

Fonds 8

Title: William G. Ogilvie (1899-1992)

Creator: William G. Ogilvie

Dates of material: 1921-1991

Physical description: 2 cu ft

Repository: Trent Valley Archives

Reference number: Fonds 8

Scope and content:

Diaries, manuscripts, publications and photographs from William G. Ogilvie (1899-1992) and his father George Gilbert Ogilvie (1851-1945) who surveyed the international boundary in 1873-74.

The papers are organized in the following series:

Series 1 Autobiographical

Series 2 George Gilbert Ogilvie and the International Boundary Survey

Series 3 Umty-iddy-umty: Story of a Canadian Signaller in the first World War

Series 4 Way Down North

Series 5 Driftwood

Series 6 The Great Fire

Series 7 Essayist and short story writer

Series 8 Of Boats and Things

Series 9 Children's writer

Series 10 General

Series 11 Photographs

Access Conditions:

Open to researchers.

Finding aids:

Accruals:

None expected.

Custodial history:

Collection donated by the family in 1992.

Biographical sketch / Administrative history

William Ogilvie (1899-1992) held positions as a yacht broker, salesman, wartime government inspector and operated a boat business for over 60 years. An essayist and short story author as well, he wrote, *49th Parallel* (1991), a book on his father's recollections of international survey; *Way...Way...Down North* (1989), on canoeing adventures in the Canadian North; *Umpt-iddy-umpty* (1982), a story of a Canadian Signaler in the First World War; *Silver Toes* (1987-91) a children's series. William Ogilvie also wrote articles in the Muskoka Sun under the title, *Of Boats and Things* (1991). George Gilbert Ogilvie (1851-1945) was a surveyor with the International Boundary Survey Commission in 1873-74, who travelled as far as Texas before returning to Lakefield.