Nellie Curnoe – Greg Curnoe collection

Dates of creation:
1936-1999

Extent:
28 cm of textual records and graphic material
3 drawings
1 artefact

Biographical sketch:

Scope and content:
Fonds consists of documentation of Greg Curnoe’s life and career as an artist, collected by Nellie Curnoe throughout her son’s life and after his death. The fonds includes Greg Curnoe’s childhood drawings, notes, annotated books and school records; documentation of his artistic activities, including press clippings and exhibition invitations; postcards from Greg Curnoe and his family to his parents; and sympathy cards to Nellie and Gordon Curnoe following Greg Curnoe’s death.

Contains series:
1. Juvenilia
2. Memorabilia
3. Elementary school records
4. Childhood books
5. Artefacts
6. Exhibition documentation
7. Postcards from Greg Curnoe
8. Press clippings
9. Sympathy cards

Custodial history:
Material in this collection was brought together by Nellie Curnoe throughout her son’s life, and following his death. After Nellie Curnoe’s death, the collection passed to her surviving children Glen and Lynda, who together donated it to the AGO.

Notes:
Conservation:
Items in Series 1: Juvenilia were treated for mold growth in 2002 and stabilized at that date.

Immediate source of acquisition:
Donated by Glen and Lynda Curnoe in 2000.

Restrictions on access:
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Terms governing use and reproduction / publication:
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Accruals:
No further accruals are expected.

Related material:
The Greg Curnoe fonds at this repository contains extensive documentation of Greg Curnoe.

Provenance access points:
Curnoe, Nellie Olive
Curnoe, Greg, 1936-1992

SERIES 1: JUVENILIA

Dates of creation:
[ca. 1942] – [194-]

Extent:
3 drawings

Scope and content:
Series consists of childhood drawings by Greg Curnoe, kept by his mother Nellie Curnoe.

Notes:
Original folder label read "Found with my stuff in mom’s basement July 12/99", written by Glen or Lynda Curnoe.

Location/item listing:
Box/ Folder 1 - 1
- [Drawing of a woman], ca. 1942, 33 x 20.5 cm
- [Sketch for hockey team portrait], 194-, 33 x 20.5 cm
- [Tracing (?) of a Coca-Cola bottle], 194-, 35 x 20 cm

SERIES 2: MEMORABILIA

Dates of creation:
1936-1995

Extent:
6 cm of textual records

Scope and content:
Series consists of Greg Curnoe’s childhood notes and letters, greeting cards, Sunday school diplomas, and similar items, together with later ephemera (excluding press clippings) documenting his career as an artist.

Notes:
Source of title:
Title based on Nellie Curnoe’s titles for these files.
Related material:
Press clippings covering a similar date range may be found in Series 8.

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<td>Curnoe, Greg: Memorabilia 1950 &amp; earlier</td>
<td>1936</td>
<td>[195-]</td>
<td>Birth announcement, baptism certificate, early letters and greeting cards by Greg Curnoe, Sunday school certificates and related memorabilia.</td>
<td>1 – 2</td>
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<td>Memorabilia</td>
<td>19--</td>
<td>199-</td>
<td>Greeting cards sent by Greg Curnoe to Nellie Curnoe, appendices from Deeds / Abstracts, items relating to Greg Curnoe’s death and posthumous tributes.</td>
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<td>[Sunday school certificate]</td>
<td>1951</td>
<td>1951</td>
<td>Greg Curnoe’s certificate from Calvary United Church Sunday School for perfect attendance.</td>
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SERIES 3: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RECORDS

Dates of creation:
1941-1950

Extent:
3 cm of textual records and graphic material

Scope and content:
Series consists of records from Greg Curnoe’s studies at Wortley Road School in London, Ontario. Series includes a kindergarten work book containing art assignments, and report cards for grades 1 through 8.

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<td>1942</td>
<td>Greg Curnoe’s work book containing kindergarten art assignments</td>
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<td>Report cards</td>
<td>1942</td>
<td>1950</td>
<td>Greg Curnoe’s report cards for grades 1-8 at Wortley Road School.</td>
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SERIES 4: CHILDHOOD BOOKS

Dates of creation:
1940-[194-]

Extent:
5 cm of textual records and graphic material (2 volumes)
Scope and content:

Location:
Box 2

SERIES 5: ARTEFACTS

Dates of creation:
[194-]

Extent:
1 artefact

Scope and content:
Series consists of a ping-pong paddle and ball owned by Greg Curnoe as a child.

Location:
Box 2

SERIES 6: EXHIBITION DOCUMENTATION

Dates of creation:
1966-1997

Extent:
3 cm of textual records and graphic material

Scope and content:
Series consists of invitations and posters relating to exhibitions of Greg Curnoe’s work, and collected by Nellie Curnoe.

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<td>Exhibitions</td>
<td>[19--]</td>
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<td>Invitations and posters relating to exhibitions of Greg Curnoe’s work, collected by Nellie Curnoe.</td>
<td>1 – 6</td>
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SERIES 7: POSTCARDS FROM GREG CURNOE

Dates of creation:
1969-[198-]

Extent:
1 cm of textual records and graphic material

Scope and content:
Series consists of 12 postcards sent by Greg and Sheila Curnoe (and later Owen, Galen, and Zoë Curnoe), while on family vacations, to Nellie and Gordon Curnoe.

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<td>Postcards to Mum &amp; Dad</td>
<td>1969</td>
<td>[198-]</td>
<td>12 postcards sent by Greg and Sheila Curnoe (and later Owen, Galen, and Zoë Curnoe), while on family vacations, to Nellie and Gordon Curnoe.</td>
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SERIES 8: PRESS CLIPPINGS

Dates of creation:
[194-]-1999

Extent:
5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:
Series consists of press clippings featuring Greg Curnoe, from his childhood activities to his career as an artist and his artistic legacy, collected by Nellie Curnoe.

Notes:
Conservation:
Press clippings have been photocopied onto acid-free paper for conservation reasons. Researchers should use only the preservation copies, located in box 1.

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**SERIES 9: SYMPATHY CARDS**

**Dates of creation:**
1992

**Extent:**
5 cm of textual records and graphic material

**Scope and content:**
Series consists of sympathy cards received by Nellie Curnoe on the death of Greg Curnoe.

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