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Finding Aid : **WA 1** Elaine M. Catley fonds.

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WA 1 : Catley, Elaine M., 1889-1984.

Elaine M. Catley fonds. - 1926-1975. - 15 cm of textual records. - 1 photograph.

Elaine Maud Catley, poet, was born Nov. 14, 1889 in Bath, England, daughter of Frederick Charles and Annie Matilda (Whittington) Clark. She married Sidney Charles William Catley on Dec. 29, 1915 and moved with him to Calgary, Alberta in 1920. She contributed poems and articles to Canadian and British periodicals as well as to supplementary school textbooks and verse anthologies, and had six books of verse published: Greater Love and Other Poems, n.d.; Star Dust and Other Poems, 1926; Ecstasy and Other Poems, 1927; Canada Calling, 1938; Light and Other Poems, 1960 and At the End of the Road, 1974. The Calgary Daily Herald published many of her pieces between 1921 and 1942. A member of the Canadian Authors Association for 25 years, she served in all offices up to President, and for three years was also a member of the Canadian Women's Press Club. She died in 1984. Source: the fonds and Who Was Who Among North American Authors 1921-1939. -- Detroit: Gale Research Co., 1976.

The fonds consists of correspondence, manuscripts and typescripts of poetry and prose, clippings of published work and reviews. Six volumes of verse have been catalogued separately. Correspondents include Nellie McClung (2 letters), Laura Goodman Sanderson (1 letter) and Charles G.D. Roberts (1 letter).

Title based on content of the fonds.

The collection, books and archives, was purchased from Christie, Mason & Woods (Canada) Ltd. with Montreal Book Auctions Lt. Sale of Works of Art and Literature, Calgary, Sept. 28, 1970, where it had been placed for sale by Mrs. Catley. (See Montreal Book Auction Records 1967-1971, p. 272.)

Detailed finding aid available.

Series 1 : Biographical

- File 1 **Catley, Elaine M. : biographical.** - 1966-2001.
Contents: clippings, biographical notes by Elaine Catley (ms. originals), a photocopy of _Memories, as written by Elaine Maud Catley_, and a photocopy of _Poems of Canada_, both donated in 2001.
- File 2 **Catley, Elaine M. : portrait.** - [194-?]. - 1 photograph : b&w ; 10 x 8 cm.
Subject: Catley, Elaine M.
- File 3 **Speech by Mr. A. Ludwig, M.L.A., Legislative assembly, March 6th, 1961.** - 1966-2001.
Contents: speech includes a tribute to Elaine Catley.

Series 2 : Correspondence

Correspondence. - 1913-1966.

Contents: twenty-two letters received by E.M. Catley. Correspondents include Nellie McClung (2 letters), Laura Goodman Salverson, Sir Charles G.D. Roberts. The correspondence is indexed separately.

- File 4 **Allison, W.T.** - 1938.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 5 **Benson, A.C.** - 1913.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 6 **Betts, Craven Longstreth.** - 1928.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 7 **Birkett, Lord.** - 1961.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 8 **Brockington, Leonard W.** - 1961.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 9 **Brown, Audrey A.** - 1947.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 10 **Elsom, John C.** - 1929.
The correspondence is indexed separately.

- File 11 **Garvin, John W.** - 1935.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 12 **Greenham, Henry.** - 1927.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 13 **MacDougall, John.** - 1930.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 14 **MacMillan, Alexander.** - 1932.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 15 **McClung, Nellie.** - [192-].
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 16 **Neilson, Mary E.** - 1927.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 17 **Noyes, Alfred.** - [19--].
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 18 **Palmer, George.** - 1926.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 19 **Pomeroy, Elsie.** - 1946.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 20 **Priestley, F.E.L.** - 1938.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 21 **Roberts, Charles G.D.** - 1927.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 22 **Salverson, Laura Goodman.** - [1930?].
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 23 **Wise, Christine [Van der Mark].** - 1966.
The correspondence is indexed separately.
- File 24 **Wood, Stanley N.** - 1926.
The correspondence is indexed separately.

Series 3 : Manuscripts: Prose

- File 25 **Alberta's 'blue ethereal sky'.** - [19--].
Typescript, 2 p.
- File 26 **Blizzard.** - [19--].
Typescript, 3 p.
- File 27 **Calgary thirty-five years ago.** - 1955.
Typescript, 2 p.
- File 28 **I'm glad I'm a late Victorian.** - 1961.
Typescript, 4 p.
- File 29 **The little brown bungalow.** - [19--].
Typescript, 3 p.
- File 30 **My most interesting experience.** - 1969.
Typescript, 2 p.
- File 31 **One little spot, submitted by "Oatlands".** - [19--].
Typescript, 10 p.
- File 32 **One who never turned his back.** - [1929].
Typescript, 6 p.

- File 33 **Pen pictures of Calgary, past and present.** - [196-].
Typescript, 6 p.
- File 34 **Personality, in life and literature.** - [192-].
Typescript, 3 p.
- File 35 **Reminiscences of early Canadian writers I have known.** - 1971.
Typescript, 9 p.
- File 36 **Second fiddle, by "Invictus".** - [19--].
Typescript, 11 p., 2 copies.
- File 37 **Some notable centenaries of 1932.** - [1932].
Typescript, 4 p.
- File 38 **"Wendy."** - [19--].
Ms., 5 p.

Series 4 : Manuscripts: Poetry

- File 39 **Book 1: mss. of poems by Elaine M. Catley, 1912-1914.** - 1912-1914.
Contents: typescripts of five poems: "Fellow Pilgrims" n.d., 1 p.; "Prairie Rain" n.d., 1 p.; "That Canada May Live," n.d., 1 p.; "The Night-Mail Plane," 1939, 1 p.; "The Age of Machinery," 1930, 1 p.
- File 40 **Book 2: mss. of poems by Elaine M. Catley, 1914-1921.** - 1914-1921.
Contents: typescripts of five poems: "Fellow Pilgrims" n.d., 1 p.; "Prairie Rain" n.d., 1 p.; "That Canada May Live," n.d., 1 p.; "The Night-Mail Plane," 1939, 1 p.; "The Age of Machinery," 1930, 1 p.
- File 41 **Book 3: mss. of poems by Elaine M. Catley, 1921-1930.** - 1921-1930.
Contents: typescripts of five poems: "Fellow Pilgrims" n.d., 1 p.; "Prairie Rain" n.d., 1 p.; "That Canada May Live," n.d., 1 p.; "The Night-Mail Plane," 1939, 1 p.; "The Age of Machinery," 1930, 1 p.
- File 42 **Book 5: mss. of poems by Elaine M. Catley, Aug. 1927-April 1934.** - 1927-1934.
Contents: typescripts of five poems: "Fellow Pilgrims" n.d., 1 p.; "Prairie Rain" n.d., 1 p.; "That Canada May Live," n.d., 1 p.; "The Night-Mail Plane," 1939, 1 p.; "The Age of Machinery," 1930, 1 p.
- File 43 **Book 6: mss. of poems by Elaine M. Catley, Sept. 1934-1940.** - 1934-1940.
Contents: typescripts of five poems: "Fellow Pilgrims" n.d., 1 p.; "Prairie Rain" n.d., 1 p.; "That Canada May Live," n.d., 1 p.; "The Night-Mail Plane," 1939, 1 p.; "The Age of Machinery," 1930, 1 p.
- File 44 **Book 7: mss. of poems by Elaine M. Catley, Feb. 1941-March 1963.** - 1941-1963.
Contents: typescripts of five poems: "Fellow Pilgrims" n.d., 1 p.; "Prairie Rain" n.d., 1 p.; "That Canada May Live," n.d., 1 p.; "The Night-Mail Plane," 1939, 1 p.; "The Age of Machinery," 1930, 1 p.
- File 45 **Poetry : music and typescripts.** - [193-].
Contents: typescripts of five poems: "Fellow Pilgrims" n.d., 1 p.; "Prairie Rain" n.d., 1 p.; "That Canada May Live," n.d., 1 p.; "The Night-Mail Plane," 1939, 1 p.; "The Age of Machinery," 1930, 1 p. Also includes "Little babe", ms. music by Clifford Higgin, with words by Elaine Catley, autographed by Clifford Higgin.

Series 6 : Published Works

- File 46 **"Alberta's first poet," Calgary Daily Herald, June 18 , 1932 (Part 1); July 2, 1932 (Part 2).** - 1932.
- File 47 **"At Crescent Beach [poem]," Surrey Leader, Apr. 13, 1961.** - 1961.
- File 48 **"Ballade to solitude [poem]," Calgary Daily Herald, June 11, 1935.** - 1935.
- File 49 **"Benediction" : poem, undated.** - [19--].
- File 50 **"Calgary 35 years ago," North Hill News, Sept. 2, 1955.** - 1955.

- File 51 **"A childless mother [poem]," Calgary Daily Herald, May 12, 1928.** - 1928.
- File 52 **First impressions of English folk arriving in Canada are those of friendliness and real good cheer.** - 1924.
- File 53 **"From yard-stick to farm-yard," Calgary Daily Herald, Mar. 15, 1930.** - 1930.
- File 54 **"Good Friday" : poem, undated.** - [19--].
- File 55 **"Grandmothers of fiction assume a new importance, " Jan. 23, 1932.** - 1932.
- File 56 **"Hints for holiday readers," Calgary Daily Herald, July 23, 1932.** - 1932.
- File 57 **"In an old English book shop," Calgary Daily Herald, Apr. 12, 1929.** - 1929.
- File 58 **"In memoriam: M.D. Geddes [poem]," Calgary Daily Herald, Aug. 9, 1927.** - 1927.
- File 59 **"Letters of English authoress [Katherine Mansfield] contain poignant records," Calgary Daily Herald, Nov. 19, 1932.** - 1932.
- File 60 **"Longing for home [poem]," Calgary Daily Herald, June 19, 1934.** - 1934.
- File 61 **"Making the vision come true," Calgary Daily Herald, Sept. 7, 1926.** - 1926.
- File 62 **"Mass education often destroys originality," [Calgary Daily Herald?] : 22.** - [19--].
- File 63 **"Men greater slaves to style than women," Calgary Herald, Dec. 30, 1939.** - 1939.
- File 64 **"My trees [poem]," Saturday Night, July 21, 1934: 3.** - 1934.
- File 65 **"One who never turned his back," July 20, 1929.** - 1929.
- File 66 **"Poetry and prose from Alberta," Canadian Doctor (Sept. 1943): 23.** - 1943.
- File 67 **"Quiet heroism marks life of prairie mother," Calgary Daily Herald, May 26, 1939: 29.**
- 1934.
- File 68 **"Reading for interest and pleasure yields worthwhile profits," Calgary Daily Herald, May 14, 1932.** - 1932.
- File 69 **"Shower of rain prelude to `Iolanthe'," - [19--].**
- File 70 **"Sunshine's `If' [poem]," [Calgary Daily Herald?], Dec. 6, 1930.** - 1930.
- File 71 **"Tie uniting father to son poet's theme," Calgary Daily Herald, June 8, 1935.** - 1935.
- File 72 **"Triolet" : poem, undated.** - [19--].
- File 73 **"Verse competitions encourage Canadian writers of poetry," Calgary Daily Herald, June 28, 1934.** - 1934.
- File 74 **"What's in a name?" John O'London's Weekly, May 17, 1924: 242.** - 1924.
- File 75 **"When is a barber not a barber?" Calgary Daily Herald, May 7, 1932.** - 1932.

Series 7 : Reviews

- File 76 **Reviews.** - 1926-1974.