2 black and white photographs
Folder 16	'Our Raleigh Cart with groom at Bowen front door', 1 black and white photograph
Folder 17	Julian Barrington 1 black and white photograph
Folder 18	Horse, buggy and driver 1 black and white photograph
Folder 19	Unidentified building 1 black and white photograph
Folder 20	Geraldine and Sadie Stewart [1890s?] 1 sepia photograph
Folder 21	Gerald Boileau, 2 years and 1 month 11 th May 1892 1 sepia photograph
Folder 22	Charles Ritchie as a boy 1 black and white photograph, corner missing
Folder 23	Unidentified woman with cat and boy 2 black and white photographs
Folder 24	Silhouette – woman in ink

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Folder 25	Charles Stewart [uncle], South African war 1 sepia photograph
Folder 26	Charles Stewart ? 1 sepia photograph
Folder 27	Unidentified woman 1 sepia photograph
Folder 28	Major W.B.A. Ritchie, 1917 1 black and white photograph
Folder 29	'Bimbash' 1 large black and white photograph
Folder 30	Anan and Bonzo March 7, 1925 1 black and white photograph
Folder 31	Charles Ritchie as a boy 1 oval sepia photograph
Folder 32	H. K. Stewart 1 sepia photograph
Folder 33	Boy, November 1874, Bournemouth 1 sepia photograph
Folder 34	Charlie Stewart 1 black and white photograph
Folder 35	Unidentified man 1 sepia photograph
Folder 36	Colonel H. K. Stewart, a.k.a. 'Bimbash' With dog, 1890 1 sepia photograph
Folder 37	Aunt Lucy Dinkey née Cady 1 black and white photograph
Folder 38	Charlie Stewart at Royal Military College 1 sepia photograph
Folder 39	Charles Ritchie With mother And brother

	1 sepia photograph
Folder 40	Grandfather 1 black and white photograph
Folder 41	Mary Adlington 1 black and white photograph
Folder 42	Unidentified girl 1 black and white photograph
Folder 43	Lilian Stewart Ritchie 1 black and white photograph 2 black and white copy prints
Folder 44	Charles Ritchie as a boy, with sled 1 black and white copy print 1 sepia photograph
Folder 45	Charles Ritchie [uncle] 2 black and white copy prints
Folder 46	Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Stewart 1 black and white copy print
Folder 47	Postcards
Folder 48	Charles Ritchie 1 black and white photograph
Folder 49	Unidentified boy 1 sepia photograph
Folder 50	Unidentified 1 black and white photograph
Folder 51	Sylvia Ritchie Black and white printout of photograph
Folder 52	Colour printout, photograph of painting of woman reading
Folder 53	Harry 'Bimbash' Stewart 1 black and white copy print

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Folder 54	Charles Stewart 1 black and white copy print
Folder 55	Various unidentified photographs – Europe?
Folder 56	Tintype photograph of unidentified children
Folder 57	Unidentified house [England?] 1 black and white photograph
Folder 58	'Ritchies and Robertsons, Cologne, 1954' 1 black and white photograph
Folder 59	Charles and his niece, Elizabeth 1 black and white photograph
Folder 60	Charles, Billy Coster and family 1 sepia photograph
Folder 61	Woman with cat 1 black and white photograph
Folder 62	Cards to Elizabeth [Ritchie?]
Folder 63	1990s, Charles Ritchie and others 4 colour photographs
Folder 64	Woman 1 sepia photograph
Folder 65	Various photographs, 1960s 10 colour photographs
Folder 66	Various photographs, 1960s 9 colour photographs
Folder 67	Various black and white photographs 5 black and white photographs
Folder 68	'Betty and Danny Boy, Newton Abbot, November 1940' 1 sepia photograph
Folder 69	'cuttings' – newspaper clippings

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Box 11 1 item in box	Family photograph album - various
Box 12 5 folders	Diaries Photo printouts Magnetic discs
Folder 1	Various photograph printouts
Folder 2	2 magnetic recording discs November 10, 1974
Folder 3	Charles Ritchie appreciation in <i>The Globe and Mail</i> , June 17, 1995 clipping
Folders 4-5	Charles Ritchie's typescript diaries, 1970s-1980 Copies
Box 13 Large photographs in box	Large black and white photographs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unidentified woman, by Alexander MacAdam, Montreal 2. 2 large black and white photographs of the NATO Ambassadors, meeting at the White House with Lyndon B. Johnson 3. 1 large black and white photograph of Charles Ritchie and Dean Rusk (United States Secretary of State for John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson) on a boat, inscribed by Rusk to Ritchie 4. Honorary Doctor of Letters from York University, November 14, 1992
Box 14 25 folders	Charles Ritchie drafts of writing, 1971-1985 Manuscripts by others
Folder 1	Partial typescript
Folder 2	'Diaries' – Convocation address to the students of Acadia University, June 1979
Folder 3	1971-1974 typescript diary
Folder 4	June 6, 1974 – January 7, 1975 Typescript diary

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Folder 5	January 7, 1975 – February 27, 1975 Typescript diary
Folder 6	February 28, 1975 – July 1976 Typescript diary
Folder 7	July 3, 1976 – October 21, 1976 Typescript diary
Folder 8	October 21, 1976 – January 13, 1978 Typescript diary
Folder 9	March 27, 1978 – June 26, 1980 Typescript diary
Folder 10	June 28, 1980 – September 1981 Typescript diary
Folder 11	September 30, 1981 – January 1983 Typescript diary
Folder 12	January 10, 1983 – December 18, 1986 Typescript diary
Folders 13-15	Copies of edited diary
Folder 16	'Diplomatic Offbeat', chapter one by Geoffrey Murray (Canadian Diplomat under Lester B. Pearson)
Folders 17-18	'Diplomatic Offbeat' chapter 2
Folder 19	'Diplomatic Offbeat' chapter 12
Folder 20	'Diplomatic Offbeat' November 1993 draft
Folders 21-24	'Diplomatic Offbeat' 1994 draft
Folder 25	Extracts of draft by Lieutenant John Kennett Starnes
Box 15 24 folders	'Appetite for Life' Drafts, reviews and other material
Folders 1-2	'réponses des éditeurs and c.v.'

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Folders 3-4	<i>Appetite for Life</i> reviews, etc.
Folders 5-10	<i>Appetite for Life</i> typescript draft with holograph revisions
Folders 11-12	<i>Storm Signals</i> reviews
Folder 13	<i>The Whole Truth</i> typescript drafts
Folder 14	Basil Robinson writings
Folder 15	Charles miscellaneous
Folders 16-18	<i>My Grandfather's House</i> reviews
Folder 19	Condolences on death of Roland from Sir Roger Bannister
Folder 20	National Archives (Ritchie)
Folders 21-23	National Film Board
Folder 24	Tim Nav's talk
Box 16 20 folders	'Paris 1947' Clippings Will Draft diary edit by Ramsay Derry <i>Diplomatic Passport</i> <i>My Grandfather's House</i> Original drafts
Folder 1	'Paris 1947' Humourous piece about apartment hunting in Paris
Folder 2	'Paris 1947' Humourous piece about apartment hunting in Paris Includes TLS to Lester B. 'Mike' Pearson February 24, 1947
Folder 3	Email from Michael Redhill re: publication in <i>Brick</i> September 19, 2003

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Folders 4-5	<i>Siren Years</i> reviews and clippings
Folders 6-10	<i>Siren Years</i> typescript draft, 1980s, with editorial revisions by Ramsay Derry
Folder 11	MacMillan CDG royalties
Folder 12	Lady Diana Cooper obituaries
Folder 13	Piece on 'Diaries'
Folder 14	'Charles's Will'
Folders 15-16	<i>Diplomatic Passport</i> reviews
Folders 17-20	'My Grandfather's House – originals' Typescript draft with holograph revisions
Box 17 33 folders	Charles Ritchie memorial service Remembrances Obituaries Writings – LBJ and LBP and other
Folder 1	Manuscript notes re: Elizabeth Bowen letters
Folder 2	'A Tribute to Charles Ritchie' M. Allen Gibson Chester, Nova Scotia August 18, 1995
Folder 3	Memorial service notice for Charles Ritchie
Folder 4	Saint Stephen Anglican Church – Chester Ephemera
Folder 5	Charles Ritchie obituaries
Folder 6	Memorial service program August 18, 1995
Folder 7	Memorial Service Remarks by Reverend Kerry E. Bourke Rector of St. Stephen's
Folders 8-10	Charles Ritchie remembrances and memorials

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	Newspaper clippings
Folders 11-12	Clippings re: Charles Ritchie
Folder 13	'Amusing letter re: writer Elizabeth Bowen'
Folder 14	Letter to niece of Charles Ritchie, Elizabeth Ritchie about C.R.
Folders 15-17	Clippings re: Elizabeth Bowen
Folder 18	Judith Robertson email about Elizabeth Bowen
Folder 19	'E.B.'s collection of documents at Texas'
Folder 20	Ritchie sisters
Folder 21	Dinner for Charles, November 2001
Folders 22-24	'Charles' piece on LBJ and LBP after the Temple Speech', correspondence and drafts
Folder 25	<i>The Canadian Forum</i> August 1932 Volume XII No. 143
Folder 26	'York' holograph remarks – honorary doctorate
Folder 27	'Arrangements for the publication of paperback edition by McClelland and Stewart 2001'
Folder 28	<i>Appetite for Life</i> film deal
Folder 29	Biographical information about Charles Ritchie
Folders 30-33	'La Charmille: Halifax, 1924-1925' Translated from the English by Jean-Pierre Darmon and Elizabeth Ritchie
Box 18 24 folders	Obituary and service Condolences Letters to Charles
Folders 1-5	Charles's obituaries and service

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Folder 6	Charles's obituaries and service Including condolences from Prime Minister Jean Chretien and Aline Chretien
Folders 7-13	Letters to Charles
Folders 14-17	'Charles's Documents'
Folder 18	Documents re: Sylvia
Folders 19-20	Biographies of Charles and others
Folder 21	'Typed Diaries'
Folder 22	Charles' Review of 'A Very Double Life'
Folders 23-24	Charles's Diaries
Box 19 14 items in box	Audiovisual material: VHS tapes Computer discs CDs containing transcripts of Elizabeth Bowen and Charles Ritchie letters