

# Francis Henry Johnson fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Francis Henry Johnson fonds.** – 1946-1978

26 cm of textual records.

8 woodcut prints.

1 audio cassette (30 min).

## Biographical Sketch

Francis Henry Johnson was born in London, Ontario. After teaching elementary school, he came to the University of British Columbia to take his B.A. (1932) and M.A. (1935). Following service in the armed forces, he completed his B.Paed. (1947) at the University of Toronto and later earned a D.Paed. (1952) also at Toronto. Johnson became Coordinator of Teacher Education for the B.C. Department of Education (1954-1956). In 1956, he came to UBC as a Professor of the History of Education and Director of Elementary Education. He played a major role in the reorganization of the existing School (formerly Department) of Education. Johnson's publications include the first book to study the history of public education in the province and another which chronicled the life of John Jessop, B.C.'s first Superintendent of Education. Johnson retired from the faculty in 1973. In retirement Johnson took up woodcut printing as an artistic hobby.

## Scope and Content

Fonds consists of research materials gathered by Johnson for his biography of John Jessop (1971), records relating to teacher education in British Columbia (1946-1958), correspondence concerning the establishment of UBC's College/Faculty of Education (1955-1956), and a collection of his speeches (1958-1965). In addition, the fonds includes an audio recording of a 1973 broadcast interview with Johnson relating to his study of the life of John Jessop. The fonds also includes eight woodcut prints by Johnson.

## Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Inventory available.

The woodcut prints were purchased by James Thornton from Francis Henry Johnson in 1982 or 1983, and donated to the University Archives in 2018.

## Series Descriptions

**Jessop Papers series.** -- 1971.

13 cm.

Series consists of correspondence, research notes, xerox documents, press clippings relating to Johnson's manuscript for his book *John Jessop, Goldseeker and Educator*.

The research papers from the Jessop manuscript have been kept in Johnson's own filing order.

**Teacher Education in B.C. series.** -- 1946-1958.

13 cm.

Series consists of records relating to teacher education in British Columbia, the early history of the UBC Faculty of Education, and teacher education in general. The materials include correspondence, reports, minutes, clippings, and written speeches by Johnson.

The material relating to B.C. education has been arranged by form and filed chronologically, following Johnson's own filing system to a great extent.

**Audio series.** -- 14 February 1973.

1 audio cassette (30 min).

Series comprised of a single recording of a broadcast interview with Johnson relating to his book *John Jessup: Gold seeker and educator*.

**Art series.** -- 1977-78.

8 woodcut prints.

Series consists of eight numbered woodcut prints by Johnson. Originally sold to James Thornton in 1982 or 1983.

Stored in oversize storage (OVR Box 7).

# File List

## JESSOP PAPERS SERIES

- 1-1/9 Correspondence, research notes, xerox documents, press clippings relating to F.H. Johnson's manuscript for his book "John Jessop, Goldseeker and Educator" (Vancouver: Mitchell Press, 1971).

## TEACHER EDUCATION IN B.C. SERIES

- 2-1 College of Education - Curriculum Committee – Minutes:  
1st meeting - Jul 18, 1955  
2nd meeting - Aug 11, 1955  
3rd meeting - Aug 26, 1955  
4th meeting - Sept 22, 1955  
5th meeting - Oct 4, 1955  
6th meeting - Oct 17, 1955 [2 items]  
7th meeting - Oct 27, 1955  
8th meeting - Feb 10, 1955
- 2-2 College of Education - Curriculum Subcommittees – Minutes:  
Art - Sept 30, 1955  
Commercial Education - Oct 1, 1955  
Home Economics - Oct 25, 1955 [2 items]  
Industrial Arts Education - Oct 1, 1955 [2 items]  
Music - Sept 30, 1955 [2 items]  
Physical Education - Oct 12, 1955 [2 items]
- 2-3 Reports and Writings  
Report of the 1st Western Canada Regional Conference of Teacher Education held at U. of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon - Jul 22, 1953  
Disposal of the Resolutions of the 1953 Western Canada Conference on Teacher Education – 1953  
Recommendations Concerning Recruitment, Training, and Certification of Teachers - Nov. 26, 1953  
Preliminary Report on Teacher Education for Consideration and Discussion - Jun 15, 1954 [2 items]  
Draft of a short brief to be presented to cabinet stating the arguments favouring our reorganization of teacher education - Oct 26, 1954

- Final draft of above report - n.d.  
 Brief historical resume of establishment of the College of Education – 1958  
 Objections to Teacher Training in the Northern High Schools - n.d.  
 Reorganization of Teacher Education - n.d.
- 2-4 Curriculum Education Programs  
 Approved majors (by subject) - n.d. [13 items]  
 Commercial Teacher's Programs (notes) - n.d.  
 Commerce 376 (course description) - n.d.  
 Suggested program for major in Commerce - Sept 30,1955  
 Sample 5 year program - SB - B.ED. (English and Commercial) - n.d.  
 Optional Courses for English degree (notes) - n.d.  
 Proposed majors in Secretarial Practice and Business - Oct 12, 1955  
 Major Fields for B.ED (elementary) - n.d. [2 items]  
 Major Fields of specialization - B.ED. (elementary) - n.d.  
 Program for 2 years Arts and Normal School for secondary degree - n.d.  
 Provision for specialization in 3rd and 4th year of B.ED. - n.d.  
 College of Education, suggestions for curricula and general information - n.d.  
 [3 items]  
 Chart of university entrance for Teacher Education programs  
 (elementary,secondary) - n.d. [7 items]
- 2-5 General Correspondence  
 F.S. Rivers (copy) - Oct 28, 1953  
 H.E. Elborn - Nov 3, 1953  
 N.A.M. MacKenzie (copy) - Jul 14, 1954  
 W.A. McAdam (copy) - Jul 27, 1954  
 H.L. Campbell (copy) - Oct 6, 1954  
 C.B. Wood - Jan 6, 1955  
 H.L. Campbell - Jan 14, 1955  
 Registrar - Jan 24, 1955  
 H.L. Campbell - Feb 1, 1955  
 H.L. Campbell - Mar 3, 1955  
 H.L. Campbell - Nov 21, 1955  
 L. Slind - Jan 3, 1955 (sic 1956)  
 L. Slind - Jan 6, 1955
- 2 - 6 British Columbia. Department of Education. Bulletin of the Summer School of  
 Education - 1946-48, 1951, 1953-56

- 2 - 7 Printed Material  
British Columbia. Department of Education. Certification of Teachers, 1956 – 1956  
University of British Columbia. College of Education, calendar, 1956-57 – 1956  
University of British Columbia. Teacher training organization, for the year 1956-57 - January 1956
- 2-8 Miscellaneous  
Teacher Training Division - C.E.A. convention – 1954  
Suggestions for discussion (2nd meeting) - Aug 27, 1954  
Canadian Education Assoc. Teacher Education Division. Edmonton, Alberta. Agenda - Sept 14-15/54  
Number of Home Economics Graduates at present in teaching positions who received their teacher training through summer school - Dec 10, 1954  
Notes from faculty meeting - Vancouver Normal School - Feb 21, ?  
Vocational Teacher-training for vocational certificates proposed credits - n.d.  
Course Committees in elementary education - n.d.  
Teacher assignments to Normal School Faculty - n.d.  
Unresolved questions - n.d.  
Charts (teacher/class) - n.d. [5 items]
- 2-9 Press Clippings  
Teacher shortage threatens B.C. education. Victoria Times - Sept 12, 1953  
Improve teacher training. Vancouver Sun - Dec 8, 1953  
Minister, UBC differ over T.T. Ubysey - Dec 2, 1954  
UBC, Normal may unite. Ubysey - n.d.  
High school teacher training control sought by Minister [and] Richmond enrollment to rise 570 (newspaper unknown) - n.d.
- 2-10 Correspondence and reports re. establishment of "College of Education" - 1956
- 2-11 Speeches - 1958-65
- 2-12 Speeches - 1958-65

## ART SERIES

Numbered woodcut prints. Stored in OVR Box 7

"Towhees", 1978, woodcut print, 11/30, 30.9 x 40.1 cm

"Black Capped Chickadees", 1977, woodcut print, 4/30, 39.9 x 17.2 cm

"House Finches in Dogwood", 1978, woodcut print, 7/30, 30.9 x 24.2 cm

"Crested Myna", 1977, woodcut print, A/P, 37.8 x 25.7 cm

"Wood Ducks", 1977, woodcut print, 4/30, 40.6 x 38.0 cm

"Canada Geese, Westham Island", 1977, woodcut print, 15/30, 30.8 x 43.0 cm

"Goldfinches", 1978, woodcut print, 9/30, 41.8 x 30.7 cm

"Bald Eagle", 1977, woodcut print, 9/30, 40.1 x 30.9 cm