

CARUS-WILSON, ASHLEY, MRS., -1935.
Mary Louisa Georgina Petrie
Carus-Wilson papers, 1840-1932

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Title: Mary Louisa Georgina Petrie Carus-Wilson papers, 1840-1932
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Abstract: Contains correspondence, journals, copybooks and literary works detailing the literary life and thought of an English Christian woman in the field of missions and mission work.
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Collection Description

Biographical Note

Mary Louisa Georgina Petrie (birthdate unknown) was born in Yorktown, Surrey, England, to Colonel Martin Petrie and his wife Eleanora Grant Macdowall Petrie. She was educated and

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received her B.A. from University College in London. Sometime in the late 19th century she founded and edited a magazine entitled *The College by Post* in addition to publishing numerous articles in a variety of popular, Christian and women's journals and newspapers. During her career she published nine books on missionary activity and Bible study and delivered several hundred lectures and speeches. One of her books, *Irene Petrie: Missionary to Kashmir* (1900) is a biography of her only sister who died while on a missionary journey. Mary Petrie married Charles Ashley Carus-Wilson, a professor in Montreal, in 1892. Thereafter she used the name Mrs. C. Ashley Carus-Wilson on all her publications with the exception of one. In a series she did in *The Sunday at Home*, she used the name Helen Macdowall. Macdowall was the name of her mother's family. Charles and Mary Carus-Wilson had three children, Louis, Martin, and Eleanora of which only Martin and Eleanora survived her death. Mary Louisa Georgina Petrie Carus-Wilson died on November 19, 1935 leaving the home in Kensington she inherited from her father, to her children.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Mary Louisa Georgina Petrie Carus-Wilson (1840-1932) consists of six series: Correspondence, Addresses and Journals, Copybooks, Literary Works, Memorabilia and Miscellaneous Material. The first series, Correspondence, consists of a few letters and short notes regarding speaking engagements, 1890-1914. The second series, Addresses and journals, contains a list of visitors to her home in Hampstead, 1899; address books, 1901 and 1911; and an account of expenses incurred on a tour of the continent, 1885. Series three, Copybooks, 1867-1900, contains notes on and excerpts from various works. The most substantive series is Literary Works. In this series are several of Carus-Wilson's published works from journals, 1887-1920; a few pamphlets and broadsides, 1894-1909; and lists of all the speeches, lectures and writings she accomplished from 1882-1932. Memorabilia from several members of her family are contained in series five including works by her father Martin Petrie, 1859 and 1861; her mother, E.G. Macdowall, 1840; her sister Irene Petrie, ca. 1890; and her sons, Martin Carus-Wilson, 1909; and Louis Carnus-Wilson; 1920. In the final series is a calling card of her husband, n.d. and a note, signed by herself, leaving her home in Kensington to her son Martin and daughter Eleanora, undated.

The papers offer the researcher an in depth look at the literary life and thought of a prolific and influential English Christian woman whose expertise in the field of missions and mission work were acknowledged by many of her time. Furthermore, Carus-Wilson deals with subjects such as education, the study of the Bible and women in the English empire, all of which would be useful to a theologian, sociologist or student of English church and social history. What the collection lacks, however, is information on the personal life of the English author.

Arrangement Note

Organized into 6 series: (1) Correspondence, (2) Addresses and journals, (3) Copybooks, (4) Literary works, (5) Memorabilia, and (6) Miscellaneous.

Description of Series

[Series I: Correspondence, 1890-1914](#)

[Series II: Addresses and journals, 1885-1911, undated](#)

[Series III: Copybooks, 1867-1900](#)

[Series IV: Literary works, 1882-1932](#)

[Series V: Memorabilia, 1859-1931, undated](#)

[Series VI: Miscellaneous, undated](#)

Series I
Correspondence, 1890-1914
Box 1

| Box | Folder | Content |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | 1 | Correspondence, 1890-1914 Correspondents include the Scottish Schools of the Christian Women's Education Union, Burgess Hill Vicarage, Ethel Barton, C.D. Suel of the Church Missionary Society and M.A. Rolleston. |

Series II
Addresses and journals, 1885-1911, undated
Box 1

| Box | Folder | Content |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 1 | 2 | Visitor's List to home in Hampstead, 1899 |
| 1 | 3 | Address Book, bound, 1901 |
| 1 | 4 | Address Book, bound, 1911 |
| 1 | 5 | Address Book, bound, undated |
| 1 | 6 | Address Book, bound, undated |
| 1 | 7 | Journal of Expenses incurred on Tour of the Continent, 1885 |

Series III
Copybooks, 1867-1900
Boxes 1-2

| Box | Folder | Content |
|------------|---------------|--|
| 1 | 8 | Notes on Lectures concerning the History and Literature of Turkey, bound, 1867 |
| 2 | 9 | Collection of Poems and Essays, 1876-1887 |
| 2 | 10 | Poems and excerpts by several authors, bound, 1878 |
| 2 | 11 | Notes and articles on Robert Browning and his Poetry, 1888-1900 |

Series IV
Literary works, 1882-1932
Boxes 2-3

| Box | Folder | Content |
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| 2 | 12 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>The British Weekly</i> , <i>The Chart</i> , <i>Christian</i> , <i>Christian Links</i> and <i>Christian Women's Education Union</i> . Several articles authored by Mary Carus-Wilson and arranged alphabetically. |
| 2 | 13 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>Church Family Newspaper</i> , <i>The Church Missionary Gleaner</i> , <i>Church Missionary Intelligencer</i> , <i>Church Missionary Review</i> , <i>Church of England League Gazette</i> and <i>Church Worker</i> . |
| 2 | 14 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>The Churchman</i> . |
| 2 | 15 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>College by Post</i> . |
| 2 | 16 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>Daybreak</i> , <i>The Dial</i> , <i>The Fortnightly Leaflet</i> , <i>The Friend</i> , <i>Girls' Own Magazine</i> , <i>Girls' Own Paper</i> and <i>The Guardian</i> . |
| 2 | 17 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>India's Women</i> , <i>Israel</i> , <i>Living Water</i> , <i>Manchester Church Congress</i> , <i>McGill Fortnightly</i> , and <i>Mission Field</i> . |
| 2 | 18 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>Montreal Daily Herald</i> , <i>Montreal Diocesan Theological College Magazine</i> , <i>Mother's Companion</i> and <i>Mothers in Council</i> . |
| 2 | 19 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>Nurses Near and Far</i> , <i>Open Doors</i> , <i>Our Own Gazette</i> , <i>Pan Anglican Congress</i> , <i>Parents' Review</i> , <i>Quiver</i> and <i>Rays of Light</i> . |
| 2 | 20 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>School: A Monthly Record of Education Thought and Progress</i> and <i>The Sunday at Home</i> , in which Carus-Wilson uses the pen name Helen Macdowall. |
| 3 | 21 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>Time and Talents News</i> . |
| 3 | 22 | Published Articles in Various Journals, 1887-1920 Included in this folder are articles from <i>Woman at Home</i> , <i>Woman's Work</i> , <i>Women Workers of Canada</i> , <i>Workers</i> and <i>The Young Woman</i> . |
| 3 | 23 | Miscellaneous Articles and Broadides, 1894-1914 |
| 3 | 24 | Pamphlets: Chronological Scripture Cycle. Published by <i>The College by Post</i> , undated |
| 3 | 25 | Pamphlets: Sunday School Missionary Lesson numbers 51, 56 and 61, 1909 |

- 3 26 Pamphlets: *Goads and Nails, The Imperial Aspect of Missions, The Prospect of India Becoming a Christian Country, A Call to the Colleges and Women Colleges in Britain*, 1899-1908
- 3 27 List of writings compiled by Mary Carus-Wilson, 1882-1932
- 3 28 List of lectures and speeches compiled by Mary Carus-Wilson, 1883-1930

Series V
Memorabilia, 1859-1931, undated
Box 3

| Box | Folder | Content |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 3 | 29 | Printed Invitations and Announcements, 1915-1931 |
| 3 | 30 | Military History Notes of Captain Martin Petrie. Martin Petrie was Mary Carus-Wilson's father, circa 1859 |
| 3 | 31 | <i>Military Forces of the Nations of Europe</i> by Captain Martin Petrie, 1861 |
| 3 | 32 | Geography Notes of E.G. Macdowall (later Mrs. Martin Petrie). E.G. Macdowall was the mother of Mary Carus-Wilson, 1820 |
| 3 | 33 | <i>A Highland Adventure</i> , pamphlet by Irene E.V. Petrie. Irene Petrie was the sister of Mary Carus-Wilson, circa 1890 |
| 3 | 34 | "Our visit to Ports Mouth", essay by Martin Macdowall Carus-Wilson. Martin Carus-Wilson was the son of Mary Carus-Wilson and her husband Charles Ashley Carus-Wilson, circa 1909 |
| 3 | 35 | <i>The Royal Engineer Journal</i> containing an article on Earth Current Telegraphy by Louis Carus-Wilson. Louis Carus-Wilson was the son of Mary and Charles Ashley Carus-Wilson, 1920 |
| 3 | 36 | Officers of the Royal Engineers on the Active and Retired Lists. Contains the name of Louis Carus-Wilson, 1921 |
| 3 | 37 | Photographs and sketches by Captain L.c. Carus-Wilson (Louis) on voyage from Birkenhead to Port Said, Egypt, undated |

Series VI
Miscellaneous, undated
Box 3

| Box | Folder | Content |
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| 3 | 38 | Note signed by Mary L.G. Carus-Wilson leaving her freehold property known as Hanover Lodge to her two surviving children, Martin and Eleanora Carus-Wilson. Calling card of Mr. Charles Ashley Carus-Wilson, her husband, undated |
