

Title: **1918_01_lethbridgekiddies-original** Provenance: **From Dorothy Smith Papers** Category: **Image** Person: **Dorothy Smith** Date:

Image #1This photo of Dorothy Smith and her theater friends appears in her Book of Remembrance. It has been one of our favorite images of her youth. But with no caption, and nothing written on the back, we didn't know anything about it. For years we wondered about its context, and it wasn't until we transcribed one of Dorothy Smith Clark's handwritten life sketches did we learn the real story behind it. In addition, we also discovered a photocopy Dorothy made that identified many of the people in it. Since then, we have identified and tagged eleven people in the photo on FamilySearch. Now this photo can be searched, shared, and appreciated, thanks to the transcription of Dorothy's life sketch.

"When Marvin and I were about 13 and 11 we travelled with a group from "The Alberta Conservatory of Music" under Leo McCoombs to several surrounding communities. Billed as the "Lethbridge Kiddies" in Easter in Fairyland, our offering included piano with narratives, violin arrangements, dances and humorous readings by characters dressed as Rain, Snow, Clouds, and various flowers. My role as a pink hyacinth included a short piano number and later a group dance. Despite the novelty and excitement of being "on the road", the stage never held any real attraction for me, even after some pleasant times in dancing choruses and road shows." —Dorothy Smith Clark, Life Sketch