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Lottie Allan Correspondence, 1899-1903, 1916, n.d.

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Collection Description

Collection Title: Lottie Allan Correspondence

Collection Number: LSC018

Creator: Allan, Lottie, 1866–1926

Date: 1899-1903, 1916, n.d.

Extent: 1 Folder

Language: Materials are in English.

Acquisition Information

Donation, 1928.

Access

The collection is open for research and available to the public during research room hours.

Restrictions

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Processing Information

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Biographical Note

Charlotte Jane “Lottie” Allan was a Christian Scientist based in Toronto, Canada. Born in Thorold, Ontario, to the south, she married Robert J. S. (John Sharp) Allan in 1888.

Allan took Christian Science Primary class instruction with Pamela J. Leonard, C.S.D. She and her husband became members of The First Church of Christ, Scientist (The Mother Church) on December 29, 1894. She was a member of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Toronto, where she served as Second Reader (Mary Baker Eddy, diary, n.d., EF060).

Allan worked at Pleasant View, Mary Baker Eddy's home in Concord, New Hampshire, from April to October 1902, and again from January to April 1903, serving with other Christian Scientists, including Pamela J. Leonard. This service was cut short when Allan's husband died unexpectedly and she returned to Toronto to settle his affairs.

Scope and Content Note

Lottie Allan Correspondence consists of handwritten drafts and copies of letters between Allan and Mary Baker Eddy, Calvin A. Frye, and Beth Harmony. These reflect Allan's gratitude to Eddy, her questions on Christian Science practice, her reasons for leaving Pleasant View, and confirmations of her service there in 1902 and 1903.

Two letters in particular, from February 14 and 20, 1901, discuss Allan's query to Frye and Eddy about Christian Science Reading Rooms and whether they should be located separately from churches. The initial query is in the letter dated February 14, 1901. Eddy responded, “Have your reading room separate from your church” (Mary Baker Eddy to Lottie Allan, 1901 February 16, L09080). Allan responded on February 20, 1901, with gratitude, stating, “In an hour of great need came the priceless message, giving direction that the reading room shall be separate from the church.”

The item numbers for the sent version of the letters found in the Mary Baker Eddy Incoming Correspondence are referenced when available. All drafts and copies of the letters were retained by Allen.

Separated Materials

Mary Baker Eddy Outgoing Correspondence that came in with the collection were removed and filed in The Mary Baker Eddy Collection. The letters were assigned the following item numbers, L12629, L12630, L15668, L09078, L09081-L09083, L09083A, L09079, L09080.

Container Listing

Box 01 **Box 1, Lottie Allan Correspondence, 1899-1903,1916, n.d.**

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01. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, 1899/07/28. Handwritten copy of a letter relating to the experience of Allan, her husband and her brother seeing Eddy in her drive. The letter also discussed the inspiration that Allan felt when she attended the Communion service in Tremont Temple. See also: Mary Baker Eddy Incoming Correspondence, 095.21.001

02. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, 1900/01/26. Handwritten copy of a letter expressing Allan's gratitude towards Eddy's message of love in a previous letter. The letter also expressed Allan's gratitude for her poem "Satisfied" which had just been published in the *Sentinel*. See also: Mary Baker Eddy Incoming Correspondence, 095.21.02

03. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, 1900/05/29. Handwritten copy of a letter expressing Allan's gratitude from Eddy's poem "Easter Morn." See also: Mary Baker Eddy Incoming Correspondence, 095.21.003

04. Allan, Lottie, to Frye, Calvin A., 1901/02/14. Handwritten copy of a letter where Allan was asking whether a Reading Room should be separated from the church. This includes a transcribed copy of the letter.

05. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, 1901/02/20. Handwritten copy of a letter expressing Allan's gratitude in the direction that Eddy provided in regards to her question about Reading Rooms.

06. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, 1902/11/01. Handwritten copy of a letter regarding the difficulties that Allan was facing with trying to settle her husband's affairs after his death. In the letter she states that she cannot return to Pleasant View until all of her financial difficulties have been properly settled. In addition to this, Allan gives gratitude to Eddy for the gifts that she sent her. See also: Mary Baker Eddy Incoming Correspondence, 095.21.005

07. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, 1902/11/11. Handwritten copy of a letter regarding Allan's departure from Pleasant View. See also: Mary Baker Eddy Incoming Correspondence, 095.21.006

08. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, 1903/05/04. Handwritten copy of a letter stating that Allan received the letter from Pamela J. Leonard, but was unable to say when she would be returning to Pleasant View. She wrote that her business affairs were in bad shape and that she lost a lot of money. Leonard's initial letter to Allen from April 4, 1903 can be found in Mary Baker Eddy Outgoing Correspondence, L15668.

09. Allan, Lottie, to Frye, Calvin A., 1903/06/27. Telegram stating that Allan would arrive at Pleasant View on Sunday morning.

10. Frye, Calvin A., to Allan, Lottie, 1916/06/26. Handwritten letter certifying that Allan was living at Pleasant View in 1902.

11. Harmony, Beth, to Allan, Lottie, 1916/08/07. Handwritten letter that certified Allan's presence at Pleasant View. The letter acted as a confirmation that Allan was in fact living at Pleasant View in February of 1903.

12. Allan, Lottie, to Eddy, Mary Baker, n.d.. Telegram that stated Allan's affairs were still unsettled and that she is continuously working.