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GUGY, Leila (1854-1947)

Originals, 1876-1906 and n.d., 4 centimetres

The Guky family was from Altnau-im-Thurgau, Switzerland, and was German-speaking in the early 18th century. Of two brothers, sons of an officer in the Dutch army, one, Conrad, joined the British Army and came to Canada with General Wolfe as an officer in the Royal American Regiment (60th Foot), now absorbed into the Royal Greenjackets. He died childless and his brother, Barthélemi, ex-Lieutenant-Colonel in the French army, was his heir. His grandson, Bartholomew Conrad Augustus, purchased the de Salaberry house in Beauport and called it Darnoc (Conrad written backwards).

The original house burned down in 1882 and another house of the same name was built on the same site for James Geggie and his wife Leila, daughter of Bartholomew Conrad Augustus Guky. Leila had two younger sisters, May and Blanche. All three appear to have had musical training.

Gift to the Crown from Mr. Philip Chaplin, February 4, 1981.

Autograph manuscript music and one book of Copper Eskimo music which has been transferred to the Printed Collection. For more information on the manuscript collection, see the detailed inventory, Finding Aid No. 7