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**Emily Caroline Tompson fonds**

**1989.029, 2018.083**

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Emily Caroline Tompson fonds

Textual, Graphic

1936-1944

0.06 metres

**Title:** Emily Caroline Tompson fonds

**Dates of creation:** 1936-1944

**Physical description:** 6 cm of textual records and 16 b&w photographs

### Biographical sketch

**Emily Caroline Tompson** was born in Vancouver, B.C. on August 12, 1905, the daughter of post officer Henry Tompson and Nell (née Bloomfield), the youngest daughter of Henry Bloomfield, a well known local stained glass window artist. Emily Tompson became a school teacher and worked for a period at Elgin and then at the Mission School in Lillooet. In 1936 she changed careers and entered nursing school at the Royal Inland Hospital Training School for Nurses in Kamloops. She graduated in 1940 and was employed briefly at the Tranquille Sanatorium. She left Kamloops in 1941 and accepted a position as a registered nurse at the Vancouver General Hospital. She went on to work briefly in Winnipeg and later became an X-Ray technician. Following her retirement, she settled in Hope, B.C. Emily Caroline Tompson died on April 3, 1986 in Vancouver, B.C. at the age of 80.

### Scope and content

This fonds consists of correspondence, exams, a notebook, clippings, pamphlets, and photographs that document the nursing education and personal life of Emily Caroline Tompson, a graduate of the Royal Inland Hospital Training School for Nurses (1937-1940).

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### Custodial History

Fonds was initially comprised of accession #1989.029, which was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives in 1989 by an unknown donor. Accession 2018.083 was accrued to this fonds during reprocessing in 2020. It was donated on October 1, 1987 by Ellen Edwards (nee Olsen), the niece of Emily Caroline Tompson.

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### Notes:

**Source of supplied title:** Title based on contents of fonds.

**Arrangement:** Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist.

**Access restrictions:** No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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**Finding aids:** File list is available for this fonds.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**Associated material:** The City of Vancouver Archives holds the Bloomfield family fonds (AM973) which includes an Emily Caroline Tompson collection series, containing genealogical records she collected and information on her time in Winnipeg.

**Notes:** Fonds was previously entitled E.C. Tompson collection. Re-processed in Feb. 2013 and renamed Emily Caroline Tompson fonds.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
1989.029/001(01)	Royal Inland Hospital Training School for Nurses application letters – File contains correspondence re: Tompson’s application and acceptance into the Royal Inland Hospital Training School for Nurses. – 7 textual records	1936-1937	1/1
1989.029/001(02)	Nursing School notebook – File contains a notebook used by Tompson during her training at the Royal Inland Hospital Training School for Nurses. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1939	1/2
1989.029/001(03)	Nursing School Records – File contains published booklets and pamphlets relating to nursing and healthcare, correspondence re: Tompson’s employment at the Tranquille Sanatorium and Vancouver General Hospital, clippings, an employment card for the Vancouver Tuberculosis Unit, greeting cards, train timetables, a Christmas menu from Tranquille Sanatorium, a poem about Tranquille, and Registered Nurses examination papers. – 1 cm of textual records	1936-1943	1/3
1989.029.001(04)	Personal Correspondence from Phyllis – File contains Tompson’s correspondence with Phyllis and a graduation program from 1938. – 0.75 cm of textual records	1937-1940	1/4
1989.029.001(05)	Personal Correspondence from Ab – File contains Tompson’s correspondence with Ab. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1941-1942	1/5
1989.029.001(06)	Personal Correspondence, 1936-1940 – File contains Tompson’s general correspondence, greeting cards, and telegraphs. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1936-1940	1/6
1989.029.001(07)	Personal Correspondence, 1941-1944 – File contains Tompson’s general correspondence, greeting cards, and telegraphs. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1941-1944	1/7
1989.029.001(08)	Photographs – File contains photographs which document Tompson’s time at the Royal Inland Hospital Training School for Nurses. – 10 b&w	[1939?-1940]	Photograph Collection

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2018.023	Nurses 1940 – File contains graduation photographs of nurses for the Royal Inland Hospital Training School for Nurses class of 1940. Portraits include Isabel Worthington, Caryl Farina, Gievelle (?) Connor, Florence Aberdeen, Constance Duarte, and Dorothy Nelson. – 6 b&w photographs	May 1940	Photograph Collection