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Summary information

Repository: University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections

Title: Mary McAlpine fonds

ID: RBSC-ARC-1360

Date: [1850?-1990] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1.6 m of textual and photographic records

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

A Canadian writer and journalist born and based in Vancouver, Mary McAlpine wrote fiction, various articles published in journals and newspapers, short stories with some turning into radio plays, and documentaries for the National Film Board. McAlpine graduated from the University of British Columbia with a bachelor of arts degree and began her career as a copy and radio writer for an advertising agency. In 1954, she joined The Sun staff. Some of her best-known journalistic work was her columns written from Europe as a tourist, and a series titled *Other Women's Shoes*. She married writer Kildare Dobbs in 1958, and had two daughters, Sarah and Lucinda. She also wrote a biography of Ethel Wilson that was published in 1988. Mary McAlpine passed away in Vancouver February 3, 1993.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of correspondence, photographs, sound recordings, and notes produced by McAlpine (formerly known as Mary McAlpine Dodds) and related authors, friends, and family. Correspondents include Ethel Wilson, Wallace Wilson, Margaret Laurence, Beverly Mitchell, Nan Cheney, Dorothy Livesay, and others.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Arrangement

Other materials are kept physically in original received order.

Finding aids

Inventory available.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Physical description:** ca. 800 photographs 2 photo albums 7 polyester sound reels 6.3mm x 183m 1 audio cassette

Access points

- Wilson, Ethel (subject)
- Wilson, Wallace (subject)
- Laurence, Margaret (subject)
- Mitchell, Beverly Joan (subject)
- Cheney, Nan (subject)
- Livesay, Dorothy (subject)
- Erickson, Arthur (subject)

Series descriptions

Correspondence

Date: 1948-[1990] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains correspondence primarily of Mary McAlpine and collected correspondence of Ethel Wilson related to business as well as personal letters and post cards.

Physical description: 28 folders.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-4	File - Interview with Lord Beaverbrook	1955		
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-5	File - [Ethel Wilson to McAlpine 1956]	1956		
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-6	File - [Ethel Wilson to McAlpine 1958]	1958		
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-7	File - [Ethel Wilson to McAlpine 1959]	1959		

RBSC-ARC-1360-1-8	File - [Ethel Wilson to McAlpine 1960-1961]	1960-1961
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-9	File - [Ethel Wilson to McAlpine 1964]	1964
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-11	File - Correspondence	1955-1965?
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-12	File - Margaret Laurence [Correspondence]	1974-1981
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-13	File - Beverly Mitchell Articles and Correspondence	[1975-1981]
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-1	File - [Wilson Biography Correspondence]	[1980-1986]
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-13	File - Wilson Correspondence - de la Roche, Audrey Hawthorn.	[1953]
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-14	File - Wilson Correspondence. Outgoing Letters	1966-1969
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-15	File - Wilson correspondence from Wallace	1967
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-16	File - Wilson Correspondence from Wallace.	[1953-1957?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-17	File - Wilson Correspondence with Nan Cheney.	[1963-1969]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-11	File - [McAlpine Miscellaneous Correspondence] <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-492 to 513 [small negatives - photograph storage]	[1952-1993]
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-4	File - Correspondence	Jul. 1975-May. 1976
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-6	File - Vancouver Sun Correspondence	Jan. 1980
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-2	File - McAlpine Correspondence	[1982-1990]
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-3	File - [Postcards & Letters]	[1981-1989]
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-11	File - [Correspondence Family Update]	1960
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-15	File - [CBC Package of Clippings]	[1956?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-6	File - Business [Correspondence]	[1970-1976?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-8	File - [Post Cards]	[1971-1989?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-10	File - [Letters & Photos]	1948- 1959
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-12	File - Ethel Wilson's Letters	[1965-1967]
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-14	File - Arthur [Erickson] Letters from Japan	1961-1977
RBSC-ARC-1360-8-2	File - Sun Library	1981

Drafts and Notes

Date: 1945-1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains notes and different stages of drafts for Mary McAlpine's books, articles, and short stories as well as those of other related authors that came included in her records.

Physical description: 28 folders.

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-2	File - "Just Let Us See"	1951		
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-3	File - "Miss Rankin"	1954		
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-10	File - [Irene Howard and Eliza Edge]	[1978-1983]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-2	File - "A Brief Memorial of a Beautiful Life" <u>Creator: Rev. W.D. Williams</u>	[1980?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-4	File - Wilson Biography: Canadian Press Bibliographical Service, newspapers	[1967]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-5	File - [McAlpine's Paper on Wilson for Symposium in Ottawa]	Apr. 24, 1981		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-6	File - [Wilson paper for Symposium in Ottawa and Related Correspondence]	1981		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-7	File - Wilson biography: "Inserts before last draft is typed."	[1987-1988]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-8	File - Wilson biography: "New findings for draft #2 - not used."	[1959-1989?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-9	File - Wilson biography: "Post draft II Misc."	[1953-1983]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-10	File - Wilson biography: "Final, Jan. 1986."	Jan. 1986		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-12	File - "To Keep the Memory of So Worthy a Friend." <u>Creator: Wilson, Ethel</u>	1956		
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-7	File - Primerose's Parasol Materials.	[1985-1989]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-8	File - The Other Side of Silence Scrapbook	[1980-1988?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-9	File - "But, Nanny Doesn't Live Here Anymore" [Notes and Drafts]	[1986]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-6	File - Planting in the Wild Garden [notebook]	1978-1979		
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-7	File - But Nanny Doesn't Live Here Anymore [Notes Binders]	1989-1990		
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-8	File - [Idea Journal]	Dec. 1978		
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-9	File - [The Boy - Draft]	[1960?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-12	File - Just Let Us See [Drafts]	[1960?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-14	File - [Mary Poem]	[1950?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-7	File - [Outline & Notes for Proposed Documentary on Edward Lear]	[1970?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-11	File - Audrey [Butler?] Ottawa Symposium [notebook]	[1980?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-13	File - Talks & Lectures	1945-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1360-8-1	File - [Arthur Erickson's Writings]	[1950-1976]		
Personal & Family Records				
<u>Date:</u> [1850?-1983?] (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				

Series contains miscellaneous documents, diaries, and photographs related to McAlpine's personal life and those of her extended family and friends.

Physical description: 44 folders; 2 Photo albums.

Physical condition:

Some of the photograph dates are estimated in the 1800's due to the clothing and style of the photograph; however, their exceptional condition suggests they are some form of reprints, though the original photographs would still likely have been taken around the expressed date ranges.

Arrangement:

Boxes 3-4 contain primarily photographic materials.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1360-1-1	File - "1930 - Mediterranean etc."	1916-1930		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-03	File - [Wallace Wilson and Barbara Allen]	[1957-1982]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-2-11	File - Wilson - Newspaper Articles	[1967]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-01	File - Ethel Wilson's great grandfather. <u>Note</u> : RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-01 [medium print - photograph storage]	[1880?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-02	File - Mary McAlpine & Family <u>Note</u> : RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-02 [medium print - photograph storage]	1949		
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-03	File - Joseph Edge. <u>Note</u> : RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-03 [small print - photograph storage]	[1880?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-04	File - Margaret Bryant and obituary.	1942		
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-05	File - Wallace Wilson. <u>Note</u> :	[1960?]		

	RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-04 [small print - photograph storage]	
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-06	File - McAlpine's Aunt Eliza. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-05 [medium print - photograph storage]	[1983?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-07	File - Ethel Wilson, family, and unidentified subjects. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-06 to 27 [small, medium prints - photograph storage]	[1980?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-08	File - Ethel Wilson and unidentified subjects. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-28 to 53 [small prints, negatives - photograph storage]	[1940-1960?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-09	File - "General Victor" W. Odum; Round Table celebration. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-54-1 to 5 [medium prints - photograph storage]	Oct. 21, 1960
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-10	File - Ethel Wilson and Wallace Wilson. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-55 to 56 [medium prints - photograph storage]	[1950?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-11	File - "Photographs 1930 - Mediterranean etc." <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-57 to 94 [small, medium prints - photograph storage]	1930

RBSC-ARC-1360-3-12	<p>File - "Wilson's photos and friends." [1910-1950?]</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-95 to 119 [small prints - photograph storage]</p>
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-13	<p>File - [Prints of people]</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-516-1 to 19 [small prints - photograph storage]</p>
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-14	<p>File - [Prints of people]</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-517-1 to 23 [small prints - photograph storage]</p>
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-15	<p>File - [People and fishing]</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-518-1 to 16 [medium prints - photograph storage]</p>
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-16	<p>File - [Prints of people]</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-519-1 to 14 [small, medium prints - photograph storage]</p>
RBSC-ARC-1360-3-17	<p>File - [Harbour]</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-520 [small print - photograph storage]</p>
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-01	<p>File - Unidentified photo. [1915-1940?]</p> <p><u>Note:</u></p> <p>RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-120 [medium print - photograph storage]</p>

RBSC-ARC-1360-4-02	File - Ethel (Bryant) Wilson E. West Vancouver B.C. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-121 [medium print - photograph storage]	[1945?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-03	File - Eliza Edge <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-122 [medium print - photograph storage]	1931
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-04	File - Ethel (Bryant) Wilson. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-123 [medium print - photograph storage]	[1945?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-05	File - Eliza Davis. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-124 [small print - photograph storage]	[1850?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-06	File - "Mrs. William Millet Edge" née Steadyfold. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-125 [large print - photograph storage]	[1931]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-07	File - Ethel Wilson (baby) and her mother. <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-126 [small print - photograph storage]	[1888]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-08	File - [Harbor Slides] <u>Note:</u>	[1980?]

	RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-127 to 147 [small slides - photograph storage]	
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-09	File - Mary Dobbs Photos <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-148 to 409 [small negatives, small prints, medium prints - photograph storage]	[1986]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-10	File - Mrs. Kildare Dobbs [Slides] <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-410 to 491 [small slides - photograph storage]	1968-[1988?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-12	File - [Family photograph album] <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-514-1 to 292	1890-1918
RBSC-ARC-1360-4-13	File - [Family photograph album] <u>Note:</u> RBSC-ARC-1360-PH-515-1 to 104	1950s
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-01	File - The New Statesman and Nation	1939
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-02	File - Caricature of Wallace Wilson	[1930?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-03	File - Ethel Wilson's Will	Jul. 1966
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-05	File - Travel Journals	[1953-1974]
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-10	File - [Ethel Wilson] The Adult & Writing Years	[1953-1958?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-5-11	File - Dr. Wallace Wilson	[1880-1933?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-01	File - The Green Years	[1898-1980?]
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-04	File - Post First Draft. Events. Letters. Work [Binder]	[1981-1983]
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-05	File - Reappraisals the Ethel Wilson Symposium	1981
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-10	File - Canadian Conference of the Arts Report	Oct. 1979
RBSC-ARC-1360-6-13	File - Bloedel Stewart & Welch Limited Booklet [& Personal Papers]	[1949-1953]
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-1	File - [Book Dedicated to the Grandchildren of Helen Louise McAlpine]	Oct. 26, 1970
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-2	File - Christmas 1971 Aunt Dolly	1971

RBSC-ARC-1360-7-3	File - [Personal Papers & Kent Family Tree]	[1955-1978]
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-4	File - [Autobiography of Donald McAlpine]	Sep. 10, 1976
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-5	File - [Art Insurance Records]	[1980-1981]
RBSC-ARC-1360-7-9	File - Post First Draft - 2nd Reading - Macmillans - ect	[1946-1982]
RBSC-ARC-1360-8-3	File - [Arthur Erickson Tape Printouts]	[1973-1975]
RBSC-ARC-1360-8-4	File - [Ethel Wilson Illustration]	[1980?]

Audio Recordings

Date: [1955-1980] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains various audio reels and a cassette tape from McAlpine's personal collection and radio broadcast recordings.

Physical description: 7 Polyester Sound Reels 6.3mm x 183m. 1 Audio Cassette.

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPSR-1-1	Item - "Anthology." Mary McAlpine, Part 1.	[1972?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPSR-1-2	Item - "Anthology." Mary McAlpine, Part 2.	[1972?]		
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPSR-1-3	Item - "Ethel Wilson Item for Faye MacPherson Features."	Feb. 12, 1955- Jul. 15, 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPSR-1-4	Item - "Ethel Wilson Material for Faye MacPherson Feathures." Part 1.	Dec. 12, 1967- Jul. 15, 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPSR-1-5	Item - "Ethel Wilson Material for Faye MacPherson Feathures." Part 2.	Dec. 12, 1967- Jul. 15, 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPSR-1-6	Item - "Ethel Wilson Material for Faye MacPherson Feathures." Part 3.	Dec. 12, 1967- Jul. 15, 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPSR-1-7	Item - "Ethel Wilson Material for Faye MacPherson Feathures." Part 4.	Dec. 12, 1967- Jul. 15, 1980		
RBSC-ARC-1360-SPC-1	Item - Ada Louise Huxtables	[1980?]		

Published works

Date: [1950-1979?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of newspaper clippings of articles written by McAlpine.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1360-8-5	File - [Scrapbooks]	[1950-1979?]		