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# Papers of Jeannette Ewin (1937-2010)

## D DX1925

Papers of Jeannette Ewin relating to the biography of Hugh Macdonald Sinclair. Includes correspondence files (1996-2004), interview transcripts (1996-7), papers relating to the publishing of the biography (1996-7) and photographs of Lady Place, Sinclair's home (1996-8).

The Collection covers the year's 1995-2004.

The physical extent of the collection is 3 boxes.

#### Introduction

Jeannette Valaire Ewin PhD, FRSM (1937-2010) was an American writer with an academic background in nutrition. She studied at the School of Medicine, Maryland, and held a postdoctoral fellowship at the Department of Nutrition, Harvard University, where she studied under Dr D Mark Hegsted.

In 1996 Ewin was given a grant by David Horribin to write a biography of the nutritionist Dr Hugh Macdonald Sinclair. This was published in 2001 by Oxford University Press as 'Fine Wines and Fish Oils: The Life of Hugh Macdonald Sinclair.

### **D DX1925/1** Correspondence files of Jeannette Ewin

Files of correspondence mainly relating to interviews for the Hugh Macdonald Sinlcair biography. Some correspondence relating to information on Sinclair.

6 files

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Correspondence with Brian Lloyd 1996-2002

Correspondence between Jeannette Ewin and Dr Brian Beynon Lloyd relating to Hugh Macdonald Sinclair. Largely relates to access to Sincair's archive and arrangements for meetings. Llyod was a friend and colleague of Sinclair and the director of the International Nutrition Foundation which was founded by Sinclair.

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D Correspondence with Reading University 1996-2002

Correspondence with staff of the Department of Food Science

and Technology at the University of Reading and other

members of University staff relating to Hugh Macdonald Sinclair. Includes correspondence with Professor Christine Williams, first Hugh Sinclair Professor of Human Nutrition, Dr Ann Walker, Professor Ray Dils, Professor Mike Gurr, Robert Ascott (Bursar),

Papers relate to access to Sinclair's archive, arranging

interviews and publication of the biography.

D Correspondence with David Horrobin

**DX1925/1/3** 1995-2002

Correspondence relating to research and publication of Ewin's biography of Hugh Macdonald Sinclair. Includes papers relating to Horrobin providing financial support for the project and

progress of the book.

**D** Correspondence with Sinclair family

**DX1925/1/4** 1996-2002

Correspondence with members of Hugh Macdonald's Sinclair's family. Largely consists of correspondence with his cousin Patricia Spencer-Silver relating to Sinclair's biography and

access to his archive.

**D** Correspondence **DX1925/1/5** 1996-1997

Correspondence between Jeannette Ewin and colleagues and friends of Hugh Macdonald Sinclair. Includes Sir Francis Avery Jones, Dr Vulimiri Ramalingaswami, Dr Wayne Martin, Dr Agnes Huber and Dr John Ledingham. Also includes a copy of a

photograph of the IVth International Conference on Biochemical Problems of Lipids 'Essential Fatty Acids' Oxford July 1957.

**D DX1925/2** Interview transcripts

1996-1998

Transcripts of interviews of colleagues and family of Hugh Macdonald Sinclair with related correspondence. Many of the transcripts are in draft form and some contain comments and amendments. Interviewees are: Patricia Spencer-Silver, Dr Brian Beynon Lloyd, Sir Francis Avery Jones, Professor John Ledingham, David Horrobin, Mike Strutt, Agnes Huber, Dr Ann

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Walker, Mike Gurr, Professor Ray Dils, Professor Andrew Neil, Major Charles O'Leary, John Storrs, Terry Newport. Also includes two dictaphone cassettes of recordings of Dr Brian Beynon Lloyd.

4 files

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Photographs of Lady Place, Sutton Courtenay 1996-1998

File containing 128 photographs of Lady Place, Sutton Courtney. Lady Place was the home and workplace of Hugh Macdonald Sinclair. Photographs show the condition of the house and grounds in 1996 when Ewin began work on the biography of Sinclair which includes photographs of his library. Photographs from September 1998 show the aftermath of the fire which gutted the main house and the general condition of the estate.

1 file, 114 photographs

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Oxford University Press 1996-1997

Papers relating to Oxford University Press, publishers of 'Fine Wines & Fish Oils: The Life of Hugh Macdonald Sinclair'. Thin file containing book proposal and synopsis, draft memorandum of agreement and correspondence with Penny Christopher.