



MG 90 – J.A. Sharrard fonds

Dates: 1908-1926 (inclusive) ; 1914-1921 (predominant).

Extent: 20 cm of textual records, 9 postcards, 11 photographs, 13 negatives.

Biography: James Alfred Sharrard was born in Uxbridge, Ontario in 1879. He received his teacher training at Port Perry, Ontario and obtained an MA from the University of Toronto in 1904 in Philosophy and Oriental Languages. Sharrard then studied at Knox College in Toronto, earning a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1908. Sharrard was ordained to the Presbyterian Ministry in 1907 and, in later years, to the United Church Ministry. From 1908 to 1914, Sharrard was Principal and Professor of Philosophy at Indore Christian College, a missionary college located in India. While in India, Sharrard met and married his wife, Edith Murray. Sharrard came back to Canada in June 1914. Between 1914 and 1918, Sharrard spent time studying at the University of Chicago and was on staff at Westminster Hall, a Presbyterian theological college in Vancouver. Sharrard was appointed Professor of Philosophy at the University of Saskatchewan in 1918. He retired in 1947 as head of the department and was named Professor Emeritus. He died in Saskatoon on November 6, 1963.

Scope and Content: This fonds primarily consists of correspondence between J.A. Sharrard and his wife, Edith. The correspondence pertains to missionary work in India, individuals and activities at the University of Saskatchewan and in Saskatoon, the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic, and family life. The fonds includes some drawings and notes written by Sharrard's daughter Ruth. It also contains a small file of notes for sermons or speeches as well as a few postcards and photographs.

Arrangement: The correspondence is in chronological order.

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Box 1

1. Correspondence. – n.d.
2. Correspondence. – 1908.
Letters written in India.
3. Correspondence. – 1909.
Letters written in India.
4. Correspondence. – 1910.
Letters written in India.
5. Correspondence. – 1911.
Letters written in India. Includes a pamphlet for Indore College, a Missionary College affiliated with the University of Allahabad in India.
6. Correspondence. – 1912.
Letters written in India.
7. Correspondence. – 1913.
Letter written in India.
8. Correspondence. – 1914.
Letters between J.A. Sharrard in Toronto and his wife in Winnipeg. J.A. Sharrard was working in Toronto.
9. Correspondence. – 1915.
Letters between J.A. Sharrard in Chicago and his wife in Edmonton. J.A. Sharrard was studying at the University of Chicago.
10. Correspondence. – 1917.
One letter written from Lac La Hache, British Columbia.
11. Correspondence. – 1918.
Letters between J.A. Sharrard in Saskatoon and his wife in Vancouver dated September and October 1918.
12. Correspondence. – 1918.
Letters between J.A. Sharrard in Saskatoon and his wife in Vancouver dated November and December 1918.

Box 2

13. Correspondence. – 1919.
Letters between J.A. Sharrard in Saskatoon and his wife in Winnipeg.

14. Correspondence. – 1920.
Letters primarily from J.A. Sharrard in Saskatoon to his wife in Winnipeg. A few letters written by other individuals. Includes a pamphlet for free evening classes from the Winnipeg Public School Board.
15. Correspondence. – 1921.
Letters written by J.A. Sharrard en route to and in Toronto to his wife in Saskatoon.
16. Correspondence. – 1922.
Primarily letters written by J.A. Sharrard from Carlyle, Saskatchewan; Winnipeg; and Uxbridge, Ontario to his wife in Saskatoon. Also includes a clipping from the *Winnipeg Free Press*.
17. Correspondence. – 1923.
Letters written by J.A. Sharrard in Toronto to his wife in Saskatoon. One letter written by Ruth Sharrard to her mother.
18. Correspondence. – 1924.
One letter from J.A. Sharrard in Toronto to his wife in Saskatoon.
19. Correspondence. – 1926.
Letters from J.A. Sharrard in Saskatoon to his wife and daughter vacationing in Vancouver. Also, letters from J.A. Sharrard at Harvard University to his wife in Saskatoon. Sharrard was attending a philosophy conference at Harvard.
20. Notes for Sermons and/or Speeches. – n.d.
J.A. Sharrard's notes on organizations, India, patriotism, and adventure.
21. Photographs and Postcards. – n.d. – 9 postcards. – 11 photograph prints. – 13 negatives.
File includes nine postcards, most of which have undated notes or short letters on the back:
Emerald Lake, British Columbia
St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Saskatoon
Traffic Bridge, Saskatoon
"Cheops from Mount Abbott, Canadian Rockies"
Central Y.M.C.A., Toronto, Canada
Emmanuel College, Saskatoon
"Cadet Full Dress Parade on University Campus, Toronto, Canada"
Nutana, Saskatoon
Ashcroft, British Columbia
- File includes a Valentine's Day Card.
- File includes photograph prints:
- A. Possibly J.A. Sharrard standing with three unidentified women, n.d.
 - B. Qu'Appelle Hall (2 copies, one with handwritten notation on the back indicating the locations of various rooms in the building), ca. 1918.
 - C. "The Modern Madonna." A portrait of an unidentified woman with two small children, November 17, 1914.

- D. "A Visit to the Pastors." A group of five adults and one child sitting outside of a tent in a forest, n.d.
- E. A group of five adults and one child sitting outside of a tent in a forest (2 copies, one is cropped), n.d.
- F. "Daddy's squirrel." Likely Ruth Sharrard climbing a ladder up a large tree. Possibly the same day as the tent photographs, n.d.
- G. Two small children holding hands with a man, possibly J.A. Sharrard, n.d.
- H. A man, possibly J.A. Sharrard, standing in a garden holding a newspaper, n.d.
- I. Portrait of George H. Ling, Dean of Arts and Science, seated at a desk, n.d. (Same as A-2731).

File includes 13 black and white negatives in an envelope dated 1915. The images all appear to be of the same small girl (maybe 2 or 3 years old, possibly Ruth Sharrard?). Sometimes she is posing alone and sometimes with men or women.