

**Emily (Martin) Garrett Fonds**

**Title:** Emily (Martin) Garrett fonds

**Dates:** 1920-2014

**Extent:** 1 folder of textual records and photographs

**Repository:** United Church of Canada Archives Winnipeg

**Retrieval Information:** 14 - 23

**Historic Note:**

Emily was born to a pioneering farm family near Belmont, Manitoba July 7, 1902. Her early schooling took place in Belmont and nearby Baldur, and, she attended Normal School in Brandon. She spent two years teaching in rural Manitoba. The Martin family attended Belmont Presbyterian Church and at Church Union in 1925 they became United Church.

Emily took classes toward her B.A. at Wesley College, in Winnipeg, the former Methodist school but she graduated from the two year Manitoba College Deaconess Program in 1927. Manitoba College, formerly Presbyterian, began the Deaconess program in 1920, the only training program of its kind west of Toronto. Emily was designated as a United Church Deaconess in June 10, 1928 by Manitoba Conference after a year of probation at St. Andrew's Elgin United Church. She worked her entire ministry career, from 1927 to 1939, at St. Andrew's, in one of Winnipeg's inner city neighbourhoods. Emily spoke of working with immigrant people in the area, mostly Scottish immigrants at that time. It was the Great Depression and it was demanding work being with people who experienced poverty and all the challenges of being in a new land. The church was the centre of activity with a full schedule of Sunday services, Sunday school, Mission Band, Mother's Club, CGIT, and in the summer, Fresh Air camp. She spoke of pastoral situations that moved her; of funerals for folks who were so isolated that only she and the attending minister were present, of personally helping to pay for needed medical treatments in the days before universal Medicare. Emily had a strong passion for the social gospel. Although generally quiet and reserved, she was quick to speak out against stereotyped biases about people and poverty.

In 1939, (August 23) when she married Jack Garrett, whom she met at St. Andrew's, she was officially disjoined from the Deaconess Order.

The church put an end to Emily's formally recognized ministry but she didn't let the lack of official designation stop her from conducting ministry, albeit informally. She continued to be active at St. Andrew's until Jack took a job with Winnipeg Hydro at Pointe Du Bois, an isolated dam site community, in 1943. There Emily was an active lay person in the Anglican Church, the only church in the company town.

After moving to Transcona (in Winnipeg) in 1950, Emily became actively involved in the life of Transcona Memorial United Church. She gave lay leadership in many areas. She was a life member of the United Church Women, having previously been active in one of its forerunners, the Woman's Missionary Society. Beyond the congregation, she was involved in Winnipeg Presbytery and outreach work within the Presbytery.

Emily also sustained personal relationships with some of the St. Andrew's people and her Deaconess friends, like Zaidee Stoddard. She followed with keen interest the work of other Deaconesses, here and in mission fields across the world. She always respected the role and contribution of single women. She encouraged others to consider church vocations. She was proud of the work of the United Church in establishing pension plans for unmarried women.

Emily returned to volunteering at St. Andrews in her later years and was volunteering in the clothing depot the day that fire destroyed the old building, November, 12, 1968.

Emily was widowed in 1983 and moved to Senior's Housing in Transcona. She maintained a lively interest in politics and in issues facing the church. She attributed her ability to live independently to the kindness and practical support of neighbours and church friends. Those church friends and clergy supported her through a 16 month stay in palliative care at St. Boniface Hospital, and when she gained sufficient strength to be moved, they cared for her a further 6 years at the Convalescent Home until she welcomed death at age 96, on November 5, 1998.

### **Scope and Content**

The surviving records of Emily Martin Garrett are 38 photographs (some original and some printed from digitized versions) from a taken from a photo album that included photographs of a personal nature as well as photos from her work at St. Andrew's and from a holiday she took to Norway House, Manitoba between 1936-1939. The collection also includes: Winnipeg FreePress obituary, November, 1928; newspaper announcement of her wedding, 1939; Jacqueline Louise Garrett (daughter) Certificate of Baptism (photocopy); "Congregational Life" Transcona Memorial United Church Newsletter, c. 1989; excerpt from Transcona Memorial United Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary publication, 2003 (photocopy); excerpt Manitoba Conference Record of Proceedings, June 10, 1928 (photocopy); Letter from Bill Blaikie, MP for Winnipeg-Transcona, November 23, 1993 after an article in the Winnipeg FreePress featured Emily voting in an election; "Order of Service" and "Stories" Apology to Women Denied Access to Ministry Because they Married, Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, May 24, 2014; Emily Martin Garrett 1902-1998, a biography written by Jackie Garrett (2014) for Deaconess History Project undertaken by Caryn Douglas.

All the photos have been digitized. An item description is below.

### **Custodial History**

The collection was donated to the Archives in 2014 by Jackie Garrett, Winnipeg, Emily's daughter.

### **Related Materials in other Repositories:**

Vox Wesleyana (1929), available from the University of Winnipeg Archives, contains a photo and short biography of Emily. Note: the photo of Emily Martin and that of Emily Hayter are incorrectly placed. Emily Martin is recognizable with her round glasses.

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### Language

The records are in English.

### Restriction on Access

No restrictions apply.

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

### Fonds Photo Descriptions

File Name	Archivist Description	Original Caption	Keywords
garrett_001	Emily Martin (Garrett) Graduation Portrait, possibly from Normal School, c. 1920. 1 photograph : b&w ; 14.6 x 9.6 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses
garrett_002	Emily Martin (Garrett) with unidentified friend. n.d. 1 photograph : b&w ; 6 x 8.8 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses
garrett_003	Emily Martin (Garrett). c 1920 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.9 x 11cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses
garrett_004	Aerial view of Emily Martin Garrett's family farm, Belmont, Manitoba. 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.8 x 8.8cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Farm Houses
garrett_005	Emily Garrett (top left) with group of unidentified young women. 1 photograph : b&w ; 9.7 x 7.6 cm Additional photographs in album		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses
garrett_006	Unidentified women in front of St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Winnipeg. c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 7.7 x 5.4 cm Additional photos in album.		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Exteriors
garrett_007	Group of unidentified men in front of St. Andrew's Elgin Street United Church Winnipeg, c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 5.5 x 7.6 cm Additional photographs in album.		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Exteriors
garrett_008	Emily Martin (Garrett) with unidentified people in front of St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Winnipeg. c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 11.5 x 6.7 cm Additional photographs in album.		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Exteriors
garrett_009	Emily Martin (Garrett) with two unidentified young boys at Robertson Camp, Gimil, Manitoba, c. 1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 11.3 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Camps--Robertson Camp, Fresh Air Camps

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File Name	Archivist Description	Original Caption	Keywords
garrett_010	Unidentified group of women with children at Robertson Camp, Gimli, Manitoba, c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 11.4 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Camps--Robertson Camp, Fresh Air Camps
garrett_011	Mothers and children in front of Robertson Camp Residences, Gimli, Manitoba, c. 1930 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 14 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Camp Buildings--Residences, Exteriors, Camps--Robertson, Fresh Air Camps
garrett_012	Hudson's Bay Post, Beren's River, Manitoba. c.1932-1936 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.2 x 14 cm	Hudson's Bay Post, Beren's River	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Stores--Hudson's Bay Company, Beren's River, Exteriors
garrett_013	First Nations Camps, Beren's River, Manitoba, c. 1930s 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.2 x 14 cm	Indian Camps, Beren's River, Man.	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Community Life--First Nations People, Traditional Dwellings
garrett_014	Hudson's Bay Company, Norway House, Manitoba, c. 1930s 1 photograph postcard : b&w ; 8.8 x 14 cm	Hudson's Bay Company, Norway House, Man	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Stores--Hudson's Bay Company, Norway House, Exteriors, Landscapes
garrett_015	Victoria Beach, Nanitoba c. 1930 1 photograph : b&w ; 9 x 14 cm	Victoria Beach, Man.	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Victoria Beach, Lanscapes
garrett_016	S.S. Wolverine and Keenora Steamships at Berens River Harbour, Manitoba. c. 1930 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.8 x 13.9 cm	Berens River	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Boats--Steamships--S.S. Wolverine--S.S. Keenora, Berens River
garrett_017	Fishing boats at Gimli Harbour, Gimli, Manitoba, c1930 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.8 x 14 cm	The Harbour, Gimli, Man.	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Boats--Fishing, Gimli Harbour
garrett_018	Emily Garrett with unidentified friend before boarding S.S. Keenora on holiday to Norway House, Manitoba. c.1932-1936 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.8 x 11.4 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Transportation--Steamships--S.S. Keenora, Norway House
garrett_019	Emily Martin (Garrett) with unidentified friend on S.S. Keenora en route to Norway House, Manitoba. c.1932-1936 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.7 x 11.2 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Transportation--Steamships--S.S. Keenora, Norway House
garrett_020	Emily Martin (right) with two unidentified friends, on holiday in Norway House, Manitoba. c.1932-1936 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.9 x 11.4 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Norway House

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garrett_021	Emily Martin (Garrett) on holiday at Norway House, Manitoba. c.1932-1936 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.7 x 11.2 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Norway House
garrett_022	Unidentified couple in front of Norway House Residential School. c.1932-1936 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.8 x 11.4 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Residential Schools--Norway House, Exteriors
garrett_023	Emily Martin (Garrett) at her family farm in Belmont, MB, n.d. 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.2 x 11cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses
garrett_024	St. Andrew Elgin United Church event in Point Douglas, Winnipeg c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.1 x 12.8 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Transportation--Dog sleds
garrett_025	Emily Martin (sitting left) with group at Camp Robertson, Gimli, Manitoba, c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 11.6 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Camps--Camp Robertson, Fresh Air Camps, Gimli
garrett_026	Emily Martin (right) with unidentified girl in C.G.I.T. uniform on beach, Camp Robertson, Gimli, Manitoba, c. 1927-1936 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 11.6 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Camps--Camp Robertson, Fresh Air Camps, Gimli, Manitoba, CGIT
garrett_027	Group in swimsuits on shore at Camp Robertson, Gimli. c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 7.1 x 11.6 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Camps--Camp Robertson, Gimli, Fresh Air Camps
garrett_028	Belmont United Church, Manitoba. v. 1930 1 photograph postcard : b&w ; 13.9 x 9 cm	Belmont United Church	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Churches--Belmont United Church, Exteriors
garrett_029	Emily Martin (Garrett) with family in Belmont, at age 18, 1920. 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.9 x 11.2 cm	Belmont 2/9/20 Boys are Alvin & Ghon	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Family
garrett_030	Emily Martin Garrett (left) with unidentified people, St. Andrew Elgin Ave. United Church, Winnipeg. c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 14.7 x 8.9 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, St. Andrew's Elgin United Church
garrett_031	John Garrett at 33 years just before marriage to Emily at Langside Avenue house 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.9 x 9.6 cm	Old Silvertop 33 years old	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Family--Husband
garrett_032	Emily and John Garrett with Dr.H.B. Duckworth in front of Maryland St.(Winnipeg) Manse on their wedding day. 1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 7 x 9.8 cm	Emily/John with Dr. Duckworth Wedding 1939 635 Maryland (manse)	Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Clergy--Rev. Duckworth, Family--Husband
garrett_033	Group of women in front of St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Winnipeg. c.1927-1939		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Churches--St. Andrew's

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	1 photograph : b&w ; 7.5 x 12.9 cm		Elgin United Church, Exteriors, Women's Organizations
garrett_034	Group of girls in front of St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Winnipeg. c.1927-1939 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.3 x 8.9 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Youth Groups, Churches--St. Andrew's Elgin United Church, Exteriors
garrett_036	John Garrett (Emily Garrett's husband) walking down the street with daughter Jackie. c.1948. 1 photograph : b&w ; 8.8 x 12.7 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Family--Husband--Children
garrett_037	Emily (Martin) Garrett and Lillias. (Lillias is in other collection photographs), c. 1920s 1 photograph : b&w ; 6.8 x 10.9 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses
garrett_038	Jackie and Lorne Garrett, Point de Bois, MB. 1947. 1 photograph : b&w ; 4.3 x 6.6 cm		Emily Martin Garrett Collection, Deaconesses, Family--Children