

John Moses Stickney, 1892 - 1915
An Inventory of His Papers, 1901 - 1915

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Introduction

Jack Stickney was born in 1892. In 1914 he enlisted with the Edmonton Fusileers and was among the first Canadians to be sent overseas to fight in the First World War in defence of his country. Throughout Jack's numerous letters home, which make up the bulk of this collection, he tells of his experiences, both good and bad, and fluently illustrates what it was like to be a soldier in one of history's bloodiest wars. Jack Stickney was killed in action on December 18, 1915 by a piece of shrapnel from one of his regiments own bombs, which accidentally exploded during combat. The collection, however, also includes his diary for 1915, postcards, photographs and letters-in-memoriam received by his family.

FOLDER #	ADDRESSED TO	YEAR	#
1-1	Papa (C.H. Stickney)	1901	1
1-1	Folks (Mr. + Mrs. Stickney)	1911	1
1-1	Mother (Mrs. Stickney)	1913	13
1-1	Folks (Mr. + Mrs. Stickney)	1913	4
1-1	Daddy (Mr. Stickney)	1913	1
1-1	Chloe (Kiddumps?)	1913	2
1-2	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	1913	4
	Marmie	1913	1
1-3	Mother (Mrs. Stickney)	1914	16
1-4	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	1914	14
1-5	Folks (Mr. + Mrs. Stickney)	1914	2
1-5	Dear Kid (?)	1914	4
1-5	Aunty	1914	2
1-5	Jimie	1914	1
1-5	Georgia	1914	1
1-5	Dear Cousin	1914	1
1-5	Chloe	1914	2
1-5	Sticks	1914	1
1-6	Dear Madam	1915	1
1-6	Dear Mother (Mrs Stickney)	1915	28
1-7	Dear Sister (Rachel Stickney)	1915	14
1-7	Folks (Mr. and Mrs. Stickney)	1915	2
1-7	Dear Porter	1915	3
1-7	Sticks	1915	2
1-7	Aunty	1915	1

Letters in Memoriam

Folder #	Addressed to:	From:	Year	#
1-8	Mrs Stickney	Adjutant General	1915	1
1-8	Mrs Stickney	Sgt. J. Solomon	1915	1
1-8	Mrs Stickney	Minister of Defence	1915	1
1-8	Mrs Stickney	Lieut. Locke	1915	1
1-8	Mrs Syickney	Lieut. Locke	1916	2
1-8	Mrs Stickney	Frank Beard	1916	2
1-8	Mrs Porter	Lieut. Warbutin	1916	1
1-8	Mrs Porter	Adjutant General	1916	1

Miscellaneous in Memoriam

Folder#	Description	Year	#
1-9	Newspaper obituary of Jack Stickney	1915	1
1-9	Clipping: High School Remembrance	1916	1
1-9	Clipping: Gold Star for Jack	1916	1
1-9	Condolences from Governor General	1916	1
1-9	Condolences from King George	1916	1
1-9	Cemetary register from Min. of Def.	1916	1
1-9	Condolences from Min. of Def.	1916	1
1-9	Scroll from Ministry of Defence	1916	1

Letters Incoming to Jack Stickney

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Folder#	Addressed to:	From:	Year	#
1-9	Jack Stickney	Mr. Andrews	1915	1

Miscellany

Folder #	Description	Year	#
1-10	The Horse Corner Gazette - October	1915	1
1-10	The Iodine Chronicle - November	1915	1
1-10	Cover only: The Country Gentlema	1924	1
1-10	Canadian Brigade Athletic Meet...	1915	1
1-10	Pamphlet of Dalcartier Mil. Camp	1913	1
1-10	Canada's part in the Great War	1919	1
1-10	Song - Sing me to Sleep	1915	1
1-10	Jack's Elementary Grad. Certificate	1908	1
1-10	Partial letter from Jack Stickney	-	1
1-18	Cloth from German Aircraft	1915?	1
1-18	'Dog Tags' of Jack Stickney's		2
1-18	Metal shoulder Crest - 'Canada'	-	1

Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings

Folder #	Description	Year	#
1-11	On the firing line with local boys	1915	1
1-11	Jack Stickney at the front	1915	1
1-11	Tongue-in-Cheek Advertisement	1915	1
1-11	Soldier's War experiences.	1915	1
1-11	Front Page - St Cloud Tribune - Oct	1915	1
1-11	American Aviators Sweep into Germ...	1917	1

Copies of Jack Stickney's Outgoing Letters

Folder #	Addressed to:	Month	Year	#
1-12	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	Nov	1914	1
1-12	Porter	April	1915	3
1-12	Porter	April	1915	1
1-12	Sticks	April	1915	2
1-12	Aunty	April	1915	1
1-12	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	May	1915	2
1-12	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	May	1915	2
1-12	Porter	May	1915	2
1-12	Folks -Mr. and Mrs. Stickney	May	1915	1
1-12	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	June	1915	3
1-12	Folks -Mr. and Mrs. Stickney	June	1915	1
1-13	Aunty	July	1915	1
1-13	Porter	July	1915	2
1-13	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	Aug	1915	4
1-13	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	Sept	1915	2
1-13	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	Nov 16	1915	2
1-13	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	Nov 23	1915	2
1-13	Aunty	Nov	1915	2

Copies of Jack Stickney's outgoing letters continued

Folder #	Addressed to:	Month	Year	#
1-13	Folks -Mr. and Mrs. Stickney	Dec	1915	1
1-13	Sister (Rachel Stickney)	Dec	1915	2
1-13	Unknown	Dec ?	1915?	1
1-13	Porter	Dec	1915	2

Postcards with Writing

Folder #	Description	Photo #	Year	#
1-14	Fraser River work crew	1	1913	1
1-14	'Bubbling in Seattle'	2	1913?	1
1-14	Al Jolson Imitators	3	1914?	1
1-14	Jack at the Fraser Canyon	4	1913	1
1-14	Work crew on Fraser River	5	1913	1
1-14	'Fat and Happy'	6	1914	1
1-14	Jack and a Buddy	7	1914	1
1-14	Rafting down the Fraser	8	1913	1
1-14	The Mulligan Mixers	9	1914	1
1-14	'As tough as I look'	10	1915	1

Postcards Without Writing

Folder #	Description	Photo #	Year	#
1-14	Fraser River	11	1913	1
1-14	Jack and a Buddy	12-18	1913	7
1-14	The two Johns	19,20	1911	2
1-15	Three Ladies (unknown)	21	?	1
1-15	Chloe or Rachel?	22	?	1
1-15	Helen, Herb and Jack Stickney	23	1913	1
1-15	Jack Stickney on Construction	24	1913	1
1-15	Jack Stickney - Doorman HBC	25,26	1912	2

Postcards Incoming to Jack Stickney

Folder #	Description	Photo #	Year	#
1-15	Boat-load of sailors and Jack	27	1914?	1

Photos with Notations

Folder #	Description	Photo #	Year	#
1-15	Jack in London	28	1915	1
1-15	Lower Canyon (Mile 173)	29	1913	1
1-15	Picture of Jack in Belgium	30	1915	1
1-15	Picture of Jack Stickney	31	?	1

Drawings

Folder #	Description	Photo #	Year	#
1-15	Jacks own portrait of his fist	32	1912	1

Medalion

Folder #	Description	Date issued	#
1-16	He died for freedom and Honour	1916?	1

Diary

Folder #	Description	Year	#
1-17	Jack Stickney's Diary	1915	1

Photocopies of originals still with Jack Stickney's Family

Folder #	Addressed to:	Description	Year	#
1-19	Mrs. Stickney	Panoramic letter	1914	1
1-19	Chloe Stickney	Letter Card	1914	1
1-19	Rachel Stickney	Postcard	1914	1
1-19	H. Porter	Postcard	1915	1
1-19	Chloe Stickney	Postcard	1915?	1
1-19	-	Picture of Helen	?	1
1-19	C.H. Stickney	Biplane Postcard	?	1
1-19	Chloe Stickney	Postcard	1914	1
1-19	Mrs H. Porter	Postcard	1915	1
1-19	Mrs. Stickney	Postcard	1915	1
1-19	Rachel Stickney	Postcard	1915	1
1-19	Mrs H. Porter	Postcard	1914	1
1-19	Mrs H. Porter	Postcard	1915	1
1-19	Folks	Postcard	1914	1
1-19	C. Stickney	Postcard	1913	1
1-19	Folks	Postcard	1914	1
1-19	C.H. Stickney	Postcard	1915	1
1-19	Rachel Stickney	Postcard	1913	1
1-19	Mr. Neal Miller	Postcard	1913	2
1-19	Rachel Stickney	Postcard	1913	1
1-19	C.H. Stickney	Postcard	1914	1
1-19	Folks	Postcard	1914	1