

MJ-149

Ellis Family fonds. – [textual record, graphical material]. – 1864-1888; 1907-1953. – 5.10 cm of textual records. – 5 b&w photographs.

Boxes V-194 - V-195

### **Biographical sketch**

Austin Thomas Ellis was born September 24, 1913 in High River, Alberta. He came to Moose Jaw in 1932 when he took a job at Wimpster's Hardware. Ellis later purchased the hardware store and renamed it Turner & Ellis Hardware. He married Kathleen "Kay" Jane Clarke on September 19, 1939. Kay was born May 20, 1917 in Moose Jaw. She attended King George and Central Collegiate and received her associate Degree from the Toronto Conservatory of Music. She taught piano and organ in Moose Jaw. Austin and Ellis had six children: Ronald, Ruth, Margot, Lucille, Ross, and Jim. The couple spent a lot of time sailing Buffalo Pound Lake. Austin was a member of the Lions Club and director of the Moose Jaw Art Museum. Kay was a member of the Zion United Church and past-president of the Canadian Club of Moose Jaw and the Music Teacher's Association of Saskatchewan.

Austin died May 28, 1998 and Kay died on January 15, 2002. They are both buried at Sunset Resthaven Cemetery in Moose Jaw.

### **Fonds level scope and content**

This fonds contains three series: Financial Records, Memorabilia and Correspondence. It includes financial records belonging to the Ellis', such as an account book, shares, and a land title. It contains memorabilia of family and events in Moose Jaw as well as letters sent and received by the Ellis'.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was re-boxed and refolded in 2013. Interleaving sheets were placed between two b&w photos in 2017.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

The first accrual was donated to the archive by Austin Ellis in 1994.

Accession 23.2017 was donated by Austin Ellis on June 14, 1995.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals expected.

### **Series level scope and content**

**MJ-149/1 Financial Records. – [textual record]. – 1914, 1929, 1944-1948. – 2.80 cm of textual records.**

**Box V-194**

This series contains R.H. Clarke's (Kay Ellis' father) Bank of Hamilton account book, a VIA Air Mail envelope, a Bradstreet's Commercial Ratings in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Yukon, three financial shares owned by the Ellis' and R.H. Clarke, and a Moose Jaw land title in Austin Ellis' name.

**MJ-149/2 Memorabilia. – [textual record, graphic material]. – [18-?], 1902-1907, 1912, 1920, [193-?], 1934-1953. – 1.80 cm of textual records. – 5 b&w photographs.**

**Box V-195**

This series contains programs and tickets from various events in Moose Jaw. It includes two photographs of Nurse Shepherd and Nurse Drewry (two of the first nurses in Moose Jaw), a photograph of Kay Bird in Crescent Park, as well as two photographs of the Turner & Ellis Hardware parade float. This series contains the some teaching records of Bessie M. Richards, the mother of Austin Ellis as well as TCA airplane papers that fell from the TCA airplane crash over Ross School. It also includes a chart about the first government of Saskatchewan, a prescription from Fysh Drugstore, a Zion Church Choir programme, and a Saskatchewan Music Association festival ticket.

**MJ-149/3 Correspondence – [textual record]. – 1864-1888, 1915, 1935, 1937. – 0.50 cm (16 p.) of textual records.**

**Box V-195**

This series contains various correspondences between the Ellis' and other family members. It includes a telegram from Austin Ellis to Kay Ellis, two letters from John Le Caire, a letter from the Peacocks, a letter to R. H Clarke, among others.

## **Finding aids**

See file list.

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### File List

MJ-149/1 Financial Records. – [textual record, graphical material]. – 1914, 1929, 1944-1948. – 2.80 cm of textual records. – 3 b&w photographs.

**Box V-194**

001 – Bank of Hamilton Account Book. – [19-?]. – 1 booklet.

002 – Bradstreet's Commercial Ratings in Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Yukon. – 1929. – ca. 130 p.

003 – Financial Shares. – 1914, 1944, 1948. – 3 p.

004 – Land Title in Moose Jaw. – 1945. – 1 p.

MJ-149/2 Memorabilia. – [textual record, graphical material]. – [18-?], 1902-1907, 1912, 1920, [193-?], 1934-1953. – 1.80 cm of textual records. – 5 b&w photographs.

**Box V-195**

001 – Nurse Shepherd (right) and Nurse Drewry (left). – [18-?]. – 2 b&w photographs.

002 – Programs, tickets, photo of parade float and letterhead. – 1907, 1934-1943. – ca. 30 p. – 3 b&w photographs.

003 – Teaching records of Bessie M. Richards. – 1902-1904. – 2 p.

004 – TCA Airplane Papers. – 1953. – 11 p.

005 – Fysh Drugstore Prescription. – 1912. – 1 p.

006 – First Saskatchewan Government Chart. – [19--]. – 1 chart.

MJ-149/3 Correspondence. – [textual record]. – 1864-1888, 1915, 1935, 1937. – 0.50 cm (16 p.) of textual records.

**Box V-195**

001 – Correspondence. – 1864-1888, 1915, 1937. – 16 p.