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RICHARDSON, Harriette Taber (fl.1923-1949), Collection

Originals, photocopies and typescripts, 1917-1952,
80 cm. Finding Aid No. 393.

One of the first proposals to reconstruct the Habitation of Port Royal (Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia) came from an American, Mrs. Harriette Taber Richardson, of Cambridge Massachusetts, in 1928. Since 1923, Mrs. Richardson had spent her summers in the Port Royal area and she became a prime mover in the efforts to interest the Canadian Federal Government in a plan of reconstruction. In 1930, she founded the Associates of Port Royal, an American organization, one of whose objects was to raise a fund to assist in the proposed reconstruction. The major objective of the Associates was achieved in 1939 when the Federal Department of Mines and Resources began reconstruction of the old Port Royal site.

The principal architect was Kenneth D. Harris, who was aided by the archaeological survey of Prof. Bremer W. Pond of Harvard and the work of C. Coatsworth Pinkney, a landscape architect of Boston. Dr. C.W. Jefferys was a consultant to the Federal Government on this project.

The reconstructed habitation was officially opened 4 July 1940.

Transferred from Parks Canada in 1975 and 1979.

Finding Aid No. 393 is a file title list.

Correspondence, 1918-1952. Originals, 20 cm.
(Volume 1)

Correspondence of Harriette Taber Richardson and other people concerned with the reconstruction of the habitation, including D.C. Harvey, Lieut. Col. E.K. Eaton and Bremer W. Pond.

Drawings and Maps, n.d. Photocopies, 5 cm.
(Volume 2)

Reproduction of maps and drawings of buildings, gardens, the Island of Sainte-Croix and of the Habitation of Port Royal.

Newspaper clippings, 1933/35, 1940/41, 1948/49, 1951. Originals 1.25 cm (Volume 2).

Newspaper clippings concerning the Habitation of Port Royal.

Notes, 1931-1949. Originals, 18.75 cm (Volumes 2-3).

Files on the notes which were used by Mrs. Richardson, These are general notes, with various sketches and calculations.

Plays, n.d., 1926, 1947. Typescripts, 5 cm (Volume 3)

There are three typescripts of plays. They include "Harriette Richardson", "The Theatre of Neptune in New France", and "The Trial of Anne Hutchinson Before the Great and General Court".

Reports and Papers, 1925-1939. Originals, 10 cm. (Volume 3)

These include various reports and papers read to different Associations concerning the Habitation and other subjects relating to the reconstruction of Port Royal.

Subject Files, 1917-1949. Originals and photocopies, 15 cm (Volume 4)

A wide number of subjects are included. Among these are the order of Good Cheer and "Le Théâtre de Neptune".

Scrapbook, 1930-1941. Originals, 5 cm (Volume 4)

Included in the scrapbook are photographs, correspondence and newspaper clippings concerning the reconstruction of the Habitation of Port Royal.

Photographs and 58 lantern slide plates have been transferred to the National Photography Collection in 1979.

Volume 1

CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence of Harriette Taber Richardson, n.d.
Correspondence of Harriette Taber Richardson, 1918, 1926, 1928/36
Correspondence of Harriette Taber Richardson, 1937/38
Correspondence of Harriette Taber Richardson, 1939
Correspondence of Harriette Taber Richardson, 1940/41, 1944/49
Correspondence of Lieut. Col. E.K. Eaton, 1934, 1936/38, 1940/41, 1944
Correspondence of D.C. Harvey, 1947/49
Correspondence of Charles W. Jefferys, 1928, 1938/40
Correspondence of C. Coatsworth Pinkney, 1938/40
Correspondence of Bremer W. Pond, 1938/41, 1946/47, 1952
Correspondence of J. Clarence Webster, 1926, 1934/36, 1940/42, 1946/47
Correspondence of Ralph M. Eastman, for Allan Forbes, Treasurer
of the Associates of Port Royal, concerning acknowledgements
for donations received for the Reconstruction of the
Habitation of Port Royal, 1930
Correspondence of Harriette Taber Richardson regarding the
Committee for Rebuilding the Habitation at Port Royal, 1938/40

Volume 2

DRAWINGS & MAPS

- Reproduction of Drawings of French Buildings and Gardens,
towards the end of the Fifteenth Century, n.d.
Reproduction of Drawings and Maps of the Habitation, n.d.
Reproduction of Drawings and Maps of Port Royal, Habitation de
Québec, and Ile Sainte-Croix, n.d.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS

- Newspaper clippings concerning the events surrounding the
reconstruction of the Habitation of Port Royal. 1933/35, 1940/41,
1948/49, 1951

Volume 2 (Cont'd)

NOTES OF HARRIETTE TABER RICHARDSON

- Notes of H.T. Richardson - General, n.d.
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - General, n.d.
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - General, n.d.
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - General, n.d.
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - General, n.d., 1937/41

Volume 3

NOTES OF HARRIETTE TABER RICHARDSON (Cont'd)

- Notes of H.T. Richardson - Sketches & Maps, 1934/49
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - Sketches & Calculations, 1938/42
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - Port Royal Habitation, n.d., 1945/47
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - Reports: Port Royal Habitation, 1936,
1938/39
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - Ten Notebooks, 1933/42
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - Gardens of Port Royal, 1931
- Notes of H.T. Richardson - French Settlement on Island of
Sainte-Croix, 1938/39

PLAYS

- "Harriette Richardson" A One Act Play , written by Andrew
Merkel (Typescript, 1947)
- "The Theatre of Neptune in New France" written by Marc
Lescarbot in 1609 and translated into English by Harriette
Taber Richardson (Typescript, 1926)
- "The Trial of Anne Hutchinson Before the Great and General Court"
Written by Mrs. Rugg (Typescript, n.d.)

Volume 3 (Cont'd)

REPORTS AND PAPERS

Charles de Menou d'Aulnay, by Loftus Morton Fortier, Honorary Superintendent of Fort Anne. Read at a meeting of the Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, 7 June 1926.

The Hidden Stone at Port Royal. Paper prepared and read by H.T. Richardson for the Historical Association of Annapolis Royal, n.d.

The Manner of the Settlement in Port Royal, n.d.

The Mill of Port Royal. Paper prepared and read by H.T. Richardson for the Historical Association of Port Royal, n.d.

Report on the Work Accomplished for Rebuilding the Habitation of Port Royal. Prepared by H.T. Richardson and sent to the Associates of Port Royal, to former contributors, and to those interested. July 22, 1937.

The Reconstruction of the Port Royal Habitation of 1605-13. By Charles W. Jefferys, 1939.

Report to Accompany Plans & Profiles Derived from Research Excavations. By C. Coatsworth Pinkney for the Associates of Port Royal, 1938.

Reports from C. Coatsworth Pinkney concerning the Restoration of the Habitation of Port Royal, 1939.

The Roman Catholic Church in Annapolis Royal - Paper prepared by Loftus Morton Fortier and read before the Annapolis Royal Historical Association, 1925.

Traces of the Scotch Fort at Lower Granville - Paper read before the Annapolis Royal Historical Association, 1933.

Volume 4

SUBJECT FILES

Associates of Port Royal, July 1, 1940

Broadcast of Goodwill, July 29, 1933

Committee Meeting re - Habitation of Port Royal, March 18, 1939

Excavation of Site at Habitation, 1939

Historical Data re- Habitation of Port Royal, 1938/39

Inauguration of His Excellency, the Governor General of Canada,
as Grand Master of the Order of Good Time, 30 Sept. 1937.

A legal assignment between H.T. Richardson and the Historical
Association of Annapolis Royal re - Copyright of the
English translation of "Le Théâtre de Neptune", Oct. 19, 1926.

List of names of people who contributed financially towards the
Habitation of Port Royal, 1934, 1938/39.

Miscellaneous - Booklets, pamphlets, postcards, financial records,
reports, membership lists, etc., 1917, 1921, 1925, 1937/41,
1946.

Order of Good Cheer, n.d., 1939

Organization of the Associates of Port Royal in the United States,
1939.

Photocopies of French and Latin Documents re - Marc Lescarbot,
Le Théâtre de Neptune, and the construction of Forts in the
17th Century, n.d.

Volume 4 (Cont'd)

Presidents of the Historical Association of Annapolis Royal
from the Time of its Organization, April 15, 1919 to Nov.
1938.

Recent Additions to Knowledge of the Site of Port Royal, New
France, 1932.

Reconstruction of Area of Port Royal and Recommendations for
Development of Grounds and Activities, 1938/39

A Record of Gift to the President and Fellows of Harvard College,
for a copy of "The Theatre of Neptune in New France" by
Marc Lescarbot, with translation by Harriette Taber Richard-
son, Nov. 21, 1927.

Speech given at the Unveiling of a Tablet in Honour of Harriette
Taber Richardson - By D.C. Harvey, Archivist of Nova Scotia,
Aug. 30, 1949.

Summary of Work: Site Habitation of Port Royal, lower Granville,
Nova Scotia, July 1937 to May 1938, May 31, 1938

Le Théâtre de Neptune, n.d., 1927.

Theatre of Neptune - Four Part Song, 1926.

Three Recent Discoveries at the Site of Port Royal, New France, 1932.

SCRAPBOOK

Scrapbook - Photographs, correspondence, and newspaper clippings,
1930/41.