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Summary information

Repository:	Charlotte County Archives
Title:	Jackie Gibson Collection
ID:	693
Date:	1890 - 2003 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Language:	French
Physical description:	49.7cm of Textual Records 42 Maps 28 Photographs 3 Personal Items

Scope and content

This collection contains correspondences, documents, photos, and other types of material related to Joseph and Effie Gibson and their descendants. Most of the correspondence in this collection concerns the oldest son of Joseph and Effie Gibson named Joe Gibson, who was a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War who went missing during a flight. Many photos of him and his crewmates, his letters home from overseas, as well as his schoolwork and notes from learning how to fly an aircraft, are also included in this collection. Several items which concern the affairs of John Gibson, Joe Gibson's younger brother, can be found in this collection. These include correspondences and legal documents related to the estate of Charlotte Gibson, his sister, as well as an agreement between John Gibson and the Canada Railroad Company concerning interest in his land. Most of the personal items and published material in this collection belonged to John Gibson as well, these include publications related to his position as a volunteer firefighter, reports of organizations he belonged to, maps of the Town of St. Andrews, notes related to his work as a stonemason, and other items.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

Some documents in this collection contain personal information restricted under the Archives Act 10(4.1) and are closed until 2051. These records have not been included in this finding aid.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Gibson Family
- Advertisements (documentary form)
- Books (documentary form)
- Clippings (documentary form)
- Maps (documentary form)
- Pamphlets (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Physical Objects (documentary form)
- Recording logs (documentary form)
- War (subject)
- Education (subject)
- Airplanes (subject)
- Funerals (subject)
- Lawyers (subject)
- Land grants (subject)
- Railways (subject)
- Municipal government (subject)
- Construction (subject)
- Cemeteries (subject)
- Genealogy (subject)
- St. Andrews (place)
- United Kingdom (place)
- Chamcook (place)
- Vancouver (place)
- British Columbia (place)
- Ontario (place)
- Nova Scotia (place)
- Maine (place)

Collection holdings

Series: 693-MS1 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

ID: 693-MS1

Date: 1937-2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains correspondence addressed to various members of the Gibson Family of St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Most of the letters concern Joe Gibson, the son of Effie Gibson and Joseph Gibson, a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force who fought German U-Boats in the Bay of Biscay during the Second World War. On September 2 1943 Joe Gibson went missing during a flight and was presumed dead, so most of the letters are from friends of the Gibson family or of Joe Gibson writing to express their sympathy. This series also contains Joe Gibson's letters from overseas, as well as more recent letters addressed to John Gibson concerning the affairs of Charlotte Gibson after her death on March 9 2001.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS1-MS1.1 - Effie Gibson Correspondence

Title: Effie Gibson Correspondence

ID: 693-MS1-MS1.1

Date: 1942-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains letters addressed to Effie Gibson of St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Nearly all of the letters in this subseries concern her son Joe Gibson, a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force during the Second World War. During his service Joe Gibson received the Distinguished Flying Cross medal, so there are a few letters expressing congratulations for this feat. Most of the letters in this subseries are from friends of the Gibson family or of Joe Gibson, expressing their sympathy after he went missing during a flight and was presumed dead. There are many letters from Kathleen Waters from Vancouver, British Columbia, who was the mother of a member of Joe Gibson's crew named Ken Waters. These letters often contain details of daily life in Canada during the Second World War, as well as first-hand accounts of notable events. These include an account of British prisoners of war from Japan arriving in Vancouver, and the stories they told about being in the Nagasaki Shipyards when the United States of America dropped the second atomic bomb on Japan, and an account of the Greenhill Park Explosion, a disaster involving a ship with improperly stored ammunition in Vancouver's harbour. There are also correspondences with the Tierney family of Nova Scotia concerning the loss of Ralph Tierney, another member of Joe Gibson's crew, and some correspondences with the Department of National Defense and the R. C. A. F. concerning Joe Gibson's estate and legal affairs.

Publication status:

Published

File: 693-MS1-MS1.1-1 - Joe Gibson's Letters Home

Title: Joe Gibson's Letters Home

ID: 693-MS1-MS1.1-1

Date: 1942-1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This file contains correspondences written by Joe Gibson addressed to his parents in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, concerning his experiences overseas as a pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force. These letters include details on his time living in the United Kingdom, operations to watch for German U-Boats, and his friends in the R. C. A. F.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS1-MS1.2 - Gibson Family Daughters Correspondence

Title: Gibson Family Daughters Correspondence

ID: 693-MS1-MS1.2

Date: 1943-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains letters addressed to three of Effie Gibson and Joseph V. Gibson's daughters. They are Charlotte Gibson, Phyllis Gibson, and Elsie Gibson. Quite a few of the letters in this collection are from friends of the three daughters offering sympathy for the loss of their brother Joe Gibson. There are also many letters addressed to Phyllis and Charlotte Gibson from Kathleen Waters of Vancouver, British Columbia. She was the mother of Ken Waters, a member of Joe Gibson's crew. Her letters often concern life in Canada during the Second World War and personal events.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS1-MS1.3 - Joseph Gibson Correspondence

Title: Joseph Gibson Correspondence

ID: 693-MS1-MS1.3

Date: 1943-1944 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains letters addressed to Joseph V. Gibson of St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Most of the letters concern his son Joe Gibson, a pilot with the Royal Canadian Air Force. After he went missing during a flight and was presumed dead, many friends of the family or of Joe Gibson would write to express their sympathy. This subseries also contains the official report from the Minister of National Defense for the Air announcing that Joe Gibson is missing, as well as letters of sympathy from various members and branches of the Canadian military.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS1-MS1.4 - Joe Gibson Correspondence

Title: Joe Gibson Correspondence

ID: 693-MS1-MS1.4

Date: 1937-1942 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains letters addressed to Joe Gibson. It includes some personal correspondences from his friends and a few mail-in offers, such as an offer for an analysis of Joe's handwriting, an offer of a course to improve his voice from the Perfect Voice Institute, and one from the U. S. School of Music offering exercises in practical finger control. Also included is a letter and pamphlet from the Department of National War Services calling Joe Gibson for military training under the National Resources Mobility Act of 1940, and a form from Customs Newfoundland that notes that Joe Gibson of the Royal Canadian Air Force navigated there with two men on their way to the United Kingdom.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS1-MS1.5 - John Gibson Correspondence

Title: John Gibson Correspondence

ID: 693-MS1-MS1.5

Date: 1996-2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains correspondences addressed to John B. Gibson of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, concerning the affairs of his sister Charlotte Gibson after her death. These include

letters from Nicholson, Turner, White, Barristers and Solicitors concerning the estate of Charlotte Gibson and her will, and letters from S. O. Mehan & Son Funeral Home Ltd. concerning the funeral services for Charlotte Gibson.

Restrictions on access:

This subseries contains personal financial information restricted until March 9 2051.

Publication status:

Published

Series: 693-MS2 - Legal Documents

Title: Legal Documents

ID: 693-MS2

Date: 1910-2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains legal documents associated with the Gibson family as well as the Town of St. Andrews. It includes documents related to the estate of Charlotte Gibson and her affairs after her death on March 9 2001, as well as documents related to dealings between John Gibson and the Canada Railroad Company concerning a release of interest on land that he owns. Also included are booklets related to residential building standards and the By-Laws of the Town of St. Andrews.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS2-MS2.1 - Charlotte Gibson Documents

Title: Charlotte Gibson Documents

ID: 693-MS2-MS2.1

Date: 1910-2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains legal documents related to the death of Charlotte Gibson from St. Andrews, New Brunswick. These include her will, a funeral directors statement of death, a Declaration of Claimant Indemnity for release of her assets held in Scotiabank, financial statements from Passamaquoddy Lodge related to her expenses, a list of her savings bonds and value of her personal property, and a statement from Nelson Monuments limited concerning her grave. Also

contained in these documents is a land deed selling land from Robert Simpson and his family to Ada Greenlaw and her heirs and assigns.

Restrictions on access:

This subseries contains personal financial information restricted until March 9 2051.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS2-MS2.2 - John Gibson Documents

Title: John Gibson Documents

ID: 693-MS2-MS2.2

Date: 1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains legal documents related to John B. Gibson of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, and his dealings with the New Brunswick and Canadian Railroad Company concerning land that he owns. These include multiple copies of a Release of Interest Document in favor of John B. Gibson, some with revisions to the terms of the deal.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS2-MS2.3 - Municipal Documents

Title: Municipal Documents

ID: 693-MS2-MS2.3

Date: 1937-1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains two booklets related to municipal legal affairs. The first booklet is titled "Residential Standards, Canada 1965, Supplement No. 5 to the National Building Code of Canada" which is meant to contain all regulations for the control of residential construction in Canada. The second booklet is titled "By-Laws of the Town of St. Andrews" which contains a detailed listing of local St. Andrews By-Laws for 1937.

Publication status:

Published

Series: 693-MS3 - Notes

Title: Notes

ID: 693-MS3

Date: 1935-1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains notes related to Joe Gibson's studies as well as work managed by John Gibson. Joe Gibson's notes include schoolwork and assignments done while he was in Grade 11, as well as his notes from when he was trained to be a pilot by the Royal Canadian Air Force. John Gibson's notes are contained in a pair of booklets which list information related to his work as a stonemason.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS3-MS3.1 - Joe Gibson's Schoolwork

Title: Joe Gibson's Schoolwork

ID: 693-MS3-MS3.1

Date: 1935-1941 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains notes used by Joe Gibson of St. Andrews, New Brunswick, for his Grade 11 courses, including Chemistry, French, Algebra, and Physics, as well as a few assignments on those subjects. Also included is his Royal Canadian Air Force notebook, which contains his notes on learning how to fly a plane as part of his training to fight with the R. C. A. F. overseas during the Second World War.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS3-MS3.2 - Time Books

Title: Time Books

ID: 693-MS3-MS3.2

Date: 1949-1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains two time books used by John B. Gibson of St. Andrews, New Brunswick as part of his work as a stonemason working on various historic properties in St. Andrews. These date books list employee hours, expenses, and locations worked, which include the Shiretown Inn, the Algonquin Hotel, and the homes of some local families.

Publication status:

Published

Series: 693-MS4 - Photos

Title: Photos

ID: 693-MS4

Date: 1935-1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains black and white photographs, as well as a few negatives and more recent colored photographs. Many of these photos are unlabelled, although they are likely pictures of members of the Gibson family and their friends or relatives. There are a few labelled photographs of Royal Canadian Air Force pilot Joe Gibson and his crewmates, which are labelled in such a way that you can tell who is who in the photograph. There is also a large photo of Joe Gibson's R. C. A. F. class, and one of King George V. and Queen Mary from the Royal Jubilee of 1935.

Publication status:

Published

Series: 693-MS5 - Reports

Title: Reports

ID: 693-MS5

Date: 1956-1996 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains reports from a few different organizations located in New Brunswick. These include the St. Andrews Rural Cemetery Financial Report for 1996, and Town of St. Andrews Annual Reports for the years 1956-1961. Also included is a printing of the Atlantic Firefighters Workshop for 1965, which contains transcribed presentations on firefighting techniques and developments

and concerns in the field, and a yellow mail folder from the Fisheries Research Board of Canada Biological Station located in St. Andrews, which contains lists of books for a local campaign.

Publication status:

Published

Series: 693-MS6 - Published Material

Title: Published Material

ID: 693-MS6

Date: 1890-1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains booklets, advertisements, and newspaper articles related to the affairs of the Gibson family. These include booklets related to firefighting and information for the Next-of-Kin of deceased Airmen, advertisements for real estate, enlarging negatives, and fireplace dampers, as well as newspaper clippings involving stories of Airmen during the Second World War.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS6-MS6.1 - Booklets

Title: Booklets

ID: 693-MS6-MS6.1

Date: 1890-1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains a few published booklets, which includes Vol. X No. 12 (June 1890) of the Independent Forrester, a publication of a fraternal and benefit society which contains news related to that society. Also included are a small red booklet titled "Exhibits and Evidence from the Office of the Fire Marshall, Fredericton, NB" which contains articles meant to help NB firemen prevent arson and deal with witnesses and evidence, as a well as a pamphlet titled "Notes for the General Information and Guidance of the Next-of-Kin or other Relatives of Airmen Reported Missing, Deceased, Prisoners of War, or Interned" which contains notes on how the affairs of these Airmen will be handled in various situations.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS6-MS6.2 - Advertisements

Title: Advertisements

ID: 693-MS6-MS6.2

Date: 1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries contains a few different advertisements, including a form from the First Realty Company of New Brunswick Limited showing information on a house in St. Andrews being sold by the estate of Laura Webb, a business card directory for Charlotte County for 1997, an advertisement for enlarging negatives, and a booklet titled "The Ripley Patent Perfect Fireplace Damper by the G. R. Locker Co." which contains notes on this company's new fireplace damper.

Publication status:

Published

Subseries: 693-MS6-MS6.3 - Newspaper Articles

Title: Newspaper Articles

ID: 693-MS6-MS6.3

Date: 1937-1943 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains a few different newspaper articles, including pages from the January 7 1937 issue of the Week-Enders undercover section, clippings of a story about a Royal Canadian Air Force pilot named Flight Sgt. Barry who was shot down over France but managed to make it home, and clippings of an article about one of Joe Gibson's crewmates with the R. C. A. F. named Ralph Tierney and the details of how he went missing.

Publication status:

Published

Series: 693-MS7 - Maps

Title: Maps

ID: 693-MS7

Date: 1986-1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains a few maps of places located in St. Andrews, NB, including multiple copies of a simple map of the Town of St. Andrews which is part of a project by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada Biological Station in St. Andrews. Also included are two more detailed maps of the Town of St. Andrews from 1986, with one highlighting tourist attractions and the other highlighting notable buildings, and a map showing land owned by John B. Gibson which is related to release of interest documents in his favour with the Canada Railroad Company.

Publication status:

Published

Series: 693-MS8 - Personal Memorabilia

Title: Personal Memorabilia

ID: 693-MS8

Date: 1926-1996 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains a few different personal items belonging to members of the Gibson family of St. Andrews, which include a certificate of recognition presented to John B. Gibson of the St. Andrews Fire Department, a pin and a piece of plaid fabric attached to a thank you note for visiting the Sheriff Andrews House, and an International Working and Due Book of the Brick Layers, Masons, and Plasterers International Union of America belonging to Joseph V. Gibson.

Publication status:

Published
