

Ada Nemeč fonds. - 1862 - 2004. - 31.2 cm of textual records, 225 colour glass plate negatives, 1,301 black and white photographs and 187 colour photographs.

Biographical Note

Ada Lucille Green was born on August 5, 1925 to Andrew and Jessie (Bartlett) Green, Trinity. She attended grade school in her home community at St. Paul's School where she received her early education from infant reader to Grade Ten. From there she went to St. John's in 1942 to attend Bishop Spencer, an all girls school to take Grade 11 and two science courses. While attending Bishop Spencer, Ada was also a member of the Girl Guides. In 1942 she began to attend Memorial University College until 1944, while there she was an active member in the Arts and Science Club. Ada then moved to Sackville, New Brunswick to attend Mount Allison University where she studied and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in History and French, while attending she also worked at the Mount Allison Library. From here she went to McGill University - Library School in Montreal where she received her Bachelor of Library Science in 1948. Ada then began her working career at various libraries in Canada and around the world including the following: Memorial University College, 1948 - 1950; University of Massachusetts, 1950 - 1951; Bard College, New York, 1951 - 1954; Bureau of Statistics Library, Oslo, Norway, 1954 - 1955; Memorial University of Newfoundland, 1955 - 1964; a Fisheries Library in Australia, 1964; before returning to St. John's to begin a library at the Marine Institute before her retirement.

Ada's paternal family, the Green's, practised as blacksmiths in Trinity since before 1750 with John Green, the founder of the business, being the first of the blacksmiths. He was followed by John (1745 - 1809), Thomas (1793 - 1851), Thomas (1834 - 1907), John James (1862 - 1943) and Andrew (1893 - 1955). The present forge which is owned and operated by the Trinity Historical Society Inc. as a living history museum, was built c. 1895 - 1900 and was in continuous operation until the death of Andrew Green in 1955. The forge fabricated the fittings for schooners, household items such as gates, railings, and stove parts, and fittings for horse drawn carriages.

Source: Ada Green Nemeč; Green Family Forge brochure.

Custodial history

The textual records were held by Mrs. Nemeč until they were donated to the archives; the glass plate negatives were given to her by the family of the late Mrs. Barbara Pittman; the scrapbooks were inherited by Mrs. Nemeč after the death of her Aunt Elizabeth (Bess) Green and her mother Jessie (Bartlett) Green.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of mercantile copy books for John James Green; a ledger, day book, bill book, account book, notebook, order book and invoices for the Green Family Forge; education records from Harvey and Cecil Green and Mrs. Nemeč's education in schools in Trinity, St. John's, and Sackville, New Brunswick; correspondence with members of the Green family; church bulletins; miscellaneous; colour glass plate negatives; black and white and colour photographs.

The fonds has been arranged in seven series: Series 1: Mercantile Copy Books, 1875; Series 2: Green Family Forge, 1862 - 1955; Series 3: Education Records, 1908, 1911, 1915, 1933 - 1950, 1994; Series 4: Correspondence and Poetry, 1933 - 1947, 1954, 1972, 1995 - 1996; Series 5: Church Materials, 1942, 1952, 1976, 1985, 1991 - ; Series 6: Miscellaneous material; Series 7: Colour Glass Plate Negatives.

Notes

Supplied title based on description and contents of the fonds.

Newspaper clippings were photocopied and added to the respective vertical files.

Glass plate negatives are stored in the cabinet, see Series 7 for description.

The black and white and colour photographs have been incorporated into the Trinity Historical Society Collection titled Ada Nemeč Collection.

Chart of a schooner showing the iron fittings is on display at the forge.

Series 1: Mercantile Copy Books. - 1875 - 1 cm.

These books belonged to John James Green in 1875. He used these books to practise his hand writing so he could write in the ledger books.

Series 2: Green Family Forge. - 1862 - 1955. - 9.8 cm

The Green family has practised blacksmithing in Trinity since before 1750, this series contains some of the records of the business from when Thomas Green, John James Green and Andrew Green were the blacksmiths.

The series consists of a ledger, 1899 - 1908; day book, 1924 - 1938; bill book, 1943-1944, 1949, 1951, 1954; credit/debit book, 1949- July 1955; note book, 1950 -1954; a day/order book, November 1952 - July 1955; and invoices, 1862, 1906, 1910 - 1933.

2.01 Ledger, 1899 - 1908. - 3 cm

The ledger contains client accounts for items manufactured at the forge. Of particular interest are the accounts of fittings for the various vessels that were built in the area.

2.02 Day Book, 1924 - 1938. - 1.5 cm

A daily account of purchases made by customers at the forge. The name of the person, a list of items purchased and the amount charged are recorded for every day. The information in the day books would later be posted to the Journal and Ledger.

2.03 Bill Book, 1930, 1943 - 1944, 1949, 1951, 1954. - 0.3 cm

A business/personal bill book where Andrew Green would record any purchases that he would make.

2.04 Account Book, 1949 - 1955. - 0.5 cm

A monthly account book for the forge, records include a list of expenses that were paid to various companies for supplies, a year end account of earnings and expenses are also recorded.

2.05 Note Book, 1950 - 1954. - 1 cm

A pocket notebook that recorded expenses incurred by Andrew Green.

2.06 Day Book/Order Book - November 1952 - July 1955 - 1.5 cm

This book records the day to day operation of the forge and includes daily orders that were taken at the forge, including the persons name and the amount charged for the item that would be manufactured or repaired.

2.07 Invoices. - 1862, 1906, 1910 -1933 - 1938. - 2.0 cm.

This contains various invoices that Thomas, John James, and Andrew Green received for orders and payments at various companies. It also contains invoices from the Grace Hospital in St. John's.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Box 1.

Series 3 Education Records. - 1908, 1911, 1915, 1933 - 1950, 1994. - 7 cm

The series consists of certificates presented to Cecil and Harvey Green for passing their exams, a collection of Sunday School cards that were given to individual pupils for good attendance, behaviour etc. to hang in their bedrooms, also consists of reports cards from St. Paul's High School Grades 6 and 9; report cards from Bishop Spencer for Grade 11; copies of various exams for Literature, Arithmetic, Language, History, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, French, Physiology and Hygiene; bills and receipts to her father for her boarding costs at Bishop Jones Memorial Hostel, and a list of students and their hometowns; Report cards from Memorial University College in 1942-1943, invoices and receipts, dance cards and graduation programs for 1943-1944, and copies of various exams; from Mount Allison there is a convocation program from 1945-1946, information booklet for new students, 1944, and various concert and playbills from shows that she attended.

3.01 Certificates. - 0.3 cm.

Certificates given to Cecil and Harvey Green from the Council of Higher Education in 1908, 1911, and 1915 for passing their exams.

3.02 Sunday School. - 1.5 cm

Each pupil in Sunday School would receive a card with a colour picture on it that would also contain a religious message. Some of the cards also contained activities for the children to

complete. The children could take their cards home and hang them on their room wall. These cards were given out for good attendance, behaviour etc...

3.03 St. Paul's High School. - 1933, 1941. - 0.2 cm

This file consists of reports cards for Grades Six and Eleven, as well as a note saying that Ada had won the St. Paul's Day - School Prize for spelling in Grade III.

3.04 Bishop Spencer College. - 1940 - 1946. - 1.5 cm

Consists of invoices to Andrew Green for payment of Ada's education at Bishop Spencer College which was owned by the Church of England, as well as invoices for her lodging at the Bishop Jones Memorial Hostel. Copies of the exams that were given in English, History, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry, French, Physiology and Art; report cards for 1941 and 1942; a list of girls who were boarding at the hostel in 1943/1944 and a Christmas Programme booklet from 1942.

3.05 Memorial University College. - 1941 - 1950, 1994. - 1 cm

The file contains final examination papers for classes in English and French; report cards for 1942 - 1943; a University chant; convocation programmes for 1943, 1944, 1949 and 1950; invoices for tuition; a library card; programme for a sports meet and an invitation to the spring convocation in 1994.

3.06 Mount Allison University. - 1944 - 1946, 1948. - 2.5 cm

Contains a songs and yell book for chants for Mount Allison; convocation programmes for 1944 - 1946; student handbook; prom night programmes; invoices for boarding and tuition costs; report cards for 1945 - 1946 and programmes for various concerts, plays and sporting events that Ada attended while at Mount Allison.

3.07 Day Planner. - 1902.

Contains a day planner that belonged to Elizabeth Green. The day planner contains dates of people's birthdays.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Boxes 1 and 2.

Series 4 Correspondence and poetry. - 1933 - 1947, 1954, 1972, 1995 - 1996, 2003. - 2.5 cm

Various pieces of correspondence from Ada's mother, her Uncle Harvey Green and Aunt Bess Green, as well as a report from Ada to the Anglican Church Women in Trinity on her attendance at a conference at Mint Brook Camp in 1972. This series also contains a collection of poetry that Ada had collected over the years. Some of the poems are handwritten and others are clipped from magazines and newspapers. There is also a book of poetry that may of been created by Thomas Green.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Box 2.

Series 5 Church Materials. - 1942, 1952, 1976,1985, 1991, 2000-2004. - 5cm

Series contains a collection of church bulletins and special services, prayer book belonging to Harvey Green, and a list of subscribers to the rector's stipend fund for 1944. As well senate material from meetings.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Box 2.

Series 6 Church Materials. - 1976, 1977. - 8cm

Series contains a collection of material from meetings, as well as journals from the Diocese of Newfoundland.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Box 3.

Series 7 Miscellaneous. - 4.7 cm

The series contains various cards; a dance card; a Working Associates' Card for 1936, brochures, playbills, special exhibits, a map of Newfoundland and Labrador, pictures of the Royal family, and newspaper clippings. It also contains A SUF Certificate from Thomas Green in 1877 and one from John James Green in 1886, a story called a Pair of Grey Socks, and a few calendars from local convince stores.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Box 3.

Series 8 Harvey Green. - 0.5 cm.

This series contains documents belonging to Harvey Green mainly when he was in the war. The series contains a payroll book, membership book, passport, discharge certificate from the Royal Newfoundland Regiment on April 28, 1919, victory song book, correspondence, and his will.

Location: Ada Nemeč Fonds Box 3.

Series 9 Colour Glass Plate Negatives. - 225 Negatives.

The negatives were owned by Barbara Pittman, daughter of Owen Fowlow and Elizabeth (Fowlow) Pittman, and friend of Ada's. The negatives were given to Ada upon her death. They consist of various pictures from countries around the world that Ms. Pittman visited such as: Denmark, England, Germany, Italy, Mexico, Russia and parts of the United States.

Each of the storage containers that the negatives are held in has an index to the collection.

Location: The negatives are housed in three containers and are stored in the archives.

Black and White Photographs. [1880's] - [1975]. - 1,301 photographs.

The photographs have been placed into the following series:

- Series 1: Elizabeth (Bess) Green Scrapbooks - 3 books
- Series 2: Jessie (Bartlett) Green Scrapbooks - 2 books
- Series 3: Ada (Green) Nemec Scrapbooks - 2 books

- Series 4: Family
- Series 5: Friends
- Series 6: Trinity and Area
- Series 7: Postcards
- Series 8: Unidentified

The photographs have been incorporated into the Trinity Historical Society Black and White Photograph Collection - Ada Nemec Collection.

Location: Series 1 - 3 can be found in Photographs Box 2 and Series 4 - 8 have been placed in protective sleeves in binders. Please refer to the Trinity Historical Society Black and White Photograph Collection Finding Aid - Ada Nemec Collection for further information.

Colour Photographs - 187 photographs.

The photographs have been placed into the following series:

- Series 1: Family
- Series 2: Friends
- Series 3: Trinity
- Series 4: Forges & Blacksmithing
- Series 5: Miscellaneous
- Series 6: Postcard Collection

The photographs have been incorporated into the Trinity Historical Society Colour Photograph Collection - Ada Nemec Collection. Please refer to the Trinity Historical Society Colour Collection Finding Aid - Ada Nemec Collection for further information.

Location: Photos have been placed in protective sleeves in binders. Duplicates have been placed in a duplicate folder.