

## **Taverner Collection, Part 2**

### **Inventory**

Material added to the original Taverner bequest, including original cabinet photographs, copies of original photographs in the collection of Canadian Theatre scholar Murray Edwards, photocopies of correspondence in the collection of Mr. Edwards, a photocopy of the guest book from one of the Taverner family cottages, now in the collection of Corwin Ferguson (a distant relation of the Taverner family), and copies of photographs from that guest book.

#### **Box #12: Correspondence, etc.**

Env. #1: Correspondence – 9 items

[c1913] Mrs. Hinton, Winnipeg, Manitoba to Percy Taverner, son of Ida Van Cortland and adopted son of Albert Taverner, re: promise of some money.

1913, Mar. 25. Percy Taverner to Mrs. Hinton (carbon copy). Explaining the delay in response to her request, the result of his poor salary in the civil service, and delay of an expected promotion. Mentions he is supporting his sister and mother, and that his mother has recently built a house there (Ottawa?).

1933, Dec. 27. James H. Taverner, Liverpool, England to P.T. on the genealogy of the Taverner family.

1934, Jan. 16. P.T., Ottawa to James Taverner (carbon copy). Discussion of background of his branch of the Taverner family and his authority for citing a Taverner on the list of the 4<sup>th</sup> voyage to Virginia.

1940, Apr. 6. Jessie (Mrs. Carl) Taverner, Fleet, Alberta to P.T. re: her husband's family background and her interest in Percy's book, *Birds of Canada*.

1940, Apr. 16. P.T., Ottawa to Mrs. Jessie Taverner. Comments on Taverner family history, also on pronunciation and Albert's spelling of the name.

[c1940] Wilfred Lucas, Hollywood, California to P.T. Regrets at missing his visit, comments on an older brother out of touch somewhere in Canada, mention of his own illnesses which have limited his acting in films, etc.

1940, Apr. 18. P.T. to Wilfred Lucas. News of mutual friends and the war situation. Post script describes Ida's purchase of Albert Taverner's Muskoka cottage where they found trunks full of theatrical material which was donated to the Toronto Public Library.

Percy Taverner's book plate (photocopy of original in book in Performing Arts collection)

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Env. #2: Guestbook

From the Taverner's cottage "Hyla" at Big Island, Blue Sea Lake, near Messines, P.Q. (about 70 miles north of Ottawa). Book #1, July 1, 1917 thru Sept. 5, 1924.

Compiled by Percy and Ida Taverner, describing visits to the family cottage, illustrated with snapshots of family, friends and locale, and containing signatures and comments of visitors. A selection of photographs of the cottage itself, and of Ida Van Cortland have been taken from the originals and blown up to 8x10 size (see Env. #3). (Photocopy)

Env. # 3: Photographs – Taverner Cottage Guest Book – 17 items

Selected photographs of Ida Van Cortland, Percy and Ida Taverner, and their cottage "Hyla".

Env. # 4: Photographs – Taverner Family (original cabinet photos) – 2 items

Env. #5: Photographs – Taverner Family – 5 items

Env. #6: Photographs – Albert Taverner – 10 items

Env. #7: Photographs – Ida C. Taverner – 14 items

Plus copy of memorial card.

Env. # 8: Photographs – Ida Van Cortland & Company – 1 item

Env. #9: Photographs – Ida Van Cortland – 3 items

Original cabinet photos; last theatrical portraits, c.1898

Env. #10: Photographs – Ida Van Cortland – 8 items

Original cabinet photos; portraits (head and shoulders)

Env. #11: Photographs – Ida Van Cortland – 23 items

Portraits (head and shoulders)

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Env. #12: Photographs – Ida Van Cortland – 3 items

Original cabinet photos; full-length portraits

Env. #13: Photographs – Ida Van Cortland – 12 items

Full-length portraits (11 photos + 1 composite)

Env. #14: Production Photographs – 1 item

Ida Van Cortland as Galatea in *Pygmalion and Galatea* (original cabinet photo)

Env. #15: Production Photographs – 5 items

Ida Van Cortland as Galatea in *Pygmalion and Galatea* + 2 pp. notes on her makeup and costume

Env. #16: Production Photographs – 1 item

Ida Van Cortland as Lady Gay Spanker in *London Assurance*

Env. #17: Production Photographs – 1 item

Ida Van Cortland as Lucretia Borgia (title role) (original cabinet photo)

Env. #18: Production Photographs – 1 item

Ida Van Cortland as Lucretia Borgia

Env. #19: Production Photographs – 5 items

Ida Van Cortland as Parthenia in *Ingormar, the Barbarian*

Env. #20: Logbook – 1 item

Taverner Cottage, Gibraltar Island (opposite Beaumaris on Lake Muskoka 1885-1905)  
(photocopy, 27 pages)

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Env. #21: Misc. Land Deeds – 4 items

Muskoka properties (photocopies)

Env. #22: Birth Certificates, etc. – 4 items

Ida Van Cortland (photocopies) and misc. correspondence

Env. #23: Photographs – 2 items

Percy A. Taverner; Taverner's house in Ottawa c1912 (copies of originals in collection of Jennifer Lumsden)