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Strange, Davison, Thompson, Griffiths Family

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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Strange, Davison, Thompson, Griffiths Family
ID:	MSS 192 (A2004-103)
PC [alternative]:	182
Date:	1865-2003; predominant 1918-2003 (date of creation)
Physical description:	1.55 m of textual records, 1369 photographs. 1 leather wallet.
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Finding aid created by Jackie Nadiger (2005). Encoded by Heather Beattie (2005).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

These papers were created by families of Theodore Strange, Andrew Davison, Thompson and Mary Ann Griffiths. Theodore Strange married Mary Ann Griffiths and together they had four children, Nita, Ella, Sims, and George. Strange worked in Winnipeg for a short while to earn money to buy land for a farm and relocated his family to Green Ridge in 1878. He died in October 1879 of pneumonia and complications from injuries received during the U.S. civil war. The following year Mrs. Strange married Andrew Davison of Green Ridge. They had five more children, Mary, Llewie, Lizzie, Bill and Bert. Andrew died in 1933 and Mary Ann in 1936; the farm was bequeathed to Bert and Bill Davison, neither of whom married. Upon their deaths, Theo Stancel Strange, the son of Sims Strange, inherited the farms. Lizzie married Thompson and had a daughter Edith Thompson. Edith lived on the farm most of her life.

Custodial history

Donated by Theo Strange and Miss Edith Thompson

Scope and content

The collection consists of feet of greeting cards, postcards, photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, farm ledgers and account books, receipts, wills, legal documents, land deeds, historical municipality charts, family trees, and historical papers including official notice of John Thomas' discharge from the U.S. military service in 1865, a letter from Buckingham palace wishing a safe return to a soldier sent overseas (presumably Pte. H. W. Davison). Included among the family photographs are Pte. Davison's photos of the destruction in France at the end of WWI. The majority of correspondence is

between Llewie Davison, Lizzie Davison, Nita Strange, Mary Davison, Bill Davison, Bert Davison, Edith Thompson, and Theo Stancel Strange.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

This collection is arranged into six series formed by Edith Thompson; arrangement by archives staff with respect for original order

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be downloaded from the fonds-level description by clicking on the “Download” link under “Finding Aid” on the right hand side of the screen.

Related material

The journal of Theodore Strange is held by the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. The journal contains Strange's account of his voyage from Thorold to Winnipeg. Miss Thompson has prepared and included a handwritten account of the journal.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Draft

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Object (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Greeting cards

Date: 1899-2003 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Christmas cards	1918-2003, predominantly 1918-1933		A2004-103, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Christmas cards undated	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Christmas cards undated	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Wedding/Anniversary cards	1906-2003		A2004-103, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - Funeral/Sympathy cards	1899-2003, predominant 1981-2003		A2004-103, Box 0001 File 0005
	File - Miscellaneous cards	1976-2002		A2004-103, Box 0001 File 0006

Correspondence

Date: 1881-2003 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - Nita Strange	1893-1909, [1919?]	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - Mary Davison	1902-1937, 1949	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - Llewie Davison	1902-1976, predominant 1902-1918	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - Bill Davison	1903, 1919-1936	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - Lizzie Davison	1903-1958	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0005
	File - Letters to Bert Davison	1909-1955, predominant 1918-1937	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0006
	File - Letters from Bert Davison	1918-1919, 1937	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0007
	File - Mr. Davison, Mrs. Davison	1918-1933, 1893-1929	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0008
	File - General correspondence	1881-1897, 1906-1920	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0009
	File - General correspondence	1921-1931, 1989, 1992	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0010
	File - Fragments undated	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0002 File 0011
	File - To Edith & Theo	1932-1975	A2004-103, Box 0003 File 0001
	File - To Edith & Theo	1976-1977	A2004-103, Box 0003 File 0002
	File - To Edith & Theo	1981-1991	A2004-103, Box 0003 File 0003
	File - To Edith & Theo	1992-2003	A2004-103, Box 0003 File 0004
	File - To Edith & Theo	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0003 File 0005

Postcards

Date: 1908-1932 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Canadian provinces: Ontario, Quebec	1908-1932		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0001
	File - Canadian provinces: Saskatchewan, Manitoba	1909-1918		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0002
	File - Canadian provinces: Alberta, British Columbia, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island	1912-1923		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0003
	File - Britain: Alnwick, Eastbourne, London, The Tower of London, Seaford	1914-1919		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0004
	File - Britain: Alnmouth, Dublin, Edinburgh	1918		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0005
	File - France: 2 booklets of French ruins	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0006
	File - Miscellaneous: Soldiers/camps, The King at the Front, Buckingham Palace and the King's stage coach, people/portraits	1909-1919		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0007
	File - Miscellaneous: American states, Valentines/Christmas greetings	1911-1932		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0008
	File - Album of 76 postcards	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0009
	File - Pictorial letters	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0004 File 0010
Photographs <u>Date:</u> 1898-2002 (date of creation) <u>Access points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textual record (documentary form) <u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container

	File - Mounted photographs of the Griffiths, Davison, Strange and Thompson family in Green Ridge	1898	A2004-103, Box 0005 File 0001
	File - Mounted photographs of the Griffiths, Davison, Strange and Thompson families	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0005 File 0002
	File - Album of 33 photographs	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0005 File 0003
	File - 165 negatives	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0006 File 0001
	File - Black & White photographs	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0006 File 0002
	File - Black & White photographs: photos of Andrew Davison's second house, built in 1901	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0006 File 0003
	File - Bert's overseas photos: Photos of buildings destroyed by bombs in Annis and Lens in France just after WWI, taken by Bert Davison while stationed overseas	1918-1919	A2004-103, Box 0006 File 0004
	File - Black & White photos: hospital ward, patients, nurses and doctors	[ca. 1930]	A2004-103, Box 0006 File 0005
	File - Colour photos, 1 slide	1960-2002	A2004-103, Box 0006 File 0006
	File - 1 album of 238 photos	1910-1932	A2004-103, Box 0006 File 0007

Clippings

Date: 1929, 1981-2002 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Clippings	1929, 1981-2002		A2004-103, Box 0007 File 0001
	File - Clippings	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0007 File 0002

Miscellaneous

Date: 1880-1994 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Miscellaneous	1880-1937		A2004-103, Box 0007 File 0003
	File - Miscellaneous	1953		A2004-103, Box 0007 File 0004
	File - Miscellaneous	1962-1994		A2004-103, Box 0007 File 0005
	File - Miscellaneous	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0007 File 0006
	File - Miscellaneous - John Thomas papers	1865-1879		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0001
	File - Miscellaneous - William Foulds, receipts	1873-1877		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0002
	File - Miscellaneous - Andrew Davison, Miss. L. Davison	1873-1877		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0003
	File - Miscellaneous - Theodore Strange, Theodore S. Strange	1878-1943		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0004
	File - Miscellaneous - Mary A. Strange, Mary A. Thomas, Mary A. Davison	1880-1893		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0005
	File - Miscellaneous - French documents	1913		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0006
	File - Miscellaneous - Andrew Davison's bank books	1921-1932		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0007
	File - Miscellaneous - William A. Davison, Herbert W. Davison	1932-1948		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0008
	File - Miscellaneous - Wills	1932-1948		A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0009

	File - Miscellaneous - Booklets	[ca. 1914] - [ca. 1935]	A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0010
	File - Miscellaneous - Historical municipality charts	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0011
	File - Miscellaneous - Griffiths family papers, family tree	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0012
	File - Miscellaneous - Edith Thompson's notes	No Date	A2004-103, Box 0008 File 0013

Books & Albums

Date: 1882-1983 (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Andrew Davison's farm ledger	1882		A2004-103, Box 0009 Item 0001
	File - Mrs. Davison's poetry anthology	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0009 Item 0002
	File - Presbyterian Book of Praise	1904		A2004-103, Box 0009 Item 0003
	File - Bible	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0009 Item 0004
	File - Royal Municipality of Franklin	1883-1983		A2004-103, Box 0009 Item 0005

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Date: 1911, No Date (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

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File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Robert Foulds' Pharmaceutical Association of the North West Territories Certificate	1911		A2004-103, Box 0010 File 0001
	File - Griffiths family portrait	No Date		A2004-103, Box 0010 File 0002