

# James St. Clair-Sobell fonds

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# Fonds Description

**James St. Clair-Sobell fonds.** – 1944, 1960-1961.

6.5 cm of textual records.

## Biographical Sketch

Born in England, James St. Clair-Sobell received a B.A. (1935) and M.A. (1937) from the University of Melbourne. In 1946, he received a Ph.D. from the University of Graz. He became one of Britain's most accomplished linguists and philologists. St. Clair-Sobell was appointed to the newly-created Chair in Russian and Slavonic Studies in the late 1940's at UBC and he later developed the Department of Slavonic Studies.

## Custodial History

Some materials originally given to Dr. St. Clair-Sobell by Mrs. A.L. Durnovo.

## Scope and Content

Fonds consists of several essays and one publication. It includes an annotated copy of a paper written by St. Clair-Sobell, an essay about Leo Tolstoy, a biography of Ornest D. Durnovo with related correspondence, and written remarks by a Soviet commentator on one of St. Clair-Sobell's papers. The publication is a course calendar from *Karl-Franzens-Reichsuniversität* (University of Graz, in Austria) for the winter semester 1944/45.

## Notes

File list available.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Acquired by the University Archives from Irene Reid of the UBC Department of Slavonic Studies in 1975.

The essays are written in Russian. The course calendar is in German.