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Summary information

Repository:	Charlotte County Archives
Title:	Langmaid family photograph collection
Reference code:	P656
Date:	1914-1980 (date of creation)
Physical description:	3869 photographs
Note [generalNote]:	The early photographs in albums nos. 1, 5, 8 and the first 50 photographs in Album No. 2 were taken mainly by Winifred McCurdy, however, the majority of the collection was photographed by Mrs Dorothy Langmaid or other family members.
Note [generalNote]:	Location in Archives: 1E3 Accession No. 2006.002

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Ken Langmaid was an agrologist, was born at Montreal, Q.C., on September 2, 1915, the only son of William and Clara Langmaid. Ken and his mother would spend every summer at the home of Randolph and Sarah Langmaid, who were William's parents. The family moved to St Andrews, N.B. from Montreal in 1924. Kenneth graduated from Charlotte County Grammar School in 1933, and the University of New Brunswick where he received his B.Sc. in 1938 and M.Sc. in 1950. From 1938-1975 he held various government and university positions within the Canadian Department of Agriculture. He served as director and then president of the New Brunswick Institute of Agrology. He served as a member of the Environmental Advisory Council of New Brunswick and has been a soil consultant to the Department of National Defense, Department of Natural Resources, the R.C.M.P. (Criminal Investigation) and N.B. Power. After his retirement in 1975, he was employed as a consulting Pedologist by J.D. Irving, the federal and provincial governments and other private engineering firms. He was founder and first president of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick. A member of the Environment Committee of the Agricultural Institute of Canada etc.

His wife, Dorothy Langmaid, nee McCurdy, was born in St Andrews in 1917, she was the youngest daughter of John and Jennie (Gibson) McCurdy. Her family moved to California in 1924 and returned to St Andrews in 1929. She graduated from Charlotte County Grammer School in 1935. She and Ken were married in Fredericton, N.B. on October 7, 1939. Five years after their marriage, she contracted tuberculosis of the spine and was ill for 15 years, and never fully recovered. She would spend the winter with Ken in Fredericton and return home to St Andrews for the summer while Ken was busy with field studies. Dorothy had a great interest in animal welfare and had joined the American Society for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals when she was in Grade 2. Animals were to play a big role in their lives especially when Ken retired and they moved back to St Andrews permanently. They would never turn away a stray animal, so their house at times was rather full.

They were philanthropists and established two scholarships at UNB: "The Dorothy and Kenneth Langmaid Forest Soils and Tree Growth Scholarship", for post-graduate study at UNB in forestry worth about \$10-12,000 a year; and "The Dorothy and Kenneth Langmaid Scholarship Fund", awarded to a student who has graduated from a Charlotte County School and has completed the first year of the BSc programme at UNB with preference given to students who have a major in chemistry or geology.

They also established "The Dorothy and Kenneth Langmaid Animal Welfare Fund" to help the work of the SPCA in Charlotte County, Fredericton and Saint John.

After Ken retired he became a volunteer with many organisations and the town honoured him by naming a piece of land near Indian Point as Langmaid Park.

Custodial history

The custodial history is that the collection stayed with the family until the execution of the will

Scope and content

The photograph collection was donated in 2005, by the Langmaid Estate to the Charlotte County Archives, which was founded in 1975.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on creator of collection

Physical condition

good to poor

Immediate source of acquisition

The Estate of Kenneth Langmaid

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into albums, individual photographs and series

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Collection holdings

Item: P656-P459-1 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 1

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 1

Reference code: P656-P459-1

Date: [192-] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph album containing 296 black and white photographs taken by Miss Winnifred McCurdy in the 1920s. They include scenes of St Andrews including some of its inhabitants #1-230 and # 251-296.

Physical description: 1 album ; 18 x 30 cm ; 296 photographs : b&w ; 12 x 8 cm and 8 x 12 cm

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-2 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 2

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 2

Reference code: P656-P459-2

Date: 1929-1938 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph album containing 375 black and white photographs. Photograph # 1- 50 were taken by Miss Winifred McCurdy between 1929 and 1938.

Physical description: 1 album ; 18 x 30 cm ; 375 photographs : b&w ; 12 x 8 cm and 8 x 12 cm

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-3 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 3

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 3

Reference code: P656-P459-3

Date: 1947-1951 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a family photograph album taken by Mrs Ken Langmaid between 1947 and 1951. Item numbers of photographs included in the album are #673-1178. Photographs #673 to 899 are family pictures, they include pictures of particular interest : #542 to 855 are of Barbara Ann Scott's performance at St Andrews Arena, March 17 and 18, 1948. Photographs #900 to 925 are of the hurricane damage Septeber 20, 1949. Photographs #1156 to 1159 are of the visit to Fredericton of Their Royal Highnesses the Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh in November1951.

Physical description: 1 album ; 19 x 29 cm ; 505 photographs : b&w and col. ; 19 x 13 cm or smaller ; some photographs where loose from album and are in separate envelopes

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-4 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 4

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 4

Reference code: P656-P459-4

Date: [1936-194-] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph album containing 17 black and white photographs # 1233 - # 1249

Physical description: 1 album ; 13 x 18 cm ; 17 photographs : b&w ; 12 x 7 cm and 7 x 12 cm ; 9 x 7 cm and 7 x 9 cm ; 11 x 7 cm.

Note [generalNote]:

Dorothy McCurdy name is on verso of front cover.

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-5 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 5

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 5

Reference code: P656-P459-5

Date: 1914-1920 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph album taken by Winifred McCurdy between 1914-1920. Item numbers of photographs included in the album are #1344-1530. They include scenes of St Andrews and some of its inhabitants.

Physical description: 1 album; 37 x 29 cm ; 186 black and white photographs; the photographs vary in size from 5 x 7 cm to the largest 15 x 9 cm.

Note [generalNote]:

All the photographs in this Album have been described individually.

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-6 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 6

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 6

Reference code: P656-P459-6

Date: 1939-1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Item is a photograph album containing 526 black and white photographs taken by Mrs Dothothy Lanmaid nee McCurdy. Item numbers of photographs included in the album are # 1531-2070. They include scenes of St Andrews and some of its inhabitants. There are also photographs of scenes of Fredericton and some of its inhabitants. The Langmaids lived in Fredericton during the fall, winter and Spring. In the summer Dorothy would return to their house in St Andrews, while Ken was on field trips. He would return home at weekends whenever he could.

Physical description: 1 album ; 18 x 30 cm ; 526 photographs : b&w; 15 x 10 cm or smaller ; some photographs were loose from album and are in a separate envelope

Note [generalNote]:

many of the photographs from this album have been described individually

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-7 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 7

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 7

Reference code: P656-P459-7

Date: 1938 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-8 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 8

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 8

Reference code: P656-P459-8

Date: 1927-1928 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-9 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 9

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 9

Reference code: P656-P459-9

Date: [1927-1928] (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-10 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 10

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 10

Reference code: P656-P459-10

Date: 1922-1934 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

Item: P656-P459-11 - Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 11

Title: Langmaid Photograph Collection Album No. 11

Reference code: P656-P459-11

Date: 1951-1954 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published
