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Lemieux Family Collection

Author of Finding Aid: Crystal Rose

Date of Finding Aid: 2026

Extent: 0.18m

Scope and Content: This collection contains items once owned by the family of Sir Wilfred Thomason Grenfell.

Physical Description: 3 black and white photographs, 3 monographs, 3 letters, and a Victorian scrapbook.

Custodial History:

In 1957, Ted Lemieux's parents purchased a small summer home in Quebec from Wilfred Thomason Grenfell Jr. (1910-1995) and his wife Nora, nee Kinghorn (1919-2001). In the house were numerous items belonging to the Grenfell and McClanahan families. Mr. Lemieux's mother asked the Grenfells when they purchased it if they wished to keep any of the contents left by the family in the house, and they declined. The Lemieux family retained the items until some were donated to the Grenfell House Museum in St. Anthony, and these items were donated by Ted and Cathy Lemieux in 2026.

Biography or History:

Sir Wilfred Thomason Grenfell (1865-1940) was a British doctor and medical missionary to Labrador and the Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland. Arriving in 1892, he was the first doctor many of the people in the province had ever seen. Grenfell treated the sick with one of the first hospital ships, the *Strathcona*, and used his numerous books and speaking tours to raise money for his mission. In 1909 he married American Anne Elizabeth Caldwell MacClanahan (1885-1938). Her father Edmund Burke MacClanahan (1837-1889) was a Confederate soldier and Judge Advocate during the Civil War. Grenfell and his wife lived in "Grenfell House" in St. Anthony which they designed together and is now a museum. Anne organized his fundraising tours and lectures and edited his books. They had three children: Wilfred Thomason Grenfell Jr., Kinloch Pascoe Grenfell (1912-1996) and Rosamond Loveday, later Shaw (1917-2000), all born in St. Anthony. In 1931, Sir Wilfred and Lady Anne retired to Charlotte, Vermont, where they built "Kinloch House". Lady Anne's brother Kinloch had died at age 3, according to Rosamond's daughter, Susan Phillips, "of the TB that Edmund brought back from the Civil War." Ms. Phillips also relayed to Ted Lemieux that Lady Anne chose to spell her maiden name "MacClanahan" and expressed her admiration for her grandmother

“having given up her life in Chicago to become the wife of a missionary in freezing cold Northern Newfoundland, where the sole topic of conversation was fish.”

Related: The Grenfell Library’s Sir Wilfred Grenfell Book Collection has copies of all of Grenfell's books and many other publications, including first editions and copies signed by the author, and nearly every book published about the Campus' namesake.

Arrangement:

Box #1

- Folder #1 3 black and white photographs of unidentified mother with two children, n.d. Possibly Anne Grenfell with Wilfred Jr. and Pascoe.
- Folder #2 Annotated copy of *The McClanahans*. Roanoke, Virginia: The Stine Manufacturing and Printing Company, 1894.
- Folder #3 Note to Mrs. MacClanahan from Lydia B. Hubbard
- Folder #4 “Property of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred T. Grenfell Kinloch House Charlotte Vermont” Annotated copy of *Here’s How: Mixed Drinks* compiled and edited by W.C. Whitfield, Decorated by Tad Shell, published by Three Mountaineers Inc. at Ashville, N.C., 1941
- Folder #5 *The Mischianza 1945* compiled and published for the student body by the graduating class of The Hotchkiss School of Lakeville, Connecticut. Featuring faculty member Wilfred T. Grenfell, Jr. (p. 18) and signatures.
- Folder #6 Civil War-era letter forwarded by Captain Edmund McClanahan
- Folder #7 Letter and envelope belonging to Edmund McClanahan: “This letter I picked up in front of a Federal court during the battle of Shiloh April 6, 1862.”
- Victorian scrapbook, n.d.