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Summary information

Repository:	Mennonite Heritage Archives
Title:	Edenburg Sewing Circle fonds
ID:	ORG
Date:	1943-1995 (date of creation)
Physical description:	14.5 cm of textual records; 9 photographs
Note [generalNote]:	Accession No. 1994-226

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Edenburg Sewing Circle was started by a group of women from Edenburg Bergthal Mennonite Church near Gretna, Manitoba, who agreed to meet monthly for fellowship and to support mission work through the proceeds of their sewing projects. Mrs. Dietrich Klassen of Neuanlage held the first meeting in her home on 4 February 1943. They became a registered charity in 1967. They supported many mission projects, working closely with Mennonite Central Committee and other organizations such as the General Conference Mennonite Church Women in Mission organization. On 31 August 1991, the Edenburg Sewing Circle officially unregistered as a charity. Because of illness and old age, the formal group was dissolved and the last official meeting was held on 28 September 1995.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of minutes, correspondence, and financial and legal documents. The records record the issues discussed, decisions made about the distribution of funds raised, report from programs or projects that their funds supported. The records record the financial transactions required for standard accounting and for functioning as a registered charity. The correspondence documents the breadth of the contacts that this women's group maintained including such organizations as Mennonite Central Committee, Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded, Faith and Life Communications and General Conference Mennonite Church Women in Mission. The photographs includes some from the mission fields that were recipients of funds from their organization.

Notes

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Immediate source of acquisition

Marlene Plett, the last treasurer of the Edenburg Sewing Circle, donated this collection to the Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives on November 21, 1994.

Arrangement

Arranged and described by Aileen Dyck in May 1999. Reviewed and updated by Alf Redekopp, Oct. 2006; April 2020.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Women and religion (subject)
 - Fund raising (subject)
 - Edenburg (Manitoba) (place)
-

Collection holdings

ORG-Volume 4705 - Minutes

Title: Minutes

ID: ORG-Volume 4705

Date: 1943-1994 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 files (textual)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4705-1 - Minutes

Title: Minutes

ID: ORG-Volume 4705-1

Date: 1943, 1949, 1950, 1952-1964. (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4705-2 - Minutes

Title: Minutes

ID: ORG-Volume 4705-2

Date: 1965-1975 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4705-3 - Minutes

Title: Minutes

ID: ORG-Volume 4705-3

Date: 1976-1994 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

ORG-Volume 4706 - Financial records and legal documents

Title: Financial records and legal documents

ID: ORG-Volume 4706

Date: 1963-1994 (date of creation)

Physical description: 4 files (textual)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4706-1 - Financial records

Title: Financial records

ID: ORG-Volume 4706-1

Date: 1963, 1966-1977, 1979-1985, 1987-1992 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4706-2 - Financial records and bank account information

Title: Financial records and bank account information

ID: ORG-Volume 4706-2

Date: 1965-1994 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4706-3 - Revenue Canada taxation forms

Title: Revenue Canada taxation forms

ID: ORG-Volume 4706-3

Date: 1972-1990 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4706-4 - Revenue Canada correspondence including charity registration and constitution

Title: Revenue Canada correspondence including charity registration and constitution

ID: ORG-Volume 4706-4

Date: 1967-1991 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Artifact included: Edenburg Sewing Circle stamp.

Publication status:

Published

ORG-Volume 4707 - Correspondence and contracts

Title: Correspondence and contracts

ID: ORG-Volume 4707

Date: 1953-1994 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 files (textual)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4707-1 - Letters and contacts

Title: Letters and contacts

ID: ORG-Volume 4707-1

Date: 1953, 1959, 1961, 1966, 1970-1976 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4707-2 - Letters and contacts

Title: Letters and contacts

ID: ORG-Volume 4707-2

Date: 1977-1983, 1989-1991, 1993, 1994 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4707-3 - Poster

Title: Poster

ID: ORG-Volume 4707-3

Date: [199-?] (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4707-4 - 29 Greeting cards

Title: 29 Greeting cards

ID: ORG-Volume 4707-4

Date: 1968, 1972, 1973,1984,1991,1993 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4707-5 - Letters from Women in Missions

Title: Letters from Women in Missions

ID: ORG-Volume 4707-5

Date: 1963, 1966, 1967, 1970-1972, 1974, 1978, 1979, 1985, 1991 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4707-6 - Women in Missions conference programs and constitution

Title: Women in Missions conference programs and constitution

ID: ORG-Volume 4707-6

Date: 1963, 1966 1970-1972, 1974, 1979, 1985, 1991 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

File: ORG-Volume 4707-7 - Annual report by Edenburg Sewing Circle for Women in Missions

Title: Annual report by Edenburg Sewing Circle for Women in Missions

ID: ORG-Volume 4707-7

Date: 1964-1975, 1977-1989, 1994 (date of creation)

Publication status:

Published

Series: ORG-Photos 498 - Edenburg Sewing Circle Photo Collection

Title: Edenburg Sewing Circle Photo Collection

ID: ORG-Photos 498

Date: [between 1960-1979] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

These photos show people and projects that the Edenburg Sewing Circle financially supported. They include projects and people in Korea, Taiwan and Mexico; they relate to Mennonite Central Committee and General Conference Mennonite Church overseas mission work.

Physical description: 9 photographs

Related material:

"Edenburg Sewing Circle fonds":http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/programs/archives/holdings/organizations/EdenburgSewingCircle_fonds.htm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Edenburg (Manitoba) (place)
-

Item: ORG-Photos 498-1.0 - Oh Hwa Joh

Creator: Unknown

Title: Oh Hwa Joh

ID: ORG-Photos 498-1.0

Date: [between 1966-1968] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Oh Hwa Joh, a Korean woman that participated in MCC sewing project which the Edenburg Sewing Circle supported financially.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 8.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Mennonite Central Committee
 - Sewing - Study and teaching (subject)
 - Korea (place)
-

Item: ORG-Photos 498-2.0 - Oh Hwa Joh with other participants in the MCC sewing project

Creator: Unknown

Title: Oh Hwa Joh with other participants in the MCC sewing project

ID: ORG-Photos 498-2.0

Date: [between 1966-1968] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This is a photo of 14 men and women standing behind 6 sewing machines outside the Knit & Stitch Shop which is sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee. Far right is Mr. Goosen, director, back row third from right is instructor Mrs. Lee, back row third from left is Oh Hwa Joh. Far left is Mr. Kim, caseworker, and next to him is Mr. Park, the driver.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 12 x 8 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Mennonite Central Committee
- Goossen, Henry W. (subject)
- Sewing - Study and teaching (subject)

- Korea (place)
-

Item: ORG-Photos 498-3.0 - Choo Boon Nam and her family

Creator: Unknown

Title: Choo Boon Nam and her family

ID: ORG-Photos 498-3.0

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 11 x 7.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Asia (place)
-

Item: ORG-Photos 498-4.0 - Y Kao

Creator: Unknown

Title: Y Kao

ID: ORG-Photos 498-4.0

Date: [196-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Y Kao, a potential nursing student at the Mennonite Christian Hospital in Taiwan.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.5 x 9 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Mennonite Christian Hospital (Hualien, Taiwan)
 - Nursing students (subject)
 - Hualien (Taiwan) (place)
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Item: ORG-Photos 498-5.0 - Y Kao speaking

Creator: Kehler, Susan (Martens), 1927-

Title: Y Kao speaking

ID: ORG-Photos 498-5.0

Date: 1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Y Kao, a young nurse speaking to a group of nurses. The caption reads: "This is Miss Kao. She was the student chosen to "farewell" the graduates. She did very well, so I am sending you her picture, S. Martens."

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 6.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Mennonite Christian Hospital (Hualien, Taiwan)
 - Nursing students (subject)
 - Hualien (Taiwan) (place)
-

Item: ORG-Photos 498-6.0 - Y Kao's graduation class

Creator: Unknown

Title: Y Kao's graduation class

ID: ORG-Photos 498-6.0

Date: September 14, 1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Graduation at the Mennonite Christian Hospital Nursing School in Hualien, Taiwan.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 6.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Mennonite Christian Hospital (Hualien, Taiwan)
 - Nursing - Study and teaching (Graduate) (subject)
 - Hualien (Taiwan) (place)
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Item: ORG-Photos 498-7.0 - Graduation class

Creator: Unknown

Title: Graduation class

ID: ORG-Photos 498-7.0

Date: September 13, 1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Miss Y Kao's graduation class taken in a church. The theme was "Deny thyself".

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 6.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Mennonite Christian Hospital (Hualien, Taiwan)
 - Nursing - Study and teaching (Graduate) (subject)
 - Hualien (Taiwan) (place)
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Item: ORG-Photos 498-8.0 - Nurses graduation in Taiwan

Creator: Unknown

Title: Nurses graduation in Taiwan

ID: ORG-Photos 498-8.0

Date: September 13, 1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Miss Y Kao's graduation class with teacher and nursing director Susan Martens, taken at a church.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 6.5 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Mennonite Christian Hospital (Hualien, Taiwan)
 - Kehler, Susan (Martens), 1927- (subject)
 - Nursing - Study and teaching (Graduate) (subject)
 - Hualien (Taiwan) (place)
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Item: ORG-Photos 498-9.0 - Altenheim staff in Mexico

Creator: Unknown

Title: Altenheim staff in Mexico

ID: ORG-Photos 498-9.0

Date: [197-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Female staff at a seniors' home in Mexico. They are displaying the new Corelle tableware, presumably purchased through the financial support of the Edenburg Sewing Circle.

Physical description: 1 photograph : col. ; 15 x 10 cm

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Tableware (subject)
 - Old age homes (subject)
 - Household employees - Retirement (subject)
 - Mexico (place)
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