

The Langley Family
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INTRODUCTION

John Gace Langley married Edith Caroline Kidner in England, 1879. He was working, at the time, as a grocer, she as a butcher. By 1888 they had moved to Port Arthur, Ontario, where they and their two daughters, Celia and Winnie, lived for a few years. Around 1891 they settled in British Columbia. Over the years they had various homes, all within the environs of Vancouver. Not much is revealed about their daily life during this period, except for a single mention of Mr. Langley's occupation as a farmer in the Abbotsford area around 1918, the year before his death, and the interesting accounts written by Celia Langley in her diaries of 1915 and 1916. The diaries present a detailed picture of Vancouver life during the period of World War I, specifically as it related to her own life, and role of schoolteacher at that time.

Although most of the papers in the Langley family collection relate mainly to personal and family matters, there are some items which are of historical interest, particularly to one involved in local and/or Canadian history. Celia's diaries, as noted above, present a vivid picture of daily life in Vancouver, and the effects of World War I on life "at home". An item of special interest in this area is contained in the 1916 diary, in which Celia has transcribed a letter from a soldier "at the front" near Dover, to his mother. Also of interest to the historian would be the large postcard collection. Most of the cards present British Columbia scenes. The influence of World War I is also reflected in the postcard collection; first, in a series of patriotic postcards from Britain sent to Winnie in 1915, and second, in the form of a Field Service Postcard received by Celia during the same year. Two other interesting items within the postcard collection are:

a stamp depicting Carnegie Library and City Hall, Vancouver, B.C.
(in the Winnie Langley collection, 1907)

and

a "disaster" postcard, showing the ruins of the San Francisco City Hall after the earthquake of 1906 (in the Edith Langley collection, 1914).

The family photo album is also valuable, as it presents yet another illustration of British Columbia life in the early 1900's.

The Langley family papers were donated to The University of British Columbia by Mrs. R. Coleman, in 1975.

The collection is arranged in the following series:

Edith Langley: Incoming letters (arranged chronologically)
 John Langley: " " " "
 Celia Langley: Incoming postcards (arranged chronologically)
 Winnie Langley: " " " "
 Edith Langley: " " " "
 Edith Langley: Household Account Books
 Celia Langley: Diaries
 Langley family: Business and legal documents and related letters
 John Langley: Court papers and related documentation
 Photographs
 Blank postcards (arranged by geographic area)
 Ephemera

Many incoming postcards were sent to the family because of their interest in collecting postcards rather than as a letter to them.

Langley, Edith

LETTERS: INCOMING Number of items--24
Inclusive dates--1891-1907
All available envelopes have been re-
tained and placed directly before the
letter originally enclosed in them.

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of items</u>
1-1	KIDNER, E. (sister)	1892, 1894	2
1-1	KIDNER, George (father)	1894	2
1-1	KIDNER, J. L. (mother)	1888, 1891-1893	7
1-1	KIDNER, Lethe (sister) (one letter unsigned)	1894	2
1-1	KIDNER, Tom (brother)	1894	2
1-2	MANN, Bessie (cousin)	1907	1
1-2	MANN, Harry (cousin)	1907	1
1-2	MANN, Margaret M. G. (cousin)	1907, 1908	5
1-2	MANN, May E. (cousin)	1907	1
1-2	MANN, Reginald F. (cousin)	1907	1

POSTCARDS: INCOMING Number of items--8
Inclusive dates--1905-1938
These items have been arranged chrono-
logically, with subjects derived, where
possible, by transcribing the titles
from the postcards.

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-6	Rolle Cautore de Vaud. Switzerland	1905
1-6	Seattle at Night. The Oregon-Washington and King Street Stations	1914
1-6	Ruins of City Hall, San Francisco. After disaster of April 18-20, 1906.	1914
1-6	Saanich Arm and Malahat Drive, Vancouver Island, B.C., Canada	1919
1-6	The Basin. Banff.	1922
1-6	General View, Kamloops, B.C.	1930
1-6	On the Malahat Drive. Vancouver Island.	1931
1-6	Nelson, B.C.	1938

HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT BOOKS

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>No. of items</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1-7	4	1920-1924

BUSINESS & LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND
RELATED LETTERS brackets indicate
probable dates on undated material

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-10	land tax receipts (3)	1905, 1906
1-10	Dow Fraser Trust Co.--3 letters re deceased husband's business affairs	1919
1-10	Response to above, letters, written by Mrs. Langley	(1919)
1-10	letter to Mr. Barnes re land sale	1920

Langley, John

LETTERS: INCOMING Number of items--6
Inclusive dates--1891-1906

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of items</u>
1-3	LANGLEY, Edward (brother)	1895	1
1-3	LANGLEY, L.G. (father) (one with inserted newspaper clipping)	1891	2
1-3	MANN, J.F.	1892	1
1-3	MANN, Margaret	1906	1
1-3	MANN, Montague L.	1906	1

BUSINESS & LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND
RELATED LETTERS

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1-10	Marriage certificate 1897
1-10	Burial permit re Montague L. Mann 1907
1-10	receipt for burial permit 1908
1-10	receipt re land deed from Barristors & Solicitors Bowser, Reid, Wallbridge, Douglas & Gibson 1918
1-10	handwritten letter (unsigned) outlining details associated with sale of land to Mr. Barnes. (1918)
1-10	Dow Fraser Trust Co.--2 letters re sale of land 1918
1-10	deed of land 1919

COURT PAPERS AND RELATED DOCUMENTATION

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1-11	Court Summons--J.G. Langley-Defendent May Emily Lees-Plaintiff 1907
1-11	Taylor, Holme & Innes--bill of legal fees 1908

Langley, Celia

POSTCARDS: INCOMING Number of items--23
Inclusive dates--1906-1955

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1-4	(cartoon) 1906
1-4	Banff Hotel and Mount Rundle, Banff. Canadian Pacific Railway 1906
1-4	A Walk in Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C. 1907
1-4	Moonlight on English Bay 1908
1-4	Lake Agnes and Castle Crags near Laggan, B.C. 1908
1-4	Westminster Bridge and Houses of Parliament 1908
1-4	(personal photo--B.C. rural location) 1909
1-4	Portage Avenue, Winnipeg 1909
1-4	In Stanley Park, Vancouver 1910

Langley, Celia POSTCARDS (continued)

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-4	Giant Cedar White Rock, B.C.	1910
1-4	Grand Trunk Pacific S.S. "Prince Rupert." British Columbia Coast Service	1911
1-4	Brunette Sawmill, New Westminster, B.C.	1912
1-4	S.S. Alberta at Riverside Park	1912
1-4	Bridge and Roller Mills, Pakenham, Ont.	1912
1-4	The Aquatic Building and new Grandstand, Kelowna, B.C. War Canoe Race	1913
1-4	Train crossing the Prairie, Western Canada	1913
1-4	C.P.R. Station, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada	1913
1-4	The Front, Brighton. Looking West	1913
1-4	The Beach, English Bay, Vancouver, B.C.	1914
1-4	Folkstone. Bathing Place, Marine Walk	1915
1-4	Field Service Postcard	1915
1-4	"Princess Patricia" Leaving Victoria, B.C., Canada	1955

DIARIES

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>No. of items</u>
1-(8, 9)	1915, 1916	2

Langley, Winnie

POSTCARDS: INCOMING Number of items--27
Inclusive dates--1907-1953

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-5	Wandle Park, Croydon	1907
1-5	Fraser River Canyon, B.C. (n.b. stamp on verso, of Carnegie Library and City Hall, Vancouver, B.C.)	1907
1-5	Kaminstikwia River and McKay Mountain, Fort William (Ontario)	1907
1-5	C.P.R. S.S. "Princess Victoria," Vancouver, B.C.	1908
1-5	Oak Bay Hotel, Victoria, British Columbia	1908
1-5	(Personal photo of a cousin, Trevor G. Moore)	1910
1-5	(Personal photo of J. Percy Carr in uniform)	1914
1-5	E. Company--30th Battalion--Willows, Victoria, B.C. 1914	1915
1-5	"A Tribute to our Colonies" (patriotic postcard from England)	1915
1-5	"Responding to the Call" (patriotic post- card from England)	1915
1-5	London. Marble Arch at Night	1915
1-5	(Patriotic postcard from England, with special reference to Canadian troops)	1915
1-5	158th, Marching in to Camp. Vernon, B.C. 1916	1916
1-5	Cascade Mt. Banff. Alberta	1922

Langley, Winnie POSTCARDS (continued)

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-5	Woods Lake. Cariboo Trail, B.C.	1930
1-5	Cultus Lake. Chilliwack, B.C.	1931
1-5	Cultus Lake. Chilliwack, B.C.	1933
1-5	Indian Reserve, No. 1. Sechelt, B.C.	1939
1-5	Columbia Bridge, Trail, B.C.	1940
1-5	The Lake Front Drive, Penticton, B.C.	1942
1-5	Frenchman/s Cap, 10,000 feet, near Revelstoke, B.C.	1942
1-5	Lagoon Approach, Bowen Island Inn, B.C.	1946
1-5	The Great Divide on Trans-Continental Highway. Boundary Line of Banff and Yoho National Parks	1947
1-5	Lac La Hache and the Cariboo Road, B.C.	1950
1-5	View from Hotel Vancouver Panorama Room, Vancouver, B.C., Canada	1951
1-5	Dock. Galiano, B.C.	1951
1-5	McKenzie Ave., Revelstoke, B.C.	1953

Langley Family

POSTCARDS: BLANK, 13 ITEMS, No dates

Folder No.

1-13	Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C.
1-13	328 Old High School, Vancouver, B.C.
1-13	Entrance to Stanley Park, Vancouver, B.C.
1-13	C.P.R. Station, Vancouver, B.C.
1-13	The Birds' Paradise, Vancouver, B.C.
1-13	The Okanagan Cariboo Trail Along Woods Lake. Near Kelowna, B.C.
1-13	Willow Inn, Kelowna, B.C. 564
1-13	Bernard Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. 566
1-13	Beach, Kelowna, B.C. 562
1-13	The Staamish Chief, Squamish, B.C. Canada
1-13	Lych Gate St Mary Magdalene Church Mayne Island, B.C.
1-13	4\2 Friday Harbor, San Juan
1-13	H.R.H. The Prince of Wales replying to the City of Vancouver's address of welcome Sept. 22nd 1919

Langley Family

PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM 15 pages and 3
loose photos

<u>Folder No.</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1-12 p. 1 (recto)--5 photos entitled "Scenes on P.G.E. Construction Line-- Summer 1919". Includes Taylor Lake, Chasm, and Green Lake. (verso)--1 photo--a beaver lodge	1919 undated
1-12 p. 2 (recto)--5 photos Princess Patricia at Seaside Park Vancouver waterfront at Seaside Park Pavilion, Stanley Park Captured German Gun, Stanley Park (verso)--4 photos "Frances G." (2 photos) Yachts on English Bay at Siwash Rock	" "
1-12 p.3 (recto)--3 photos Scenes at P.G.E. construction camp, Lone Butte, Summer 1919 (2) The Lions (verso)--5 unidentified photos	1919 undated
1-12 p.4 (recto)--4 photos Britannia Beach Squamish On P.G.E. Railway Cheakamus Canyon (verso)--4 unidentified photos	" "

Langley family PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM (continued)

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-12	p. 5 (recto)--2 photos English Bay from Kitsilano On Howe Sound (verso)--blank	undated
1-12	p. 6 (recto)--3 photos In the backyard Pavilion, Stanley Park View from Model School (verso)--blank	"
1-12	p. 7 (recto)--1 photo Old C.P.R. station (verso)--2 photos Mt. Arrowsmith E & N. R.R.V.1	"
1-12	p.8 (recto)--4 photos 70 Mile House, Cariboo Road Clinton Schooner at the 70 Lake at North Bonapart (verso)--blank	"
1-12	p.9 (recto)--1 photo Scene of Military camp, Siwash Rock (verso)--blank	"
1-12	p.10 (recto)--2 photos P.T.E. Barrowclough False Creek Flats & C.N.R. Station (verso)--blank	"
1-12	p.11 (recto)--3 photos P.T.E. A.W. 196th Battalion Granville Street Camp of University Battalion. Laurel St. (verso)--blank	"
1-12	p.12 (recto)--3 photos 1 untitled Aldergrove overlooking boundary line Indian River 1911 (verso)--blank	"
1-12	p. 13 (recto)--2 photos North Vancouver ferry wharf Capilano and Keith Rd. Bridge (verso)--blank	"
1-12	p. 14 (recto)--4 photos Siwash Rock English Bay Second Beach Third Beach (verso)--1 photo Near Banff	"

Langley family PHOTOGRAPH ALBUM (continued)

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-12	p. 15 (recto)--4 photos untitled (2) Victoria Memorial Fountain Lumbermen's Arch (verso)--blank	undated
1-12	loose photos--3 unidentified (2) Armistice Day, Nov. 11, 1918	"

EPHEMERA

<u>Folder No.</u>		<u>Dates</u>
1-14	envelopes--5 Mr. J. Langley Mrs. J.E. Langley(2) unaddressed Dow Fraser Trust Co.	1888 1891 undated "
1-14	Programme, 1897, entitled:"Form of Service To be used at the Special Thanksgiving Service, In Vancouver, B.C., on Sunday, June 20th, 1897, at 3:30 P.M. (arranged by the Sons of England Benefit Society)	1897