

Janet Baldwin Collection
1912 - 1990
Inventory

Material relating to the life and career of Canadian dancer and teacher Janet Baldwin, wife of dancer, teacher and choreographer Boris Volkoff, and a member of the Baldwin family of Toronto.

Box #1: Family History and Personal Material

Env. #1: Biographical information – 4 items

Curriculum vitae for Janet Baldwin and Boris Volkoff.

Env. #2: Biographical information – 2 items

“Who is Janet Baldwin” by Marguerite McLean. 1st draft, 24 pp.; final script 18 pp.

Env. #3: Biographical information – 8 items

Notes, grant applications, correspondence, CV (Marguerite McLean) relating to JB’s reminiscences.

Env. #4: Documents – 2 items

Passport, marriage certificate.

Env. #5: Family History – 2 items

History of the arrival of the Baldwin family in Canada, 1798; Gordon Family tree 10 pp.

Env. #6: Family History, Baldwins – 5 items

Correspondence, notes, clippings.

Env. #7: Photographs – 7 items

Portrait of Janet Baldwin by Dorothy Stevens (original in the collection of the Performing Arts Centre). 2 photos, 5 slides.

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Env. #8: Photographs, Family – 7 items

William Willcocks Baldwin (JB's father) (1)
Bill Bladwin (JB's brother) (2)
Kathleen Gordon (JB's mother) (1)
Statue of a Baldwin ancestor (– 1 photo
Mrs. Robertson – 1 photo and explanatory note

Env. #9: Photographs – 3 items

Opening of the Baldwin Steps (behind Casa Loma) 1988, showing Mayor Art Eggleton and various politicians and dignitaries.

Env. #10: Clippings – 2 items

Re: Ulanova's slipper (Timothy Findley was given the slipper when visiting Moscow with *Hamlet*; he gave it to JB).

Env. #11: Memorabilia – 1 item

Ballet slipper worn by Russian dancer Galina Ulanova.

Env. #12: Diary (Italy) 1930 – 1 item

La Storia di mia viaggiata en Italia l'anno '30. Diary illustrated with postcards, photos (see p. 187), brochures, flyers, etc. Dec. 28, 1930 – Apr. 10, 1931. 191 pp.

Env. #13: Diary (France) May 14 – July, 1931 – 1 item

Illustrated with postcards, photos, maps, guidebooks, brochures, notes. 97 pp.

Env. #14: *An History of Italian Art*, 1931 – 1 item

Scrapbook of notes illustrated with postcards and photos. Holograph mss. with illuminated title page and initial letters. 252 pp. This, together with items 12 and 13, were compiled while touring Europe (perhaps with a group from a finishing school?).

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Env. #15: Family Photo Album, 1913 – 1929 – 5 items

1 album (43 pp.) and 4 loose items.

Env. #16: Photograph – 1 item

Portrait of Janet Baldwin (framed) by William Bryan (original portrait lost in fire at studio).

Box #2: Early Years with Boris Volkoff

Env. #1: Photographs, Boris Volkoff – 4 items

Env. #2: Photographs – 3 items

Volkoff group in Berlin at 1936 Olympics. 2 photos, 1 photocopy.

Env. #3: XI Olympiade, Berlin, 1936 – 6 items

Articles, reminiscences by JB, review, notes on dancers.

Env. #4: XI Olympiade, Berlin, 1936, Memorabilia – 2 items

2 pins.

Env. #5: Postcards – 24 items

Berlin, 1939 at time of the Olympics.

Env. #6: Photographs – 28 items

San Francisco, 1935 with Adolph Bolm; Santa Barbara. 21 photos, 7 negatives.

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Env. #7: Photographs – 28 items

Early years with Boris Volkoff; Volkoff dancers including group shots on tour, at 1st Canadian Ballet Festival, etc.; Natalia Butko, Helen Zwior, Dorothy Dennenay and Sydney Vousden in 1st CNE Show after WWII, Sept. 1947; Sydney Vousden; Don Gillies; Temagami.

Env. #8: Production Photos, Early years with BV – 11 items

Caucasian Sketch, pre 1936 (2)
Death and the Maiden, c. 1936/37 (2)
Modern Ballet, 1935 (1)
Tchaikovsky Waltz, late 1930s (5)
Boris Volkoff in Russian costume (1)

Env. #9: Production and Rehearsal Photos, Years with BV (1940-50s) – 9 items

Bach Toccata & Fugue, mid 1940s (4)
In the Park, mid-late 1940s (3)
Waltz Pas de Deux, mid 1940s (1)
Rehearsal pose, JB & Barbara Ferguson (1)

Env. #10: Clippings, etc. – 14 items

Early years with BV (1938-1947?). Brief history of BV's association with dance in Canada; quotes from reviews. 6 sheets, 8 photos.

Env. #11: Correspondence relating to BV's later years – 13 items

c. 1935. ALS Ogilvie, Will. Thanks for evening, with sketch of performance (of *Ballade*).
1966, June 24. TL (copy) Cambria Heights, Long Island, NY. Rev. Leo Malania about BV's plans for a performing company, reminiscences, suggestions for Board members, etc.
1973, Nov. 26. TLS Ottawa. Roger de C. Nantel, Registrar of Honours, Order of Canada, re: studio fire, sending some material submitted at time of O. of C.
1974, Mar. 12. ALS Toronto. Mrs. William L. Hogg, condolences re: death of BV.
1974, Mar. 13. TLS Ottawa. Jules Leger, Governor General, note of sympathy re: death of BV.
1974, Mar. 28. TLS Ottawa. Joyce Turpin, Head of Clerical Secretariat apologizing for incorrect address on above letter, and annotated envelope.

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1974, Apr. 17. ALS Janet Baldwin. Rough version of reply to Governor General.
1974, Apr. 17. ALS Janet Baldwin. Rough version of reply to Miss Turpin.
1974, Mar. 17. ALS Don Mills. Beth _____, letter of condolence and reminiscences about BV.
1974, c. Mar. ALS West Hill. Ruth Secord, note of sympathy.
1974, Mar. 18. ALS Pine City, NY. James Pape (Brother Luke), note of sympathy re: death of BV.
1974, Mar. Card noting planting of 2 trees in memory of BV, by Ruth Galzier, in Canada Park, Israel.
1984, May 5. 2 copies of invitation to Boris Volkoff Reunion (one annotated by JB).

Env. #12: Notes – 16 items

Re: ballets performed by Volkoff Canadian Dancers compiled by JB, transcribed by Marguerite McLean, with plots and cast lists.

Env. #13: Programs and Flyers, early years with Boris Volkoff – 9 items

Env. #14: Address List – 4 items

Friends, artists, coworkers of BV compiled by JB; miscellaneous cards, etc.; address book.

Env. #15: Clippings, Boris Volkoff – 11 items

Obituaries, reminiscences, articles on BV's later years.

Env. #16: Memorabilia – 3 items

Re: Boris Volkoff's Order of Canada. 2 miniature lapel pins and envelope annotated by JB (see also: Boris Volkoff Collection, Box 1, Env. 25c and 25d).

Env. #17: Memorial service for Boris Volkoff – 5 items

2 letters and enclosures; notes by JB re: pall bearers

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Env. #18: *Encore, Encore* (1985-86) – 12 items

Issues 1 – 7; 3 letters; 1 invitation; 1 clipping. Includes articles about the Volkoff Canadian Ballet, reconstruction of *Red Ear of Corn*, news of former Volkoff and Baldwin students and dancers. Annotations by JB.

Env. #19: Boris Volkoff Collection at Toronto Reference Library – 4 items

Inventory (not necessarily most recent version) with annotations by JB; press release announcing exhibition (1974); flyer (c. 1984); clipping.

Env. #20: Dance Ontario Award – 10 items

Presentation June 22, 1986. Announcement, list of donors, letters from Bernadette Carpenter, Sonia Chamberlain Chisnall, Cathy Sinclair (Colville), Dr. Douglas Firth, Audrey Hozack, Lorraine Thompson, Frances Watson (see also photo in Box 4, Env. 2), Katie Adelman.

Env. #21: Dance Ontario Award – 1 item

Framed award certificate, presented to JB and posthumously to BV

Box #3: Canadian Ballet Festivals

File #1: 1st Canadian Ballet Festival, Winnipeg, 1948 – 6 items

2 clippings, 1 information sheet for participants, 1 list, 2 items notes

File #2: 2nd Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1949 – 34 items

Notebook with ticket lists, telephone lists, studio party for Sadlers Wells 1949 visit, flyers, calling cards, 1 envelope of lists/correspondence, 24 cc. correspondence with sponsors, 3 lists of arrangements for party.

Env. #3: 2nd Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1949 – 5 items

3 programs, 2 prospectuses.

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File #4: 2nd Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1949 – 9 items

Write-ups and reviews.

Env. #4a: 2nd Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1949 – 4 items

Publicity photographs.

File #5: 2nd Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1949 – 22 items

Clippings (reviews) and 3 sheets of notes by JB.

File #6: Canadian Ballet Festivals (various) – 65 items

Correspondence, etc. Oct. 1948 – Oct. 1950; includes letters from Anatole Chujoy, Ruth Sorell, Harry Boyle et al.

File #7: 3rd Canadian Ballet Festival, Montreal, 1950 – 5 items

Program, 1 p. notes by JB, adjudication letters and report.

File #8: 4th Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1952 – 6 items

Souvenir program; program for May 6; notes by JB; 3 loose pages from souvenir program.

Env. #9: 4th Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1952 – 7 items

Photographs of Janet Baldwin Ballet, *Corelli Suite*.

Env. #9a: 4th Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1952 – 4 items

Janet Baldwin Studio Ballet adjudication results.

File #10: 4th Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1952 – 36 items

Clippings.

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File #11: 5th Canadian Ballet Festival, Ottawa, 1953 – 9 items

Minutes of AGM, Ottawa, 1953; programs; application forms; program notes; prospectus; press release.

Env. #11a: 5th Canadian Ballet Festival, Ottawa, 1953 – 5 items

Photographs of Janet Baldwin Ballet, *Theme Primeval*.

File #12: 5th Canadian Ballet Festival, Ottawa, 1953 – 23 items

Photocopied clippings.

File #13: 6th Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1954 – 39 items

Invitations, publicity, reviews (photocopies), program, certificate.

Env. #13a: 6th Canadian Ballet Festival, Toronto, 1954 – 13 items

Photos: Janet Baldwin Ballet, *Cycle* (9); *I Want, I Want* (4)

Box #4: Janet Baldwin School and Later Years

Env. #1: Photographs – 35 items

Janet Baldwin (portraits) including portfolio of 33 photos, letter from John Steele.

Env. #2: Photographs – 14 items

Janet Baldwin and friends including photos with Herbert Whittaker, Dame Margot Fonteyn, and members of the Royal Academy of Dancing in Canada.

Env. #3: Photographs, Friends of Janet Baldwin – 27 items

Irene Apine (2, including 1 with Jury Gotshalks); Marta de Benedetti; Natalia Butko; Bernadette Carpenter; Ruth Carse; Anatole Chujoy (2); Michel DeCoty and Domini Callaghan; Dame Margot Fonteyn (3); Don Gillies (2); Felicity Gray; Ray Hartley; Robert Helpmann and Moira Shearer; Alec McCowen (2); Leslie Makovy; Anna

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Northcote; Moira Shearer with Mrs. O.D. Vaughan and JB's students; Michael Somes with JB's students; Arnold Spohr; Sydney Vousden (2); Rita Warne.

Env. #4: Photographs, Students of Janet Baldwin and dancers in the Janet Baldwin Ballet Company – 22 items

George Anderson (2); Gail Austerberry; Bill Bryan; Naida Chrysler (4); Cliff Collier (2); Barbara Cook (3 including 1 with Walter ____); Sandra Crimp, Mary Funston, Sharon Syme and Barbara Hewson; Denise Cronenberg; Richard Easton; Timothy Findley, Bob Paul and Barbara Wagner; Ian Robertson; Mary Jane Saunders; Kevin Smith (2); Jackie _____

Env. #5: Photographs, Banff, 1952 with Gweneth Lloyd – 4 items

Env. #6: Photographs, Janet Baldwin School – 26 items

Rehearsals, snapshots, Fairmeadow students, etc.

Env. #7: Production Photographs, Janet Baldwin School – 16 items

Ballet Baroque, Hart House Theatre, May 29 – 30, 1957 (8)
Concert Ballet, Maple Leaf Gardens, Feb. 18, 1958 (5)
On the Beach, Hart House Theatre, May 31 – June 1, 1961 (1)
Unidentified productions (2)

Env. #8: Notebook – 1 item

Reminiscences, 1930s – 1940s.

Env. #9: Notebook – 1 item

Reminiscences, 1930s – 1940s.

Env. #10: Notebook – 1 item

Reminiscences.

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File #11: Correspondence – 38 items

From Bettina Byers, Doreen and Leonard Crainford, Timothy “Tiff” Findley, Elizabeth Hardie, Heather McCallum, Grace M. Mills, Lillian Mitchell, Art Price, Arnold Spohr, Bertram Tate, Herbert Whittaker, Aileen Woods, Felicity Gray, other misc. items.

Env. #12: Clarkson Ballet Group (1953 – 1959) – 8 items

1 program; 7 pp clippings.

Env. #13: Janet Baldwin School (1957) – 4 items

2 programs, 1 p. notes, 1 p. clippings

Env. #14: Janet Baldwin School (1958) – 9 items

4 programs, 1 flyer, 3 pp. clippings, 1 p. notes

Env. #15: Janet Baldwin School (1959) – 6 items

3 programs, 1 p. notes, 2 pp. clippings

Env. #16: Janet Baldwin School (1960s) – 2 items

1 program, 1 p. notes

Env. #17: Janet Baldwin School (1970s) – 2 items

1 program, 1 p. notes

Env. #18: Janet Baldwin School, Advertising (1951 – 1956) – 15 items

Env. #19: Janet Baldwin School, Misc. – 5 items

List of teachers & pianists; list of costumes; 3 pp. addresses/info re: classes in school system; list of address of Janet Baldwin School; 1 p. “incidents for Marguerite”.

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Box #5: Timothy Findley

See also Correspondence in Box 4, File 11. Copies of books by Timothy Findley from the collection of Janet Baldwin. Findley was a former student and a friend of JB.

The Butterfly Plague, a novel by Timothy Findley. New York: Viking Press, 1969. Dedicated to Janet Baldwin et al. Presentation copy with long note, April 1969, Cannington.

Can You See Me Yet?, a play by Timothy Findley. Vancouver: Talonbooks, 1977. Presentation copy, Atlantic house, August, 1978. Piece of stationery from Atlantic House laid in.

Famous Last Words, a novel by Timothy Findley. Toronto, Vancouver: Clarke, Irwin & Company Ltd., 1981. Presentation copy, December 1981.

The Last of the Crazy People [by] Timothy Findley. Toronto: General Publishing Co. Ltd., 1967. Presentation copy, Cannington, June 1967. Review pasted on inside upper cover.

Not Wanted on the Voyage [by] Timothy Findley. Markham, Ont.: Viking, 1984. Presentation copy, 1984.

Stones [by] Timothy Findley. Markham, Ont.: Viking, 1988. Presentation copy, December 1988.

The Telling of Lies: a mystery [by] Timothy Findley. Markham, Ont.: Viking, 1986. Presentation copy.

The Wars [by] Timothy Findley. Toronto, Vancouver: Clarke, Irwin & Company Ltd., 1977. Presentation copy. Newspaper article taped to inside upper cover.

Box #6: Books, poster, scrapbook

Canada's National Ballet. Herbert Whittaker. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1967. Inside front cover: clipping on St. Lawrence Hall by Stewart James, Christmas card from Herbert Whittaker, 1967, letter from Stewart James re interview with Herbert Whittaker on St. Lawrence Hall.

Love for Ballet. Sybil Spencer. Hants, U.K.: Triplegate, 1985. Autographed by the author and inscribed by Janet Baldwin.

The Unheroic North...Four Canadian Plays. Merrill Denison. Toronto: McClelland & Stewart, 1923. Inscribed to Kathleen Baldwin by the author.

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Poster for Janet Baldwin Concert Ballet, Hart House, 1964(?)

Scrapbook, 1939-1970. (Fragile condition)

Inventory: A. Sutherland

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