

The Diaries of Janet Jenkins nee Brown  
1935-1991

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## Biographical Information

This fonds is a donation made to the University Archives by Trevor Jenkins and comprises the diaries of his deceased wife, Janet. Janet Brown was born in 1935 in England. She was the daughter of . She grew up in Worcester and attended grammar school there. In 1953 she entered the Teacher Training program at Whitelands College in London. She graduated in 1955 and in the same year began her teaching career, which she eventually pursued in Canada. She first taught in Worcester, but in 1956 she became engaged to Trevor Jenkins and they were soon married. In 1957 Janet and her husband moved to Canada, where she lived for ten years until she died, at the age of 31, of breast cancer. During those years she and her husband taught at schools in Prince George, Vancouver, and on Vancouver Island. Janet and Trevor adopted two boys, Ralph and Stephen.

## Scope and Contents

This fonds is *0.5 Bm mm*, stored in four boxes. Three sub-series comprise the entire acquisition. The first of these is ma correspondence series which contains letters to friends and family, the records of a correspondence course in English, and reference letters for Janet and Trevor written by their former instructors in England. The second sub-series is Diaries. It includes extensive diaries from 1951-1965, as well as date diaries for the period 1947-1950, 1960-1965, an address book, and a record book called "Books I Have Read". In addition, Trevor Jenkins added a post-script to the diaries, which he wrote in February of 1991. The third sub-series includes two photo album of pictures which parallel the diaries and letters. They contain photos from 1935 to 1966, and include two lists of the contents of each photo album.

## Contents

### A. Diaries of Janet Jenkins nee Brown

1. Correspondence Series 1958-1964    Box 1  
9 Files

The correspondence includes letters to and from family and friends, reference letters, and assignments from an English 429 course taken by Janet in 1963. Arranged chronologically.

2. Diaries 1951-1991    Box 1-3  
13 Files

This sub-series includes diaries, date books, address books, postscript to the diaries, and a volume entitled "Books I Have Read".

3.Photo Album 1935-1966 Box 4  
2 Files

Subseries of 2 photo albums which parallel the diaries and correspondence of Janet Jenkins. Trevor Jenkins compiled a photo - by - photo list of the contents of each album, and these lists have been kept with the albums.