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# George E. and Gertrude Mabee collection

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# Collection description

**George E. And Gertrude Mabee collection.** - 1921, 1955.

2 letters

1 pamphlet

3 maps

1 envelope

## Biographical sketch

George E. Mabee (1890-1955) and Gertrude Mabee (1891-1973) arrived in Oliver, B.C., in 1921, and lived there for many years in the early and mid-parts of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. George E. Mabee was involved in the fruit industry in Oliver. He established the George E. Mabee fruit packing house, and was also active in the BC Fruit Growers' Association.

## Custodial history

Immediate source of acquisition is a private collector, Kelly Love. Love inherited the materials in the collection from his grandparents, George E. Mabee and Gertrude Mabee.

## Scope and content

The collection consists of two subcollections: 1) Daisy Clara Millar letters and 2) South Okanagan Irrigation Project ephemera.

## Notes

### Finding aids

Subcollections descriptions available.

### Accruals

Further accruals may be expected.



# Subcollections descriptions

OSC ARC 37.1: Daisy Clara Millar letters. - 1955.

2 letters

## Biographical sketch

Daisy Millar was married to Albert Millar, “who was internationally prominent in the oil industry before coming to Oliver.” In Oliver, Albert Millar was an orchardist and partner in the Oliver Sawmill.

Daisy Millar is the presumed author of the letters, based on the understanding that the Millar’s were involved in the oil industry in the area of Eastern Europe referred to in the letters.

Additionally, Daisy Millar was a sister of Harold Wright who was active as a manager and part owner of Oliver Sawmill. The Wrights were a very prominent family in Oliver's early days.

Their home, now termed The Millar Residence, is today a registered heritage structure in Oliver.

Albert and Daisy Millar were close friends of George E. and Gertrude Mabee when both families lived in Oliver, B.C.

## Custodial history

Mrs. Millar's letters were with other historical items belonging to Jean Love (née Mabee) before being passed down to the donor.

## Scope and content

Subcollection consists of two letters totaling twelve pages dated October and November 1955 addressed to Enid with one, possibly both, being signed “Mummsy.” The letters narrate the writer’s experiences in the early days of the Russian invasion of Austrian Galicia in 1914-15. The author’s family was directly on the route of the invasion and retaliation, and her account reflects details both on the ground and the political and military events of the time. Although written 40 years after the events, the letters seem remarkably clear and detailed. The letters appear to be “original” blue carbons, with some manuscript annotations both in the author’s and another’s hand.

## Notes

## Finding aids

File list [available](#).

## Sources

Regional District of the Okanagan Similkameen. (2009). “Millar Residence.” *Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen Community Heritage Register*. <https://www.rdos.bc.ca/assets/COMMUNITY-SERVICES/Heritage/HeritagePages/AreaC/MillarResidence-cobmined.pdf>. Retrieved May 5, 2023.



OSC ARC 37.2: South Okanagan Irrigation Project ephemera. - 1921.

1 pamphlet

3 maps

1 envelope

#### Custodial history

The subcollection was recovered from among the papers of George E. Mabee, bound in an envelope dated to February 18, 1921, addressed to George E. Mabee.

#### Scope and content

Subcollection consists of an Oliver Townsite Map, Map of Lots South of Oliver, Map of Lots North of Oliver, and a terms of sale pamphlet prepared in advance of a land auction, March 4 and 5, 1921.

#### Notes

Finding aids

File list [available](#).



## File list

### BOX 1 (Small fonds Box 1)

File	Title and Description	Subcollection
01-001	<b>Daisy Clara Millar letters. - 1955.</b> File contains two letters.	<b>LETTERS</b>
01-002	<b>South Okanagan Irrigation Project Auction Pamphlet. - 1921.</b> File contains pamphlet listing terms of sale and fees.	<b>IRRIGATION</b>
01-003	<b>[Envelope addressed to George E. Mabee]. - 1921.</b> File contains original envelope with stamps.	<b>IRRIGATION</b>

### OS FOLDER 1

Item	Title and Description	Subcollection
OS1-001	<b>Lots South of Oliver. - 1921.</b> File contains a map.	<b>IRRIGATION</b>
OS1-002	<b>Lots North of Oliver. - 1921.</b> File contains a map.	<b>IRRIGATION</b>
OS1-003	<b>Oliver Townsite Map. - 1921.</b> File contains a map.	<b>IRRIGATION</b>



# Catalogue record

**Title:** George E. And Gertrude Mabee Collection

**Other**

**Contributors/Collections:** Millar, Daisy Clara  
Mabee, George E.  
Mabee, Gertrude

**Published/Created:** 1921, 1955

**Permalink:** <http://resolve.library.ubc.ca/cgi-bin/catsearch?bid=12561989>

**Location:** OKANAGAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS archives

**Call Number:** OSC-ARC-37

**Number of Items:** 2

**Status:** Available

**Location Has:** Box 1, OS Folder 1

**Description:** 2 letters  
1 pamphlet  
3 maps  
1 envelope

**Summary:** The collection consists of two subcollections: 1) Daisy Clara Millar letters and 2) South Okanagan Irrigation District ephemera.

**Biography/history note:** George E. Mabee (1890-1955) and Gertrude Mabee (1891-1973) arrived in Oliver, B.C., in 1921, and lived there for many years in the early and mid-parts of the 20th century. George E. Mabee was involved in the fruit industry in Oliver. He established the George E. Mabee fruit packing house, and was also active in the BC Fruit Growers' Association.

**Indexes and finding aids:** Online inventory available.  
File list available.

**Notes:** Title based on the content of the collection and on the information supplied by the donor.



# Document control

Date	Revision	Issued for
20230505	A	File list / location code completion (PH)
20230515	B	Review (LC)
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