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**John Gartshore Martin family fonds.** - [188-?]-2004, predominant 1909-1958. - ca. 2.4 m of textual records and other material.

*John Gartshore Martin, Col. DSO, MID, Q.C. (1921-2007), was an officer in World War II and later became a lawyer in Kitchener, Ontario. The youngest son of John Alexander and Jessie (Wilson) Martin, John studied at the University of Toronto and was employed at the Waterloo Manufacturing Co. Ltd. until he enlisted in the Canadian army in 1941. At that time, he was posted to the Highland Light Infantry regiment as a reinforcement officer with the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. Before enlisting, he was a member of the Scots Fusiliers of Canada and trained with them at Niagara, Brockville, and Camp Borden. He also worked on staff at a military school in Vernon, British Columbia before being posted overseas in September, 1943. In 1944 he was transferred to the Lincoln and Welland Regiment (infantry), which participated in the landing at Normandy and the Allied advance through Belgium, the Netherlands and into Germany. Martin was promoted to the rank of Major and was awarded several medals, including a Distinguished Service Order and mention in despatches. After returning to Kitchener in 1946, he married his fiancé Mary Ann Kabel (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Kabel of Kitchener) and enrolled in law school at Osgoode Hall. Upon graduating in 1949, he practiced law in Kitchener and retired as a senior partner of the law firm Clement, Eastman, Dreger, Martin & Meunier. Martin was involved in community service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and several organizations in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. He and Mary Ann had three children: Cathryn Jean, John Jamieson, and David Alexander.*

*John Alexander Martin, O.B.E. (1880-1959), son of Rev. William M. Martin and Christena Jamieson, was an industrialist from Waterloo, Ontario. John, known as Alec, received a BA from the University of Toronto in 1902, and worked for the Canada Cycle & Motor Co. and the Russell Motor Car Co. before becoming manager of the Tire Division at the Dominion Rubber Co. in Montreal in 1917. In 1919 he became general manager, and in 1928 he began as vice-president. During World War II, he served in Ottawa as Deputy Rubber Controller for Canada from 1941 to 1945, at which time he assumed the position of Rubber Controller until 1947; he was awarded the Order of the British Empire for his work in this capacity. Martin was involved in community service in several local organizations including St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church; he was also a founding member and president of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children. In 1912, Martin married Jessie Gartshore Wilson, and they had three children: Wilson Alexander, William Jamieson, and John Gartshore.*

*Jessie Gartshore (Wilson) Martin (1885-1968) was a homemaker in Waterloo, Ontario. In 1912, she married John Alexander Martin, and they lived for a time in Vancouver before moving to Toronto and then Waterloo. They had three children: Wilson Alexander, William Jamieson, and John Gartshore. Jessie was the daughter of Richard and Margaret Wilson. Richard Todd Wilson ([1839?]-1927) was a merchant and manufacturer from Dundas, Ontario. He married Margaret Gartshore (1844-[193-]), daughter of John Gartshore (a miller in Fergus, Ontario) and Margaret (Moir). Richard and Margaret Wilson moved to Toronto in 1914. They had six children: Richard Steel, Anna Jacqueline, Alexander Douglas, Marion Forrester (called Merne), Margaret Helen (More) (called Madge), and Jessie Gartshore.*

*Wilson Alexander Martin (1913-[19--]) was the oldest child of John Alexander and Jessie Martin. Wilson graduated from the University of Toronto in economics and then worked at the Waterloo Trust and Savings Company. In 1939, he entered active service at the rank of Sergeant and worked on the staff of the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. He was eventually promoted to the rank of Major. In 1942, he married Dorothy Elaine Pequegnat and they had two daughters, Margaret Christine and Nan. After the war, he had a career in industrial engineering and then management at the Dominion Rubber Company in Kitchener and Montreal.*

*William Jamieson (Jamie) Martin (1917-1944) was the second son of John Alexander and Jessie Martin. He graduated from the University of Toronto in political science and economics in 1939 and in 1941 he enlisted in the army. He was appointed to the Canadian Armoured Corps and began training in Brockville as a Cadet. During the war he was part of the Elgin and then the 1st Hussars regiments and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. On June 11, 1944, his regiment was involved in a battle at Le Mesnil Patry, northwest of Caen, France, and Lt. Martin was killed in action. He is buried in the cemetery at Beny-sur-mer in France, and there is a memorial stone for him in the Grove Cemetery in Dundas, Ontario. He was engaged to Muriel Clift who worked as a military nurse in Europe during the war.*

*(Source: content of the fonds, donor records.)*

*Contents: fonds consists of records created and accumulated by John Gartshore Martin and other members of his family, primarily his mother and father John Alexander and Jessie Martin. Records relate to the lives and activities of John Gartshore Martin and other family members, including the impact of World War II. Includes photographs, correspondence, clippings, war memorabilia, ephemera, certificates, a scrapbook, military decorations, and other material.*

*Fonds is arranged in six series:*

- 1. Correspondence*
- 2. War Memorabilia*
- 3. John Alexander and Jessie Martin Family*

- 4. Clippings
  - 5. Photographs
  - 6. Decorations, Medals and Awards
- Title from the content of the fonds.  
Includes 885 photographs, 6 negatives, 5 contact prints, and 3 maps.  
The extent is measured in linear metres of shelf space occupied by the fonds.  
Donated in 2009.  
Some material is in Dutch.  
Detailed finding aid available.

## Series 1 : Correspondence

**Correspondence.** - 1941-1946, 1994-2004. - 6 cm.

*Contents: series consists of 140 pieces of correspondence and a small amount of related ephemera and clippings. Includes mainly letters written to John Alexander and Jessie Martin from John Gartshore Martin during his service with the Canadian military during World War II, describing his daily activities, social outings, leaves, meetings with friends and relatives, and general news about the war. Series also contains several letters from Wilson Martin, Jamie Martin, Jamie's fiancée Muriel Clift, and several other correspondents. The correspondence is in the form of letters, many of which include the original envelopes and stamps; aerograms with original stamps; and telegrams. Series also includes a small amount of correspondence between John Gartshore Martin and an acquaintance from Holland (1994-2004).*

*Some material is in Dutch.*

- File 1 **Correspondence from Jamie Martin.** - 1941-1944.  
*Contents: file consists of correspondence from Jamie Martin. Includes six letters to his mother and father and one letter to his Aunt Anna. One letter includes the original envelope. Loose material.*
- File 2 **Correspondence from John Gartshore Martin : [1941?]-1943.** - [1941?]-1943.  
*Contents: file consists of correspondence from John Gartshore Martin to his mother and father. Most correspondence was written between June and December, 1943, while John was at a transit camp in Windsor, Nova Scotia, waiting to be sent overseas. Also present is an earlier letter from John during his studies at the University of Toronto. File includes 3 telegrams and 15 letters, most of which include the original envelope and stamp. Loose material.*
- File 3 **Correspondence from John Gartshore Martin : January - June, 1944.** - 1944.  
*Contents: file consists of correspondence from John Gartshore Martin to his mother and father, written between January and June, 1944, while he was stationed in England. Includes 2 telegrams and 30 letters, most of which are aerograms with original stamps. Loose material.*
- File 4 **Correspondence from John Gartshore Martin : July - December, 1944.** - 1926, 1944.  
*Contents: file consists of correspondence from John Gartshore Martin to his mother and father, written between July and December, 1944, from England, Belgium, and Holland. Includes 47 letters, some of which are aerograms and some in envelopes, both with original stamps. Enclosed with one letter is a letter addressed to Jamie from his grandfather Richard Wilson written in 1926. Loose material.*
- File 5 **Correspondence from John Gartshore Martin : 1945-1946.** - 1945-1946.  
*Contents: file consists of correspondence from John Gartshore Martin to his mother and father, written in 1945 and 1946. Includes 2 telegrams and 22 letters, some of which are aerograms and some in envelopes, both with original stamps. The letter dated August 30, 1945, includes a copy of a memorial service for John's regiment (Lincoln and Welland) held at Nijverdal, Holland. Loose material.*
- File 6 **Correspondence from Wilson Martin.** - [1943?].  
*Contents: file consists of a letter from Wilson Martin to his mother. Loose material.*
- File 7 **Letters from various correspondents.** - 1944-1945.  
*Contents: file consists of letters to John Alexander and Jessie Martin from various correspondents. Includes four letters from Jamie's fiancée Muriel Clift while serving as a military nurse in Europe; a letter from nephew Walter; a letter from Col. R.B. Martin, and a letter from Col. A. P. [surname illegible]. The latter two are regarding the death of Jamie. Some letters are aerograms and some are in envelopes, both with original stamps. Loose material.*

- File 8           **Correspondence between Derk Rouwhorst and John Gartshore Martin.** - 1994-2004.  
*Contents: file consists of correspondence between Derk Rouwhorst of Delden (Netherlands) and John Gartshore Martin regarding the liberation of Delden (April 3, 1945) and of Holland, and the anniversaries of these events as celebrated in the Netherlands. Includes four letters (one with original envelope and stamp), press clippings (some photocopies), and a photocopied letter to John from the mayor of Delden. Some material is in Dutch.*
- Series 2 : War Memorabilia**
- War memorabilia.** - 1939-[196-], 1980-1994, predominant 1939-1949. - 3 cm. - 209 photographs : b&w and col. ; 24 x 17 cm or smaller. - 3 contact prints : b&w ; 23 x 18 cm and 17 x 24 cm. - 3 maps : col. ; 66 x 99 cm or smaller. - 1 negative : b&w ; 9 x 6 cm.  
*Contents: series consists of material collected by John Gartshore Martin relating to his time of service with Canadian army in World War II, mainly with the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, 10th Infantry Brigade, 4th Canadian Armed Division. Includes certificates of qualification, service, and recognition; ephemera; correspondence; maps; and other memorabilia. Series also includes scrapbooks containing photographs, newspaper clippings, ephemera, and correspondence relating to John's experience in the war. Also present are certificates relating to Lt. William Jamieson (Jamie) Martin and Wilson Martin. The linear extent of the series does not include oversized materials. Series arranged alphabetically. Some material is in Dutch.*
- File 9 OVR       **Certificate : in memory of Lieutenant Wm. J. Martin.** - 1945.  
*Contents: file consists of a certificate in memory of Lieutenant William Jamieson Martin, presented to John and Jessie Martin by the mayor and council of the Town of Waterloo. Oversized material. Originally in a frame.*
- File 10 OVR      **Certificate : welcome home Major Martin, J.G.** - 1946.  
*Contents: file consists of a certificate presented to Major John Gartshore Martin by the mayor and council of the Town of Waterloo in recognition of his service in WWII. Oversized material.*
- File 11 OVR      **Formation signs.** - 1945.  
*Contents: file consists of two copies of a poster depicting formation signs of various Allied units (including the 4th Canadian Armed Division), dated May 8, 1945. Oversized material.*
- File 12           **Liberation anniversary certificates.** - 1994. - 1 photograph : col. ; 19 x 24 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of material relating to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Holland (Bergen op Zoom) and Belgium in WWII. Includes certificates, a photograph of John Gartshore Martin shaking hands with the [Prime Minister of Belgium?], and a photocopied 1945 press clipping. Some material is in Dutch.*
- File 13 OVR      **Map : 4th Canadian Armoured Division.** - [after 1945]. - 1 map : col. ; 59 x 75 cm (sight) in frame 77 x 94 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a map showing the movements (with dates) of the 4th Canadian Armoured Division from the UK, the crossing to Normandy, and the advance into Holland and then across northern Germany. John Gartshore Martin's regiment (Lincoln and Welland) was part of this division. The border of the map includes the crests of all regiments in the division. Originally in frame. Oversized material.*
- File 14 OVR      **Map : central Europe, sheet M2 : Oldenburg.** - 1944. - 1 map : col. ; 64 x 88 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a map of Central Europe, published by the War Office [Canadian or British?]. Scale is 1:100,000. Contains ms. notes and markings. Oversized material.*
- File 15 OVR      **Map : north west Europe, sheet 2A & 3A : Walcheren-Amsterdam.** - 1943. - 1 map : col. ; 66 x 99 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a map of the Netherlands, published by the War Office [Canadian or British?]. Scale is 1:250,000. Oversized material.*

- File 16 OVR **Officer appointment.** - 1941.  
*Contents: file consists of a linen-backed document appointing John Gartshore Martin as 2nd Lieutenant in the army of the Dominion of Canada by King George IV, by command of the Governor General of Canada.*  
*Oversized material.*
- File 17 **Official service documents.** - 1939-1946.  
*Contents: file consists of material relating to John Gartshore Martin's military training and official term of service with the Canadian Army. Includes correspondence from the Department of National Defence, certificates of military qualification, a certificate of service, and diagrammatic plans of an attack by the Lincoln & Welland Regiment called "the final punch". File also includes a certificate of military qualification for John's brother Wilson Martin.*
- File 18 **Passport.** - 1940. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 6 x 5 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a passport for John Gartshore Martin for travel into the United States of America. Includes a photograph of Martin.*  
*Loose material.*
- File 19 **Pocket portfolio.** - 1943-1945. - 4 photographs : b&w ; 13 x 9 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of material collected by John Gartshore Martin during his time in active service and kept on his person in a photograph case issued by the Canadian Active Service Force. Includes photographs of his mother, father, brothers, and fiancée Mary Ann Kabel; officer's ration cards; and clippings of wedding announcements, including one for his brother Wilson and his bride Doris. Includes one page of ms. notes containing addresses and records of the number of letters John wrote to his mother and father and to Mary Ann.*  
*Some material is fragile.*
- File 20 **Roll of honour : First Hussars.** - 1945.  
*Contents: file consists of a roll of honor for members of the First Hussars killed in action between June 6, 1944 and May 6, 1945. Lieut. W.J. (Jamie) Martin is listed on the first page.*  
*Loose material.*
- File 21 OVR **Scrapbook 1.** - 1942-1949. - 196 photographs : b&w ; 24 x 17 cm or smaller. - 3 contact prints : b&w ; 23 x 18 cm and 17 x 24 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a scrapbook created by John Gartshore Martin about his experiences in WWII. Includes snapshots, newspaper clippings, ephemera, and correspondence. Snapshots were taken during John's training in Canada and his time in Europe, and show sporting events; fellow officers and soldiers; towns, buildings, and countryside in Normandy, Belgium and Holland; tanks and other equipment; a post-war ceremony; and other subjects. Scrapbook includes a telegram from John's parents informing him of his brother Jamie's death, ts. information relating to battles, a letter to Jessie Martin regarding John's DSO, and other items. Clippings relate to John's involvement in the war and his decoration with the DSO by the Governor General Viscount Alexander. The scrapbook pages are not in order and have been left as found. Some pages contain identification for the photographs.*  
*Oversized material.*  
*Pages and covers are separated; some pages are blank.*  
*Pages are fragile due to brittleness.*  
*Some material is in French.*
- File 22 OVR **Scrapbook 1 : loose material.** - 1944-[196-], 1980, 1984. - 7 photographs : b&w ; 18 x 24 cm or smaller. - 1 negative : b&w ; 9 x 6 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of material collected by John Gartshore Martin relating mainly to his experience in the war, including social and sporting events and regimental memorial services. Includes ephemera, newspaper clippings, photographs, a negative, a guide map of London, and a 1984 letter to John from a researcher regarding his scrapbook. Clippings relate to the war and John's involvement in particular, and include the October 27, 1945 issue of The Maple Leaf (newspaper for the Canadian Forces, northwest Europe edition); a clipping about a post-war business trip to Europe by John Alexander Martin is also present.*  
*Photographer: H. Beller.*  
*Photographer: L. Tadema-Wielandt.*  
*Material was originally found loose inside front cover of scrapbook.*  
*Material located in oversized box with scrapbook.*

File 22b OVR **Scrapbook 2.** - 1944-1945.  
*Contents: file consists of a scrapbook created by an unknown party (probably a family member or close friend) containing clippings from the Kitchener-Waterloo Record relating to local men serving in the war. Clippings describe the postings, promotions, and activities of the soldiers and officers, honours received, and news about those injured, missing, or killed. Some clippings relate to John Gartshore Martin, Wilson Alexander Martin, and Muriel Clift (fiancee of William Jamieson Martin). Some clippings are loose between pages of the scrapbook.*  
*Material is oversized.*

### **Series 3 : John Alexander and Jessie Martin Family**

**John Alexander and Jessie Martin family.** - [19--], 1909-1962. - 3.5 cm. - 3 photographs : b&w ; 21 x 26 cm or smaller.

*Contents: series consists of material relating to John Alexander and Jessie Martin as well as their decedents and ancestors. Includes ephemera, ms. notes, souvenirs, a ts. history and a ts. biography, and other material. Includes records relating to the wedding of John and Jessie, and the career, community service, and funeral of John. Most of the material was probably collected and kept by Jessie Martin.*

*The linear extent of the series does not include oversized materials.*

File 23 **Ephemera.** - [19--], 1909-1919, [194-], 1944.  
*Contents: file consists of ephemera and other material probably collected and kept by Jessie Gartshore Martin. Includes an invitation and program for a banquet in honour of Rev. William M. Martin; a ts./ms. list of people who contacted John and Jessie Martin upon Jamie's death; a postcard depicting a tank in Caen, France; a clipping of a photograph of John Alexander Martin; and other material.*  
*Loose material.*

File 24 **Martin, Jessie : family notes.** - 1927-1962.  
*Contents: file consists of several leaves taken from a bible belonging to Jessie Gartshore Martin, containing ms. notes she recorded about her family and significant events in their lives. Includes notes about the activity of her sons (and other acquaintances) in the war, memorials for Jamie, the deaths of her parents, the marriage of her sons and the births of grandchildren, and her health, as well as notes from church sermons. Neither the notes or leaves are in chronological order.*  
*Loose material.*  
*Some leaves contain water damage that caused the ink to run.*

File 25 OVR **Martin, John Alexander : citation for distinguished service.** - 1957.  
*Contents: file consists of a citation for distinguished service received by John Alexander Martin from the Ontario Society for Crippled Children.*  
*Oversized material.*

File 26 **Martin, John Alexander : in memoriam.** - 1959.  
*Contents: file consists of material relating to the funeral of John Alexander Martin, who died on June 7, 1959. Includes a memorial guest book containing details about the funeral service and a register of visitors, flowers, and gifts of remembrance. Includes a ts. poem, the message given at the funeral by Rev. F.G. Stewart, ts. lists of donations, and a clipping of the obituary (several copies).*  
*Loose material.*

File 27 **Martin, John Alexander : personal.** - 1935-1954. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 26 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of material relating to John Alexander Martin. Includes a command from Buckingham Palace regarding a medal, a ts. biography, a letter from the president of the Rubber Association of Canada, R.C. Bukinshaw, regarding Martin's resignation from the association, and a photograph of Martin and Buckinshaw.*  
*Photographer: R.C. Ragsdale, for Gilbert A. Milne & Co. (Toronto, ON).*  
*Loose material.*

File 28 **Monkland Mills : James Wilson and sons, Fergus, Ontario.** - [after 1933].  
*Contents: file consists of a ts. history of the Monkland Mills in Fergus, Ontario, owned by James Wilson and his sons for over 80 years. John Gartshore and Andrew Mitchell began milling in Fergus in 1835. John Gartshore and his wife Margaret (Moir) had six children; their daughter Jacqueline married James Wilson who established Monkland Mills, and another daughter Margaret married Richard Todd Wilson, who became John Gartshore Martin's grandparents.*  
*Loose material.*

File 29      **Souvenirs.** - [19--], 1911, [196-?]. - 2 photographs : b&w ; 4 x 5 cm and 3 x 2 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of sundry items probably collected as souvenirs. Includes a photograph album with a leather cover (empty); blank postcards depicting Clachaig (Scotland), a Vancouver parade, and the University of Toronto; business cards for a hotel in California; autograph booklets; and a print of a boy and a police officer.*  
*Loose material.*

File 30      **Wedding gift list.** - 1912.  
*Contents: file consists of booklet containing a ts. list of the gifts received by Jessie Gartshore and John Alexander Martin at their wedding on August 28, 1912. Booklet contains hand-drawn illustrations as well as two ms. poems, and is bound by a ribbon.*  
*Loose material.*

#### **Series 4 : Clippings**

**Clippings.** - 1927, 1941-[196-], 1970, 1984, [200-]. - 0.2 cm.  
*Contents: series consists of newspaper clippings relating to members of the Martin and Wilson families, the involvement of the Martin family and the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in World War II, and other subjects.*  
*The linear extent of the series does not include oversized materials.*

File 31      **Clippings : Martin family.** - 1927, 1941-[196-], 1984, [200-].  
*Contents: file consists of newspaper clippings collected for their relevance to the Martin and Wilson families. Clippings relate to the death of Richard Todd Wilson, the marriage of John Gartshore Martin and Mary Ann Kabel, the career of Wilson Martin at Dominion Rubber, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Kitchener, ON), Kabel's Men's and Ladies' Wear (Kitchener, ON), and other subjects.*  
*Loose material.*

File 32 OVR      **Clippings : World War II.** - 1944-1945.  
*Contents: file consists of newspaper clippings relating to the involvement of the Martin family and the Lincoln and Welland Regiment in WWII. Includes announcements about the death of Lt. Jamie Martin and the promotion of Lt. John Martin to Captain, and a detailed article about the battles fought by the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.*  
*Loose material.*  
*Oversized material.*

File 33 OVR      **Kitchener's first 100 years : Kitchener-Waterloo Record.** - 1954.  
*Contents: file consists of two sections of the June 22, 1954, Kitchener-Waterloo Record, containing a feature about Kitchener's 100th birthday.*  
*Oversized material.*

File 34 OVR      **Kitchener-Waterloo Record : December 16, 1970.** - 1970.  
*Contents: file consists of the first section of the Kitchener-Waterloo Record for December 16, 1970.*  
*Oversized material.*

#### **Series 5 : Photographs**

**Photographs.** - [188-?]-1998, predominant [ca. 1910]-1958. - 24.8 cm. - 673 photographs : b&w, col., and sepia toned ; 31 x 26 cm or smaller. - 5 negatives : b&w ; 12 x 7 cm and 9 x 6 cm. - 2 contact prints : b&w ; 19 x 24 cm and 5 x 4 cm.  
*Contents: series consists of photographs relating to the families and lives of John Gartshore and Mary Ann Martin, John Alexander and Jessie Martin, Richard and Margaret Wilson, and Rev. William M. and Christena Martin. Includes snapshots, individual and group portraits (some mounted), and photograph albums containing snapshots, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia. Series also includes photographs taken in Normandy and Holland during World War II and photographs of other subjects. The albums contain snapshots of John Alexander and Jessie Martin and their children growing up, Jamie Martin's grave, John Martin at an army training camp, Mary Ann Kabel and her friends, and a trip by members of the Wilson family.*  
*The linear extent of the series does not include oversized materials.*  
*Series arranged alphabetically.*

File 35      **Chicopee Tennis Club.** - 1928, [194-]-1950. - 15 photographs : b&w ; 10 x 16 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of group photographs of the Chicopee Tennis Club, probably at annual club events. John Alexander Martin is present in most of the photographs. Three of the photographs are incorporated in two Christmas cards. One photograph was taken at a 1928 Rotary Club picnic at Chicopee.*

- File 36 OVR **Houses.** - [19--], [ca. 1910], [195-], [197-?]. - 13 photographs : b&w and col. ; 19 x 24 cm, on mount 30 x 38, or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of photographs of houses, including the Martin residence at 41 Allen Street East, Waterloo [?]; the home of Wilson and Dorothy Martin at 155 Dunrae Avenue in Mount-Royal, Quebec; the home of R.T. Wilson in Dundas, Ontario; the Kabel's 'restful home'; and other unidentified houses. Two photographs are mounted.*  
*Loose material.*  
*Some material is oversized.*
- File 37 **Kabel family.** - [19--], [ca. 1910]-[198-]. - 70 photographs : b&w and col. ; 18 x 13 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of snapshots, most of which are probably of the Kabel family and friends. Includes snapshots of Mary Ann Kabel (later Martin) and her parents, Mr. And Mrs. Art H. Kabel. Some photographs include identification on verso.*  
*Photographer: Kitchener Waterloo Record (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Loose material.*  
*Some photographs are mounted.*
- File 38 **Kabel family : ancestors.** - [18--], [199-?] (originally created in [18--]). - 5 photographs : b&w ; 18 x 13 cm and 3 x 3 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of four modern reproductions of 19th century portraits, perhaps of ancestors of Mary Ann (Kabel) Martin, mounted on cardboard. File also includes a small "gem" type photograph of a child mounted on thick paper.*  
*Loose material.*
- File 39 **Kabel family : grandchildren.** - 1955-[ca. 1959]. - 24 photographs : b&w ; 9 x 9 cm and 9 x 7 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of snapshots of children, probably grandchildren to Mr. and Mrs. Art H. Kabel. Includes snapshots of twins Alistair and Cameron, and of three other children, probably John and Mary Ann Martin's children: Cathryn Jean, John Jamieson, and David Alexander. Some photographs are fastened in albums.*  
*Loose material.*
- File 40 OVR **Kabel, Mary Ann : portraits.** - [193-?]-[194-]. - 5 photographs : b&w ; 25 x 19 cm or smaller, on mount 40 x 30 and 37 x 27 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of five portraits of Mary Ann Kabel. Four of the portraits are mounted in folders.*  
*Photographer: Charles Belair (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Loose material.*  
*Some material is oversized.*
- File 41 **Martin and Wilson families.** - [19--], [191-]-1966. - 103 photographs : b&w and col. ; 26 x 21 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of photographs of the Martin and Wilson families. Includes snapshots of John Alexander and Jessie Martin; their sons and daughters-in-law Wilson and Dorothy, Jamie, and John and Mary Ann; and their grandchildren. Includes snapshots of Jessie Martin's parents, Richard and Margaret Wilson, and her siblings; and of John Alexander's parents, Rev. William and Christena Martin, and other family members. File also includes snapshots of other people, likely family friends. Most photographs are taken in Waterloo as well as other locations around Ontario. Some photographs include identification on verso.*  
*Photographer: Associated Screen News Ltd. (Montreal, QC).*  
*Photographer: Kitchener Waterloo Record (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Loose material.*  
*One photograph is mounted.*
- File 42 **Martin, Jamie : grave and memorial stone.** - [19--], 1945-1957. - 10 photographs : b&w and col. ; 18 x 13 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of photographs relating to Jamie Martin's grave and memorial stone. Includes snapshots of the grave and cemetery at Beny-sur-mer near Caen, France, including some with John Alexander and Jessie Martin; a snapshot of a memorial stone for Jamie at the Grove Cemetery in Dundas, Ontario; and a photograph of cenotaph in Waterloo, Ontario.*  
*Photographer: Kitchener-Waterloo Record (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Photographer: Doug Gordon.*  
*Photographer: Isambert Exclusivite Photos (Paris, France).*  
*Loose material.*



- File 43 **Martin, Jamie : portraits.** - [194-]. - 3 photographs : b&w ; 25 x 20 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of three portraits of Jamie Martin, two in uniform and one graduation photograph. Photographs have been mounted on cardboard.*  
*Photographer: Yost (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Loose material.*
- File 44 **Martin, Jessie Gartshore : portraits.** - 1912, [1913?]. - 2 photographs : b&w and sepia toned ; 16 x 11 cm on mount 31 x 21 cm, and 19 x 9 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a wedding portrait of Jessie Gartshore Martin, and a portrait of Jessie with a baby, probably her first son Wilson.*  
*Photographer: Geo. T. Wadds (Vancouver, BC).*  
*Loose material.*
- File 45 **Martin, John Alexander.** - 1905, 1911, [191-]. - 4 photographs : b&w and sepia toned ; 12 x 17 cm and 15 x 20 cm, on mounts 22 x 27 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of four photographs of John Alexander Martin. Three of the photographs are of John and others in a car at the base of a tree in Vancouver, BC. One photograph (linen-backed) is of John and another man holding up a railway inspection car.*  
*Photographer: Pringle and Booth (Toronto, ON).*  
*Loose material.*
- File 46 **Martin, John Alexander : portraits.** - [ca. 1918]-[194-]. - 6 photographs : b&w and sepia toned ; 24 x 19 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of six portraits of John Alexander Martin. One photograph is mounted and one is affixed to an oval wooden and cardboard frame.*  
*Photographer: George Freeland*  
*Loose material.*
- File 47 **Martin, John Gartshore : portraits.** - [192-?], [194-], 1944. - 8 photographs : b&w ; 20 x 15 cm (sight) in frame 36 x 31 cm, or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of seven portraits of John Gartshore Martin in uniform, and one portrait of him as a young boy. Some photographs are mounted, and some are printed on postcards.*  
*Photographer: H. Beller.*  
*Photographer: Yost (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Photographer: Georges de Coninck-Nagel.*  
*Loose material.*
- File 48 OVR **Martin, Rev. William M. and family : portrait.** - [ca. 1900]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 19 x 24, on mount 31 x 38 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a mounted family portrait of Rev. William M. Martin, his wife Christena (Jamieson), and their children, identified on verso as Melville Martin, Beattie Martin, Alex Martin (John Alexander), Anna Gunn, and Nettie Cranston.*  
*Material is oversized.*
- File 49 **Martin, Wilson, Jamie, and John : portraits.** - 1917, [ca. 1921], [1943?]. - 4 photographs : b&w ; 18 x 12 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of portraits of Wilson, Jamie and John Martin. Two photographs (plus one duplicate) are of the brothers as young children, and one photograph shows them together in uniform.*  
*Photographer: Charles Belair (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Photographer: Huber (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Loose material.*
- File 50 **Photograph album 1 : Martin family.** - 1913-1949. - 122 photographs : b&w ; 11 x 11 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of an album containing snapshots of Jessie and John Alexander Martin and their children, Wilson, Jamie, and John, as babies and young children. Other relative are included in some photographs. Album also includes later photographs of the three brothers in uniform, and a photograph of John Gartshore Martin and his father visiting Jamie's grave at Beny-sur-mer cemetery. Also contained in the album are several press clippings relating to John's achievements in the war, John A. Wilson (cousin) who was killed in action, and the post-war careers of Wilson and John.*  
*Most photographs are glued to album pages; some photographs and the clippings are loose.*

- File 51      **Photograph album 2 : Martin family.** - 1913-1958. - 55 photographs : b&w ; 17 x 24 cm or smaller. - 1 negative : b&w ; 9 x 6 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of an album containing snapshots of members of the Martin family, including Wilson, Jamie and John in uniform posing alone and with other relatives and friends; Jamie with friends in Europe during the war; the three brothers as young children; and John Alexander and Jessie Martin. Album also includes photographs of Jamie's grave and the cemetery at Beny-sur-mer in France; John Alexander and Jessie visiting the grave; and other memorials and plaques dedicated to Jamie. Album includes newspaper clippings mostly relating to the involvement of Wilson, Jamie and John in the war; Jamie's death and the memorial services for him; and Wilson's post-war career.*  
*Some photographs and clippings are loose; some album pages are blank.*
- File 52      **Photograph album 3 : Martin family.** - 1911-1949. - 48 photographs : b&w ; 12 x 18 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of an album containing snapshots of John Alexander and Jessie Martin and their children as well as other relatives and family friends. Includes snapshots of Wilson in uniform posing with relatives, and of Jamie's grave at Beny-sur-mer, France. Album also contains newspaper clippings and memorabilia, including the telegram from the Department of National Defence regarding Jamie's death and Jamie's last letter home. Clippings relate to Jamie's death, Wilson's wedding, John Alexander Martin's career (including his appointment to rubber controller for Canada), and news of relatives and friends.*  
*Some photographs and clippings are loose; some album pages are blank.*
- File 53      **Photograph album 4 : Mary Ann Kabel.** - 1941-1944, [195-]. - 87 photographs : b&w and col. ; 13 x 9 cm or smaller. - 4 negatives : b&w ; 12 x 7 cm. - 1 contact print : b&w ; 5 x 4 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of an album belonging to Mary Ann Kabel (later Martin) containing snapshots of her and her friends, friends' wedding photographs, and snapshots of John Gartshore Martin at the military school in Vernon, BC. Album also contains newspaper clippings and memorabilia. Clippings relate to news and announcements about Mary Ann's friends and other men from Kitchener-Waterloo serving in World War II (including deaths, injuries, etc.) and the weddings of Mary Ann's friends.*  
*Some photographs and clippings are loose; some album pages are blank.*  
*Pages and covers are separated.*
- File 54      **Photograph album 5 : trip to England and Scotland.** - [ca. 1913?]-[ca. 1941], predominant 1938. - 55 photographs : b&w ; 15 x 10 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of an album containing snapshots and souvenir postcards from a trip to England and Scotland. The trip was probably taken by Margaret (Wilson) More and her husband William More [?], Richard S. Wilson, and other members of the Wilson family. Album also includes loose snapshots of members of the Wilson and Martin families and a photograph of Jamie Martin; a Christmas card; and an ms. poem.*  
*Some album pages are blank.*
- File 55      **Photographs from Ann Martin.** - [19--], [194-], 1998. - 4 photographs : b&w and sepia toned ; 31 x 26 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of four photographs and a letter to John Gartshore Martin from his niece Ann Martin. One photograph (modern copy) depicts John Alexander Martin with his sons in uniform. In the letter, Ann asks John to identify the men and woman in the other three portraits. The woman is possibly John's maternal grandmother, Margaret (Gartshore) Wilson. One man is probably John's paternal grandfather, Rev. William M. Martin, and the other is probably John's uncle Alexander Douglas Wilson.*  
*Photographer: Hess (Calgary, AB).*  
*Photographer: Langfier Ltd. (London, England).*  
*Two of the photographs originally in frames.*
- File 56      **Unidentified event.** - [194-?]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 21 x 26 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of two copies of a photograph of men and women partaking in refreshments at an unidentified event.*  
*Photographer: Kitchener-Waterloo Record (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Loose material.*
- File 57      **Wedding of Mary Ann Kabel and John Gartshore Martin.** - 1946. - 11 photographs : b&w ; 10 x 15 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of photographs taken at the wedding of Mary Ann Kabel and John Gartshore Martin, on February 22, 1946.*  
*Photographer: Belair (Kitchener, ON).*  
*Loose material.*

- File 58 **Wilson, Alexander Douglas.** - [191-], [194-]-[197-]. - 9 photographs : b&w ; 14 x 9 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of photographs relating to Alexander Douglas Wilson and his family. Includes snapshots of Alexander in uniform with his parents and some siblings at a train station, a snapshot of his children, a snapshot of a bride [his daughter?] and groom, and other snapshots of family. File also includes newspaper clippings, most relating to his death. Originally in envelope labeled "Dick Boehm".*
- File 59 **Wilson, Margaret (Gartshore) : portraits.** - [189-]. - 3 photographs : b&w and sepia toned ; 20 x 10 cm and 14 x 10 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of two portraits (plus one duplicate) of Margaret (Gartshore) Wilson, one including another woman, possibly a sister.  
 Photographer: Forsythe (Dundas, ON).  
 Loose material.*
- File 60 **Wilson, Merne and Madge : portrait.** - [188-?]. - 1 photograph : sepia toned ; 11 x 7 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a portrait of Merne [Marion] and Madge [Margaret] Wilson as young girls.  
 Photographer: McMillan (Dundas, ON).  
 Loose material.*
- File 61 OVR **Wilson, Richard Todd and family : portraits.** - [ca. 1910?]-[192-?]. - 4 photographs : b&w ; 19 x 24, on mount 31 x 36 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of four portraits of Richard Todd Wilson, his wife Margaret (Gartshore) and extended family members, including their children and grandchildren. One portrait includes an inset photograph of John Alexander Martin, and one portrait includes only the children of Richard and Margaret. Two portraits include identification on verso.  
 Photographer: Duryea Photo Co. (Vancouver, BC).  
 Photographer: The King Studio (Vancouver, BC).  
 Photographer: [Lutherdale?] (Toronto, ON).  
 Material is oversized.  
 Loose material.*
- File 62 **Women, unidentified : group portrait.** - [19--]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 21 cm, on mount 25 x 35 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a portrait of a group of young women, possibly a class of some sort. Includes no identification.  
 Photographer: R.B. Kennedy (Guelph, ON).  
 Loose material.*
- File 63 **Women, unidentified : portraits.** - [189-?], [192-?], [194-?]. - 3 photographs : b&w and sepia toned ; 25 x 18 cm or smaller.  
*Contents: file consists of three portraits of women. One (mounted) depicts a woman in a wedding dress. One woman is possibly Dorothy (Pequegnat) Martin, and the other two are possibly daughters of Richard and Margaret Wilson.  
 Photographer: Forsythe.  
 Photographer: Barragh (London, [ON?]).  
 Loose material.*
- File 64 **World War II : diagrammatic plan of operation "Blockbuster".** - [1945?]. - 1 contact print : b&w ; 19 x 24 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of a contact print of a diagram showing operation "Blockbuster" of the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.  
 Loose material.*
- File 65 OVR **World War II : Normandy and Holland.** - 1944-1945. - 6 photographs : b&w ; 17 x 22 (sight) in frame 62 x 73 cm.  
*Contents: file consists of six photographs of Normandy and Holland during World War II, probably taken by John Gartshore Martin. Photographs are mounted in a frame and are labelled: Trun-Falaise gap Normandy 1944; Caen Normandy 1944; Road to Bergen-op-zoom Holland 1944; Kapelsche Veer Holland 1945; and Prisoners, Trun-Falaise gap Normandy 1944.  
 Material is oversized.  
 Originally in frame.*

## Series 6 : Decorations, Medals and Awards

- Decorations, medals and awards.** - [19--], 1945-1948, 1983, 1992-1995. - 33.5 cm.  
*Contents: series consists of decorations, medals, and awards presented to John Gartshore Martin, John Alexander Martin, and Jessie Martin, as well as various military insignia and memorabilia.*

File 66 OVR

**Decorations and medals.** - [19--], 1992-1995.

*Contents: file consists of decorations and medals awarded to members of the Martin family, and various military insignia and memorabilia. Includes decorations awarded to John Gartshore Martin: Distinguished Service Order, 1939-1945 Star, France and Germany Star, Defense Medal, Canadian Volunteer Service Medal, War Medal 1939-1945 (oak leaf), 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal, and a miniature set of these; medals commemorating 50th anniversary of the D-day landings and of the liberation at Bergen-op-zoom; and other military insignia memorabilia. File also includes the Order of the British Empire (with miniature) awarded to John Alexander Martin; and a Silver Cross awarded to Jessie Martin on the death of her son William Jamieson Martin.*

*Material is oversized.*

File 67 OVR

**Awards.** - 1945-1948, 1983.

*Contents: file consists of certificates in recognition of military and civilian honours awarded to John Gartshore Martin and John Alexander Martin.*

*Includes certificates awarded to John Alexander Martin: Grant of the dignity of an Additional Officer of the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire (1946) (includes accompanying memorandum affixed to original backing in frame); Appointment to the honorary rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, 54th Light Anti-aircraft Regiment (Scott Fusiliers of Canada) (1948).*

*Includes certificates awarded to John Gartshore Martin: Appointment to Distinguished Service Order (1945); Appointment to be Honorary Colonel in the Highland Fusiliers of Canada (1983) (attached to cardboard).*

*Material is oversized.*

*Awards originally in frames.*