

Shirley Burnham Elliot

b. 1916, Port Williams. NS; d. Oct. 15, 2004 Kentville, NS

Education:

1937 BA 1937 (Acadia)

1939 MA 1939 (Acadia)

1940 BLS 1940 (Simmons College)

Positions:

1940-1946 Librarian, Brookline (Mass) Public Library

1946-1948 Assistant Librarian, University of Rhode Island

1948-1949 Acting Librarian, University of Rhode Island

1949-1950 Asst Editor of Canadian Index, Canadian Library Association

1950-1954 Chief Librarian, Colchester East-Hants Regional Library, Truro, NS

1954-1982 Legislative Librarian, Nova Scotia Legislative Library

Publications:

Elliot, Shirley B. (1956). Nova Scotia Legislative Library: a finding list of Royal Commissions appointed by the province of Nova Scotia , 1908-1954. Halifax: Nova Scotia Legislative Library.

Elliott, Shirley B., ed. and comp. (1959). Nova Scotia book of days: a calendar of the province's history. Halifax: Nova Scotia Communications 7 Information Centre.

Elliott, Shirley B., comp. and ed. (1979). Nova Scotia book of days: a calendar of the province's history . Halifax: Nova Scotia Communications & Information Centre.

Elliott, Shirley B. (1979). Province House, Halifax, Nova Scotia. [Halifax: NS: Nova Scotia Legislative Library]

Elliott, Shirley B., ed. and. reviser. (1984). The Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia, 1758-1983: A biographical directory. Halifax: Province of Nova Scotia.

Elliott, Shirley B. (1986). Nova Scotia in Books: a quarter century's gatherings, 1957-1982. Halifax: Department of Education.

Elliott, Shirley B. (1988). Nova Scotia in London: a history of it Agents General, 1762-1988. London: Office of the Agent General of Nova Scotia

Elliott, Shirley and Ellen Webster. (1967). Nova Scotia in Books: from the first printing in 1752 to the present. Halifax: Halifax Library Association in cooperation with the Nova Scotia Provincial Library.

Associations/Committees:

Atlantic Provinces Checklist, editor, 1957-

Halifax Library Association, member; president 1957/58

APLA, member

CLA, member. Served on Nominating, Certification, Library Legislation and Government Reference committees (Recorder 1960-62; Chair 1962-64)

Bibliographical Society of Canada (Council 1963-)

Contributor to the Dictionary of Canadian Biography.

Honours:

2003 Order of Nova Scotia

1984 Honorary DCL Acadia University

1985 Honorary LLD Dalhousie University

1988 CASLIS Special Award for Librarianship in Canada

Accomplishments:

"She catalogued all the valuable materials scattered around Province House and integrated them into a collection of Nova Scotiana unparalleled in the province."

(Globe and Mail)

Other areas of activity:

1962 Served as Conference Librarian on staff of Duke of Edinburgh's Second Commonwealth Study Conference

Canadian Federation of University Women

Wolfville Historical Society

Comments:

Ms. Elliott commented in a 1994 interview "When I came in, there was nothing mechanical at all in the library and nothing had been catalogued. I had to have something, so I bought a very small, innocent looking typewriter." When her predecessor visited the library, Ms Elliott recalled, she said "Oh, oh, I can't bear it!" " It was all the change you see" Ms. Elliott said.

(Globe and Mail)

Sources:

Obit. Globe and Mail, Nov. 24, 2004

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