

Fonds 2

Title: Edmison family fonds

Creator: The Rev J.H. Edmison, Presbyterian minister, 1857-1928 and J.Alex Edmison, Montreal, Ottawa and Peterborough lawyer

Dates of material: 1690-1990, predominantly 1920's-1980's

Physical description: 6 metres

Repository: Trent Valley Archives

Reference number: Fonds 2

Scope and content:

This collection consists of papers relating to the Edmison family. Rev J. H. Edmison, Presbyterian minister, 1857-1928 includes sermons, news clippings and correspondence chiefly in Cheltenham Ontario. Correspondence of J Alex Edmison and family, including ephemera, photographs and memorabilia of McGill, Trent University, Jarvis Collegiate, Broadview YMCA and Queen's University in the 1920s. Some papers related to Montreal politics (1938-40); research materials related to Camp Ahmek, the Taylor Statten Memorial Fund, and camping reunions (1920s to 1970s); research materials and incidental correspondence relating to the history of Peterborough, Douro Township and other local matters (1960s and 1970s); including incidental correspondence on criminology, penal history, as well as Vercoe family history.

The Series is broken up into the following sections:

- Series 1      The Rev J. H. Edmison, Presbyterian minister, 1857-1928, 10 cm  
Sermons, news clippings and correspondence of the Rev J. H. Edmison, chiefly in Cheltenham Ontario. Includes 1857 diary of Alexander Edmison.  
Volume 1      Files 1.1 to 1.52
  
- Series 2      Correspondence of J Alex Edmison and family, 50 cm, chiefly 1960s and 1970s  
Volume 1      Files 2.1 to 2.33  
Volume 2      Files 2.33 to 2.88
  
- Series 3      Correspondence, ephemera and photographs at Jarvis Collegiate, Broadview YMCA and Queen's University, 6 cm, 1920s  
Volume 2      Files 3.1 to 3.23
  
- Series 4      Correspondence, news clippings and ephemera about Montreal politics, 1938-40, 8 cm  
Volume 3      Files 4.1 to 4.5
  
- Series 5      Record book of service, two cases, as World War II legal officer, 1 cm  
Volume 3      Files 5.1 to 5.5

- Series 6 Personal and family records, 25 cm, chiefly 1940s to 1960s  
Volume 3 Files 6.1 to 6.50
- Series 7 Research materials and incidental correspondence relating to the history of Peterborough, Douro Township and other local matters, 15 cm, chiefly 1960s and 1970s  
Volume 4 Files 7.1 to 7.45
- Series 8 Research materials and incidental correspondence relating to general history, 15 cm  
Volume 4 Files 8.1 to 8.84
- Series 9 Speeches, and related materials related to Association of Canadian Club, Empire Club, and other organizations, primarily 1950s and 1960s, 30 cm  
Volume 5 Files 9.1 to 9.116
- Series 10 Memorabilia, correspondence, research materials related to camping, to the Taylor Statten Memorial Fund, and camping reunions, 30 cm, 1920s to 1970s  
Volume 6 Files 10.1 to 10.56
- Series 11 Research files, including incidental correspondence on criminology, penal history, 1 metre  
Volume 7 Files [1-102] 11.1 to 11.102  
Volume 8 Files [1-54] 11.103 to 11.156  
Volume 9 Files [1-66] 11.157 to 11.222
- Series 12 Correspondence, reports and other materials related to McGill, Queen's and Trent Universities; including publications of and related to Trent University, 50 cm.  
Volume 19 Files [1-23] 12.1 to 12.23
- Series 13 Correspondence and related materials with Edmison and Vercoe families, chiefly 1960s and 1970s, 30 cm, together with additional materials related to local history.  
Volume 19 Files [24-38] 13.1 to 13.15
- Series 14 Photographs, lithograph plates, related to family history, and to Camp Ahmek.  
Volume 10  
Volume 13 Lithograph blocks  
Volume 14  
Volume 15  
Volume 16  
Volume 17
- Series 15 Publications  
Volume 11 Files [1-29] 15.1 to 15.29  
Volume 12 Files [1-40] 15.30 to 15.69

Access Conditions:

Open to researchers.

Finding aids:

Available on site.

Accruals:

None expected.

Custodial history:

The materials were donated by J. Alex Edmison and the estate; materials not otherwise duplicated and relating to Queen's University were sent to Queen's University Archives.

Biographical sketch / Administrative history

The Edmison family included several generations of Presbyterian clergy and lawyers, interconnected notably with the Fitzgerald and the Vercoe families. The Rev J.H Edmison (1857-1928) was a minister, notably at Cheltenham Presbyterian Church. J.Alex Edmison was a student at Jarvis Collegiate, Queen's University, camper at Camp Ahmek, lawyer, alderman in Montreal 1938-40, university official at McGill, Queen's; director of National Parole Board, professor of criminology at the University of Ottawa on boards of directors of various institutions including Broadview YMCA, Taylor Statten Memorial Fund, National Parole Fund, Trent University. Appointed to the Order of Canada. He married Alice Vercoe, a librarian and bibliophile, and they had three children. He was editor of *Through the Years in Douro*, and was a frequent writer for speeches and pamphlets on criminology, public speaking and fund-raising, and a major organizer of reunion events related to the Taylor Statten camps, Lakefield College and Queen's University. He had strong research interests in local and family history.

Access points

Edmison (family)

Edmison, J. Alex ()

Edmison, the Rev J. H. (1857-1928)

Edmison, Alice ()