



# The CABHC Patch

## News from the Community Archives

### The Wishart family

June 2022

George Wishart (1896-1970) married Lois Keatley (1907-2011) in Montreal in 1929. Lois had trained as a nurse at McGill University, while George had studied entomology in Guelph. The couple moved to Belleville, where George worked at the Dominion Entomological Laboratory on Dundas Street. They built a house at 154 Dufferin Avenue in 1935 and there they raised their three daughters.

George and Lois were active in local charities and other organizations. George served as chair of the [Moir River Conservation Authority](#) and was an alderman on Belleville City Council for six years. Lois was a member of the [Women's Study Guild](#) and described herself as "a pacifist and environmentalist" in her autobiography, *The Girl with the Navy Blue Eyes*.

The Community Archives has recently taken custody of several boxes of material relating to the Wisharts' time in Belleville. George was a skilled photographer, whose favourite subject was his three daughters. There are many childhood photographs of Mary Lo, Elspeth and Carol in the collection, and other mementos of the family's time here. They form an interesting snapshot of life in Belleville from the 1930s to the early 2000s.

George took a tour of Europe in 1950 as part of his job at the Entomology Lab: included in the collection are the airmail letters he wrote home to his family and the passenger list of his Atlantic crossing on the Canadian Pacific *Empress of France*.



The family had active social lives in Belleville. All three of the Wishart girls played parts in the Belleville Collegiate Institute production of *Pride and Prejudice* in 1946 (pictured here) for example.

The full listing of the records received from the Wisharts is now online at <https://discover.cabhc.ca/wishart-proctor-family-records>.

"PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"	
The Cast	
MRS. BENNET	LOIS FLINDALL
MR. BENNET	LEO MARCUS
JANE BENNET	ELSPETH WISHART
ELIZABETH BENNET	MARY LO WISHART
LYDIA BENNET	MARILYN SELDON
MR. COLLINS	BROOSE BLATHERWICK
MR. DARCY	BOB RAGSDALE
MR. BINGLEY	EDMUND WATERHOUSE
COLONEL FITZWILLIAM	BOYD UPPER
MR. WICKHAM	THOM LESLIE
LADY CATHERINE DE BOURGH	ROOTHE BLATHERWICK
LADY LUCAS	ELEANOR NEWMAN
CHARLOTTE LUCAS	CAROL WISHART
MISS BINGLEY	JOYCE COOPER
MRS. GARDINER	JEANETTE ASHBURY

CABHC: 2022-040/6/1 Canadian Pacific passenger lists, 1950 and 1959



CABHC: 2022-040/11/1 The Wishart sisters (from left: Carol, Mary Lo and Elspeth) in the cast of *Pride and Prejudice*, 1946

## Recent Additions to the Archives

**2022-034** Additional materials from the City of Belleville Finance Department, 1947-1999

**2022-035** Notes on the Meagher family of Marysville, c.2000

**2022-036** 'The Story of Belleville in Pictures' booklet, c.1924

**2022-037** Booklet on the First School Building at the Ontario School for the Deaf, by Clifton F. Carbin and Donna Fano, 2022

**2022-038** Deeds relating to properties in Elmer and Pine Streets, Belleville, 1893-1949

**2022-039** Crown sale grant of land in Marmora Township to John Fidler, 1867

**2022-040** Wishart family records, 1877-2007

the years 1896 to 1900 available at the time of writing.

We estimate that the newspaper digitization project has made 800 million words available for searching at the Internet Archive. You can access all of the newspapers online at <https://archive.org/details/cabhc>.

## Summer project for 2022



Part of a volume of *Daily Intelligencer* newspapers from 1896

Our project to digitize and share images from our newspaper collection is continuing this summer with the help of Zac Miller, who is a student of the University of Toronto's iSchool.

The microfilms of the newspapers from the late 1800s are not suitable for scanning in the same way as the later newspapers.

Instead, we are returning to the physical copies of these

issues and photographing them instead of the microfilm.

As you can see from the photograph, these are fragile items, but they are a rich source of information about life in Belleville and Hastings County at the time. We are starting to upload the digitized volumes to the Internet Archive site, with



Zac Miller at work digitizing *The Daily Intelligencer*