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The snow has mostly gone from the ground around much of the Townships with the recent rain and without a flake in the forecast for the next few days, chances are looking low for white holiday here (to the content of some, and disappointment for others). For those looking for the white stuff, [you can take a trip back in time to one snowy Christmas in 1923 as we bring back a blog post from a few years ago.](#)

White or green, or somewhere in between, the ETRC wishes you a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!



Winter scene by Hazel A. Coates (ca. 1960)

P014 Hazel A. Coates fonds

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**Call for Papers!** We are pleased to announce this call for papers for the 12th Colloquium on Quebec Studies to be held at Bishop's University on March 15 – March 16, 2024.

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RECENTLY ON THE ARCHIVES BLOG:

Kenneth Edgar Clayton-Kennedy: The Almost Oil Baron and Suspected Spy

Kennedy's storied life and big claims in Hannah's two-part blog post.



[Check out the blog post](#)



**WHAT'S NEW  
IN THE  
ARCHIVES?**

Check out some of our new  
acquisitions to the archives  
collection



- [Lorne Waid Jr. fonds \(P270\). New acquisition. – 2023. – 80 born-digital photographs.](#) As the ETRC Archives Department forges into the exciting future of digital archiving, we are proud to add the Lorne Waid Jr. fonds to our holdings. The fonds presently consists of photographs taken in 2023 of the 79th Shefford Battalion's Regimental and Queen's colours, located in St. George's Anglican Church in Granby. More accruals are expected to enrich this invaluable source of information relating to local military history.
- [Lennoxville Curling Club fonds \(P127\). New accrual. – 1957-2020. – 0.1 l.m. of textual records.](#) This accrual documents a previously unrepresented group affiliated with the Lennoxville Curling Club – the LCC Bridge Club – over a span of more than sixty years. The ETRC Archives is pleased to make even more of the Club's rich history accessible to the public as the LCC's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary year comes to a close.
- [Eastern Townships Resource Centre Graphic Materials collection \(P998\). New accrual. – 1929-1930. – 1 photograph : b&w.](#) This precious item made its way across North America from California to Sherbrooke to be preserved in the ETRC Archives! The photograph captures the 1929-1930 Lennoxville High School Rugby Team, including players, coach, and principal. The photograph was inherited by the donor's wife, whose mother attended Lennoxville High School and Bishop's College.



## ETRC Special Media Collection



Lyla Beattie  
Aug 20, 1991 Richmond, Que  
Holding Wedding Dress made  
from Parachute

### From the JETS Archives

*Journal of Eastern Townships Studies* Vol. 2 from 1993 was brimming with interesting articles, making it difficult to pick just one! Nonetheless, we highlight Melissa Clark-Jones and Carol Gaskell's article "The Parachute Dress: An oral and social history of E.T. anglophone women during WWII." The authors describe their interviews in the following way: "These women are, indeed, wonderful storytellers. The stories, however, provide more than just souvenir and anecdote. Each anecdote serves as a link to traditional history and is part of an alternative version of the 'main business' of war locally, nationally and internationally."

The ETRC has the privilege of preserving the research files and interview recordings from Melissa and Carol's project. [You can view a description of the material, as well as a full list of the women interviewed, here.](#)

**Read Melissa Clark-Jones and Carol Gaskell's "The Parachute Dress:  
An oral and social history of Eastern Townships Anglophone Women  
During WWII"**

Some other titles in JETS vol. 2

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- ['''Thanksgiving and Snow in their Pockets': Ralph Gustafon's Townships' Poetry](#) by Wendy Robbins.



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