

Coral Topping fonds

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Fonds Description

Coral Topping fonds. – 1922-1980.

1.52 m of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

Coral Wesley Topping was born in Fitzroy Harbour, Ontario in 1889. He was educated at the Perth Collegiate Institute, Perth, Ontario, and then at Queen's University, Kingston (B.A., 1912), Columbia University (M.A., 1921, Ph.D., 1929), the University of Washington, the University of Southern California, and the Union Seminary and Wesleyan Theological College (S.T.D., 1925). He served as Governor of Kingston Jail (1917-1919) and taught sociology and history at the College of Puget Sound (1923-1925) before coming to UBC in 1929. From 1929 to 1954, Topping taught sociology in University of British Columbia's Department of Economics, Political Science and Sociology and also directed the Social Work program from 1929 to 1943. After retiring from UBC in 1954, he accepted an appointment at Union College (later part of Vancouver School of Theology). Topping was also a prolific writer of scholarly articles, fiction, and poetry. He died Feb. 21, 1988.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of manuscripts of Topping's articles and reports in the fields of sociology and criminology; drafts of his stories and poetry; examples of questionnaires and other material from his research projects; and scrapbooks and other autobiographical materials. The records include manuscripts, correspondence, forms, and clippings and other published materials.

Notes

File list available.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

The materials were received by the University Archives in several accessions between 1971 and 1985. Books received at the same time were either transferred to Special Collections or sent to the Main Stacks.

Series Descriptions

Manuscripts series. – 1922-1972.

87 cm.

Series consists of manuscripts of Topping's articles, novels, and poetry, including his novel "Jewish Flower Child" (or "The Golgotha Revolution") and other stories, and his book of poetry "Hot Words with Music".

Research Materials series. – [ca. 1943-1960].

13 cm.

Series consists of proposed illustrations for his stories, research notes, and samples of completed forms from Topping's research projects on marriage and other social issues.

Subject Files series. – [ca. 1940-1960].

9 cm.

Series consists of correspondence, reports, and clippings and other published materials relating to subject of professional interest to Topping, including copies of articles and news reports in which he is featured.

Research Projects series. – 1934-1952.

18 cm.

Series consists of correspondence, reports, manuscripts, and published materials relating to some of Topping's research projects.

Correspondence series. – 1929-1980.

25 cm.

Series consists of correspondence and collected newspaper clippings.

File List

BOX 1

MANUSCRIPTS SERIES

- 1-1 The Jail at Kingston, Canada 1922
- 1-2 Canadian Penal Institutions - first draft
- 1-3 Canadian Justice
- 1-4 The Canadian Family 1930
- 1-5 Canadian Penal Institutions
- 1-5a Canadian Penal Institutions (Revision)
- 1-6 Predicting Success or Failure in Marriage
- 1-7 Report re. Marriage Survey (partial)
- 1-8 Report re. Marriage Survey 1951
- 1-9 The Family and Modern Marriage - draft 1953
- 1-10 The Family and Modern Marriage - final mss. 1953
- 1-11 The Sociology of Canada - A Yearbook
- 1-12 The Social Sciences in Canada
- 1-13 Crime and You 1960
- 1-14 The Golgotha Revolution
- 1-15 The Golgotha Revolution - First Correction
- 1-16 The Golgotha Revolution - First Correction, part ii
- 1-17 The Golgotha Revolution - Draft iv
- 1-18 The Golgotha Revolution - Draft vi
- 1-19 The Golgotha Revolution - Draft ?
- 1-20 The Golgotha Revolution - Story line

BOX 2

- 2-1 The Golgotha Revolution - Draft iv, Copy 2
- 2-2 The Golgotha Revolution - Draft vi, plus criticisms
- 2-3 The Golgotha Revolution - Candid Life of Christ - Draft vi
- 2-3a The Golgotha Revolution - Also Jewish Flower Child - Draft I 1937
- 2-4 Jewish Flower Child
- 2-5 Memoirs of a Roman Lady
- 2-6 Confessions of Claudia
- 2-7 Rabble Rouser
- 2-8 The Royal Claudians
- 2-9 Quest, an Autobiography

- 2-10 Autobiography (1889-1929)
- 2-11 Hot Words with Music 1971
- 2-12 Jesus in History 1972
- 2-13 Jesus in History - revision
- 2-14 The Seven Deadly Elixers
- 2-15 The Jesus Revolution

BOX 3

- 3-1 World Tour - Asia, An Overview
- 3-2 This England 1972
- 3-3 Workbook Manual on Contemporary Canada 1950
- 3-4 The Church as the Organ of the Kingdom of God - Union Thesis [n.d.]
- 3-5 Articles: Selection - Nurture and Training of Social Workers [n.d.]
- 3-6 Article: Youth and Civilization [1924?]
- 3-7 [Bound journal or manuscript, untitled - first line: "The day of Adversity - Pro. 24-10..."] [n.d.]

RESEARCH MATERIALS SERIES

- 3-8 Pictures relating to "Jewish Flower Child"
- 3-9 Canadian Marriage Survey research materials
- 3-10 CODE for the Index of Happiness
- 3-11 A Canadian Marriage Study [sample forms]
- 3-12 The Marriage Period [sample forms]
- 3-13 Questionnaire re. marriage [sample written answers]
- 3-14 [King George High School social survey] 1943

SUBJECT FILES SERIES

- 3-15 The family and modern marriage - corres., adverts, etc.
- 3-16 Family Study - corres., adverts, clippings, etc.
- 3-17/18 Pacific Northwest Conference on Family Relations - correspondence, reports, programs, etc.
- 3-19 Journals containing articles
- 3-20 Scrapbook - Offprints, bibliography, newspaper clippings, etc.

RESEARCH PROJECTS SERIES

- 3-21 Finger Print Research
- 3-22 Keys Test - Canadian answers

BOX 4

- 4-1 Attitude tests - Keys California questionnaire, Vancouver answers
- 4-2 A Canadian Marriage Survey
- 4-3 Royal Commission on Boys Industrial School 1934
- 4-4 B.C. Prison Commission - Supplementary Studies 1950
- 4-5 B.C. Prison Commission - - Correspondence 1950-51
- 4-6 Family Study - Summary Statements Minor 1952
- 4-7 Family Study - Code 1952
- 4-8 Family Study - Forms and [Graphs?] 1952
- 4-9 Family Research - Forms 1952
- 4-10 Family Study - Statistical Tabulations 1952
- 4-11 SSRC Report - Major [n.d.]
- 4-12 Advisory Committee on Juvenile Delinquency [published report and draft]
1936

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

- 4-13 [Correspondence and clippings] 1929-54 [2 folders]
- 4-14 UBC - 1954, June 30 to 1960, July 1 - Willamette [2 folders]
- 4-15 [Correspondence and clippings] 1960-72 [2 folders]
- 4-16 Letters and other papers 1975-80 [2 folders]