



CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES

**Inventory of the
Shore family fonds**

Inventory #F0543

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F0543 - Shore family fonds

Fonds/Collection Number: F0543

Title: Shore family fonds

Dates: 1916-1945, predominant 1917-1918

Extent: 0.06 m textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Thomas W. and Katherine Shore lived on a farm they owned in Sebringville, Ontario during World War I. They had at least one son, Charles William Shore (b. September 22, 1899) and one daughter, Jennie B. Shore. Misrepresenting his age, Charles W. Shore enlisted in the military in 1916, and was sent overseas to England where he served as a mess orderly in the early stages of the war. His family's efforts to have him discharged on the grounds that he was underage were rebuffed by the war office, although they promised not to send him to France before he turned 19. Shore was eventually sent to France about the time the war ended. In 1920, Jennie married a World War I veteran by the name of Ivan Bradshaw Miles Barr (b. December 31, 1897). After the war, Barr appears to have served with the Kitchener police department, the Customs-Excise Preventive Service, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), as Night Officer with the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton, and as a Flight Sargeant with the Royal Canadian Air Force in Montreal. The family also had a cousin named Andrew Bach.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists primarily of approximately 50 letters written to Mrs. Thomas Shore, and one to Jennie Shore. Most of the letters were written by Mrs. Shore's son Charles W. Shore, and about thirteen of these were sent to Mrs. Shore by her cousin, Andy Bach. There are also about a dozen letters of recommendations for Ivan Bradshaw Miles Barr.

Custodial History: These letters were in the custody of Vicki Ryckman and her family from ca. 1973 until 2008. She found them in an old barn in Prince Edward County where she grew up and stored them in her family home since that time, where they were forgotten until 2008 while clearing out her mother's house.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** Access is open.

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000543.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2008-047. No further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Donated by Vicki Ryckman in 2008.

Provenance Access Points: Shore (family)
Shore, Charles W. (William)
Bach, Andrew
Barr, Ivan Bradshaw Miles

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