

PPCLI Fonds 126, C10-4.3, C10-8.1, C40-1.1 to C40-4.5, C40-5.1, C40-6.1, C60-5.1

Jenny Macgregor Morris fonds. – 1907-1960. – 10 cm of textual records. – 21 loose photographs. – 16 albums (1171 photographs)



F-126-4 Jenny Macgregor Morris, 1957

Jenny Macgregor Morris, 1879-1960, was born in the United Kingdom. During the First World War she assisted her mother in operating a boarding house at 34 Bedford Street in London. She gave favorable rates for servicemen on leave, and she could accommodate up to 90 guests at one time. Her establishment quickly became the venue of choice for all ranks of the PPCLI, and she was known as the "Big Sister" or the "London Mother" of the regiment. Beyond offering accommodation, she mended clothing, helped the men write their letters home, acted as a confidante, and safeguarded the personal effects of men who had been killed in action. After the war she lived at Stanmore, Middlesex. She continued her association with the PPCLI, annually placing a wreath on its behalf at the Cenotaph in London. She corresponded with veterans, and is said to have written over 1500 letters annually. In 1938 the PPCLI sponsored her two-month tour of Canada, during which she received many honours, including Freedom of the City of Ottawa and being named an honorary princess of the Sarcee Tribe. During the Second World War she held open houses for members of the PPCLI. In 1957 she visited the regiment at

Hemer, West Germany. In 1958 she suffered injuries in a car accident, from which she never fully recovered. She died on March 5, 1960 at Gorleston, Norfolk, England.

The fonds is believed to have been donated and bequeathed by Jenny Macgregor Morris and collected by the PPCLI Regimental Museum, 1954-1960.

The fonds consists of photo albums from the First World War, the Second World War, Jenny Macgregor Morris's visit to Canada (1938), and her visit to Germany (1957). Includes images of her family and friends, and of her funeral. Includes many images of soldiers, but most are unidentified. Includes a scrapbook and travel diary (with illuminated title page and signatures of attendees of receptions) of her 1938 trip to Canada. Includes a few loose photographs.

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Additional material created by or about Jenny Macgregor Morris, including correspondence and address book, is in Collection 1, files 13(5-6)-1. Additional photos are in the Individual files photo collection, at P400-Morris.

Item-level descriptions of the contents of the scrapbook and albums are included in the Scrapbooks and Albums finding aid.

The loose photographs are located at Fonds 126.

Series 1 Material created by or about Jenny Macgregor Morris in Collection 1. – 1938-1995. – 5 cm of textual records. – This material is not strictly part of the Jenny Macgregor Morris fonds, but was collected by the PPCLI Archives to provide information on her life and her relationship with the Regiment.

Coll. 1, 13(5)-1 Morris, Jenny Macgregor, Part I. – 1938-1964. – 0.5 cm of textual records. – Includes newsclippings, letter from the British Prime Minister's office regarding recognition of Jenny's service (1938), letters from Jenny to officers of PPCLI (1951-1960), correspondence about a memorial plaque (1960), correspondence and notes about Jenny (1956-1964). For a more detailed description, see the inventory of Collection 1.

Coll. 1, 13(5a)-1 Correspondence : Jenny Macgregor Morris and Maj H. Munro. – 1957-1959. – 58 p. of textual records.

Coll. 1, 13(5c)-1 Will and bequest. – 1951-1963. – 21 p. of textual records. – Jenny's will, correspondence regarding settlement of her estate.

Coll. 1, 13(6)-1 Morris, Jenny Macgregor, Part II. – 1918-1961. – 3 cm of textual records. – Includes newsclippings (1957-1960), death announcement, correspondence regarding the Jenny Morris Fund (1958), correspondence regarding a memorial plaque (1960-1961), souvenir of Ypres pamphlet (1954), PPCLI address book (1918-[ca. 1922]).

- Series 2** Scrapbook and albums. - 1907-1960. – 16 albums (10 cm of textual records, 1171 photographs). – For more detailed descriptions, see the Scrapbooks and albums finding aid.
- C10-4.3 Pictures taken during Hitler’s war / Jenny Morris. – 1939-1942. – 1 album (249 photographs). – Images of PPCLI groups and individual members, mostly identified.
- C10-8.1 PPCLI England / Jenny Macgregor Morris – 1940-1945. – 1 album (179 photographs). – Mostly images of PPCLI members, mostly identified.
- C40-1.1 [PPCLI members]. – 1914-1918. – 1 album (146 photographs). – Individual soldiers and small groups, mostly posing in front of Jenny’s townhouse in London, none identified.
- C40-1.2 [PPCLI members]. – 1914-1918. – 1 album (100 photographs). – Individual soldiers and small groups mostly posing in front of Jenny’s townhouse in London, only two identified.
- C40-2.1 [Jenny Morris tour of Canada] / Miss Morris. – 1938. – 1 album (20 photographs). – Images of Jenny’s tour of Canada, most individuals unidentified.
- C40-2.2 Jenny Morris scrap book / Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry Museum. – 1938-1960. – 1 scrapbook (5 cm of textual records, 35 photographs). – Includes itinerary, correspondence, programs, photographs, newsclippings of Jenny’s 1938 tour of Canada; her telegrams to the regiment, 1945; photographs from her senior years [ca. 1955-ca. 1957]; newsclippings about fundraising for her convalescent care, 1957; and newsclippings and photographs of her funeral, 1960.
- C40-3.1 [Jenny Morris tour of Canada]. – 1938-1939. – 1 album (100 photographs). – Includes images of Winnipeg, Regina, Ottawa, Ridgetown, Leitch Farm, Medicine Hat, Banff area, Niagara Falls, Toronto, Edmonton, Saskatoon, EP Ranch, Calgary, Sarcee Reserve.
- C40-3.2 [Jenny Morris, Canada]. – 1919-1943. – 1 album (57 photographs, 1 textual item). – Includes images of Georgian Bay, Yellowknife, Abbotsford, Fort McMurray, Banff area, Pender Harbour, Fraser Canyon, Liverpool, the Cenotaph in London.
- C40-3.3 [Jenny Morris visit to Canada] / Miss Morris. – 1938. – 1 album (23 photographs). – Includes images of Jasper area, Vancouver, Banff area, Sarcee Reserve, New York, aboard the R.M.S. Queen Mary.
- C40-4.1 Boys in the Great War. – 1914-[1918, ca. 1960]. – 1 album (16 photographs). – Consists of 15 unidentified informal portraits of servicemen, many posing in front of Jenny’s boarding house, and one photograph of Jenny’s memorial plaque by W.E. Bastedo.
- C40-4.2 “Princess Pats” in the Great War / Jenny Macgregor Morris. – 1914-[1918, ca. 1957]. – 1 album (22 photographs). – Consists of 21 unidentified informal portraits of servicemen posing in front of Jenny’s boarding house, and one photograph of volunteers selling poppies for Poppy Day.
- C40-4.3 [Servicemen during World War I / Jenny Macgregor Morris]. – [1914-1918]. – 1 album (83 photographs). – Consists of unidentified informal portraits of servicemen, many posing in front of Jenny’s boarding house.

- C40-4.4 [Correspondence and visit with servicemen / Jenny Macgregor Morris]. – 1940-1958. – 1 album (10 photographs, 2 items of textual records). – Includes 9 images of a celebration, possibly at Fort MacLeod, Germany, 1 loose photo of Jenny with an unidentified man, 1940; 1 Christmas card addressed to Sgt Kisko, Chilliwack; 1 letter to unidentified correspondent.
- C40-4.5 Jenny Morris' visit to Canada. – 1907-1960. – 1 scrapbook (4 cm of textual records, 90 photographs). – Consists predominantly of newsclippings documenting Jenny's 1938 tour of Canada; includes itinerary, greeting cards, ship's passenger list, and other souvenirs. Includes photos of events during the tour. Includes letters, greeting cards, and invitations regarding other events. Includes photos of Jenny and her mother, one dated 1907. Includes photos of her laying the PPCLI wreath at the London Cenotaph, 1938-ca. 1957. Includes photos of her selling poppies in London and her official seller's badges, 1949-ca. 1957. Includes photos and program of her funeral, 1960.
- C40-5.1 Record of a visit to Canada during August & September 1938, arranged by former members of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and other Canadian friends of Jennie McG Morris : in token of their sincere affection, and as a tribute to her patriotic service and the kindness and hospitality extended to them in London, England, during the time of their overseas service in the Great War 1914-18. – 1938. – 2 cm of textual records. – Consists of a guest book of social events during Jenny's tour of Canada, with illuminated calligraphy title page.
- C40-6.1 Presented to Regimental Museum from all ranks 1PPCLI. – [ca. 1914-ca. 1939]. – 1 album (7 photographs). – Includes one photograph inscribed to Jenny from "Florence, Vancouver", two featuring officers posing in front of Jenny's boarding house, others unidentified.
- C60-5.1 With the 1PPCLI at Fort McLeod, Hemer, Germany, March 14th-18th 1957. – 1 album (47 photographs). – Album created by an unidentified Fort MacLeod photographer and presented to Jenny Macgregor Morris. Images are unidentified except some which feature Jenny, and three others.
- Series 3** Loose photographs. – 1916-1957. – 22 photographs.
- F-26-1 Photos. – [1916-1918]. – 15 photos of unidentified soldiers near 34 Bedford Place, London.
- F-26-2 Photo. – [1916-1918]. – 1 photo of a woman (Jenny?) standing in a park.
- F-26-3 Photos. – [1916-1918]. – 5 studio portrait photos of unidentified PPCLI soldiers.
- F-26-4 Photo. – 1957. – 1 photo of Jenny with her dog in her backyard.