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Finding Aid : **WA 7** Catherine Taylor fonds.

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Catherine Taylor fonds. - 1899, 1917-1967. - 6 cm of textual records.

Catherine Taylor (1874-1967) was a nurse in the US and England. She was born on June 11, 1874 in Clinton, Ontario. She graduated from St. Luke's Hospital, N.Y. and was head nurse in the Private Pavilion at that Hospital. In 1917 she went to England, and was given charge of a hospital at Shipstone on the Stour near Stratford-on-Avon for the British Red Cross. She assisted in opening a hospital in Liverpool for the American Army and converted the Guest Mansion in London into a showplace Navy hospital in 23 days. In 1918 she returned to the United States and assisted in combatting the influenza epidemic. In 1920 the American Red Cross sent her to New Mexico to initiate public health programs in the schools there. Later, in California, she taught health and hygiene, organized summer camps for underprivileged children and qualified as a state audiometrist. In 1951 she moved to Ontario, California. She died February 1967 in Barrie, Ontario.

Contents: fonds consists of material accumulated by Catherine Taylor throughout her career as a nurse. Includes correspondence, certificates, clippings, an autograph book, and other material. Correspondents include Viscountess Eleanor Sandhurst, wife of the Lord High Chamberlain of England and Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen, and Sir Thomas J. Lipton.

Title from content of the fonds.

Includes three photographs.

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Finding aid available: file level.

- File 1 **Biographical.** - [ca. 1928].
Contents: file consists of two ts. leaves by Catherine Taylor describing her employment and activities.
- File 2 **Correspondence regarding Catherine Taylor.** - 1966-1967.
Contents: file consists of two pieces of correspondence to Mrs. Irvine (niece to Catherine Taylor) from Adelaide Pearson (Noblesville, IN) regarding the illness and death of Catherine Taylor.
- File 3 **Correspondence to Catherine Taylor.** - 1899, 1917-1967.
Contents: file consists of correspondence sent to Catherine Taylor, including letters of reference relating to her nursing career addressed to other parties or to whom it may concern. Includes 49 letters.
- File 4 **Correspondence from Catherine Kerr-Lawson.** - 1917-1919.
Contents: file consists of three letters and a postcard to Catherine Taylor from Catherine Kerr-Lawson of Queen Mary's Hostels for Nurses, London, England.
- File 5 **Correspondence from Viscountess Eleanor Sandhurst.** - [19--], 1917-1921, 1933.
Contents: file consists of 24 letters to Catherine Taylor from Viscountess Eleanor Sandhurst, wife of the Lord High Chamberlain of England and Lady-in-Waiting to the Queen.
- File 6 **Correspondence from Sir Thomas J. Lipton.** - 1917-1924.
Contents: file consists of four letters to Catherine Taylor from Sir Thomas J. Lipton.
- File 7 **Correspondence from Elizabeth Taylor.** - 1917.
Contents: file consists of two letters to Catherine Taylor from Elizabeth Taylor.
- File 8 **Correspondence from "B" Winkler.** - 1965.
Contents: file consists of a letter to Catherine Taylor from "B" Winkler, with inclusions: a memorandum circulated among former colleagues from her time as a school nurse with greetings for Taylor, and a newspaper clipping containing a story about Taylor's life (from The Daily Report, Ontario-Upland, California, January 29, 1965).
- File 9 **Correspondence from Dan T. Williams.** - 1947-1950.
Contents: file consists of five letters to Catherine Taylor from Dan T. Williams, Superintendent of the Garvey School District in California.
- File 10 **Writings by Catherine Taylor.** - 1920, 1938.
Contents: file consists of a letter by Catherine Taylor to herself, written in 1920 with instructions not to be opened until 1940, and a ts. speech entitled "Special meeting," written in 1938.

- File 11 **Certificates.** - [1918?], 1922-1947.
 Contents: file consists of certificates received by Catherine Taylor throughout her career as a nurse. Includes certificates relating to her nursing qualifications, courses passed, and ability to teach certain subjects, as well as certificates of appreciation. Most certificates were issued in the state of California. A certificate of naturalization (United States of America) is also present.
- File 12 **Clippings.** - 1930, 1965-1966.
 Contents: file consists of newspaper clippings about Catherine Taylor and her nursing career. Photocopies of the clippings are also present.
- File 13 **Autograph album.** - 1917-1920. - 3 photographs : sepia-toned ; 12 x 9 cm or smaller.
 Contents: file consists of an autograph album signed by colleagues, patients, and friends of Catherine Taylor while nursing in England during WWI and in the US during the influenza epidemic as well as at summer camps. Album contains three photographs of American soldiers.
- File 14 **Sketch of Leonard M. Davis.** - 1919.
 Contents: file consists of a sketch (self-portrait) of artist Leonard M. Davis presented to Catherine Taylor in appreciation for her services in the US and overseas.
- File 15 **Memories, by Katharine Louise Langlands.** - [1938?].
 Contents: file consists of a published booklet of poems by Catherine Taylor's niece, Katharine Louise Langlands, entitled _Memories_ (Huntsville, Ont. : Huntsville Forester Presses, [1937?]). Autographed by the author: "Sincerely yours, Katharine Louise Irvine." Pasted to the verso of the cover is a photocopied note from the private secretary of Queen Mary at Marlborough House thanking Langlands for the copy of the booklet sent to Her Majesty.