

Walter Young fonds

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Fonds Description

Walter Young fonds. – 1919, 1937-1983.

7.25 m of textual materials.

32 audio tapes.

2 lp records.

Biographical Sketch

Walter Young was born in 1933. He received a B.A. in Honours History and English at U.B.C. in 1955, and went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, where he gained a further B.A. in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics in 1957, and an M.A. in 1962. On his return to Canada, Young taught political science in Manitoba and Toronto. He then returned to U.B.C. in 1962 as an instructor in political science. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1965 his thesis was titled *The National C.C.F.: Political Party and Political Movement*. Young remained at U.B.C. until 1973, when he moved to the University of Victoria as Chairman of the Department of Political Science. While at U.B.C. he was very active in faculty and administrative affairs. He worked with several committees, was co-chairman of the new Arts I programme, and was deeply involved in the collection of materials for the Angus MacInnis Memorial Collection for UBC Library's Special Collections Division. During this period he also continued his writing career, completing two books and many articles and book reviews. His major scholarly interest was Canadian socialism. In addition to his thesis on the C.C.F., Young wrote books and papers on M.J. Coldwell, the C.C.F., the N.D.P., and socialism as a whole. He was also a founding member of the N.D.P., worked actively for the Ontario N.D.P. while living in Toronto, and was Vice-President of the N.D.P. of British Columbia in the mid-1960s. He was involved primarily in research, advertising, and policy-making. Young was also founder and co-editor of *B.C. Studies*, and founded and directed the B.C. Legislative Internship Programme. He died in 1984.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of materials which document Walter Young's personal life, academic career, and political interests. It includes correspondence, minutes and agendas, reports, lecture notes and other course materials, financial statements, manuscripts, index cards, audio recordings, and publications (including books, newspapers, magazines, journals, pamphlets, and clippings). They are arranged in two series, Personal Papers and Research. Their original order has largely been maintained.

Notes

The bulk of the papers were donated directly to UBC by Walter Young in 1983; the remainder were donated by his widow Beryl in 1984.

Most books acquired in the original accession have been integrated into the UBC Library's collections.

Similar and related materials may also be found in the [Angus MacInnis Memorial Collection](#), which was originally collected by Walter Young for UBC Library's Rare Books and Special Collections UBC Library.

Series Descriptions

Personal Papers series. – 1919, 1937-1983.

6.53 m of textual materials.

Series consists of material that is academic and personal in nature, and documents Walter Youngs academic and political activities and interests. It includes correspondence, minutes and agendas, reports, lecture notes and other course materials, financial statements, manuscripts, index cards, and publications. Materials related to the New Democratic Party were mostly direct acquisitions, as Young was a founding member of the N.D.P., and include letters and papers from, to, or concerning such notables as T.C. Douglas, David Lewis, and Ed Schreyer. Records documenting Youngs position and activities at the University of Victoria were inventoried separately by his secretary Frances Bird and subsequently added as a distinct sub-series.

Series is loosely arranged in the following sub-series: UBC, University of Victoria, Miscellaneous, Biographical/Personal, Correspondence, Speeches/Lectures/Writings, Education, Political, Miscellaneous Research, Research M.J. Coldwell, Research CCF National, Research CCF Provincial, NDP National, NDP Provincial, Memorabilia, University of Victoria Office Files, Liberal Party, Right Wing Movements, Course Materials, News Media Files, Elections/Voting/Representation, Quebec, Labour, Federalism, Bureaucracy, and B.C. Project Files.

The physical arrangement of the records reflects the original organization by their creator eg. the title of any individual folder is Walter Young's title, and the contents are in almost all cases the contents which Young placed there. The ordering of papers within the folders has been slightly altered in an effort to make the collection more easily accessible, and thus more useful, for researchers. Obvious filing errors between folders have been corrected. The correspondence files have been ordered chronologically. There is also a great deal of correspondence mixed throughout the collection; in the interest of preserving as much as possible of the original order, this correspondence has been left where he placed it.

Boxes 1-18, 23-36.

Research series. – 1932-1981.

72 cm of textual materials.

32 audio tapes.

2 lp records.

Series consists of materials collected by Young for research purposes, and includes manuscripts, publications, and audio recordings. It includes 223 scholarly articles acquired by Young concerning diverse political subjects, nearly all of which are Canadian in content or reflect strongly on Canadian conditions; newspapers, magazines, and pamphlets, most of which are political (NDP/CCF or labour-oriented) in nature; two lp (long-playing) records dedicated to Tommy Douglas and the NDP; and thirty-two audio tape recordings of speeches and interviews by NDP officials.

Boxes 19-22.

[Audio Recording sub-series.](#) – 1962-1977.

32 audio tapes.

Sub-series consists of 32 audio recordings of interviews, lectures and other material.

File List

PERSONAL PAPERS SERIES

- BOX 1 UBC 1962-73
Miscellaneous 1973-74
University of Victoria 1973-81
Biographical 1960-77
Correspondence 1958-73
- BOX 2 Correspondence (cont.) 1958-73
Speeches, Lectures, Writings by Dr. Young 1964-74
- BOX 3 Speeches, Lectures, Writings by Dr. Young (cont.) 1960-81
General papers - Education 1957-76
- BOX 4 General Papers - Political 1933-82
Miscellaneous Research 1963-73
- BOX 5 Research - M.J. Coldwell 1935-78
Research - C.C.F. National 1924-61
- BOX 6 Research - C.C.F. National (cont.) 1922-62
- BOX 7 Research - C.C.F. Provincial 1932-73
N.D.P. National 1959-66
- BOX 8 N.D.P. National 1959-69
N.D.P. Provincial 1961-62
N.D.P. Provincial (B.C.) 1963-66
- BOX 9 N.D.P. Provincial (B.C.) (cont.) 1961-80
- BOX 10 Miscellaneous research 1962-70
Memorabilia 1912-33
- BOX 11 University of Victoria - General 1973-77
- BOX 12 University of Victoria - General (cont.) 1974-77

- BOX 13 University of Victoria - B.C. Studies 1969-82
- BOX 14 University of Victoria - General (cont.) 1974-80
- BOX 15 University of Victoria - General (cont.) 1973-80
- BOX 16 University of Victoria - General (cont.) 1973-81
- BOX 17 University of Victoria - Canadian Political Science Association 1978-82
- BOX 18 University of Victoria - Canadian Political Science Association (cont.) 1977-80
University of Victoria - Social Science Federation of Canada 1980-81
University of Victoria - Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada 1980

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RESEARCH SERIES

- BOX 19 Research Papers Collection - #1-130 1956-78
- BOX 20 Research Papers Collection (cont.) - #131-223 1956-78
- BOX 21 Newspapers, Magazines, Pamphlets 1932-74
- BOX 22 Newspapers, Magazines, Pamphlets (cont.) 1932-74

Audio Recording sub-series

- UBC AT 1242 Goon Shows – Spike Milligan, Harry Seacombe, Peter Sellers, n.d. [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1243 F.H. Underhill “The C.C.F., why did it decline?”, 1962/07/26 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1244 “Reminiscences of the C.C.F. in the 1930s and 40s” – Interviews with Gladys Strum and Tom Bentley (1962/08/13) and Don Swales and Alistair Steward (1962/08/08) [1 reel]

- UBC AT 1245 Jack Webster interviewing W.A.C. Bennett – “Does B.C. need a hansard?”, n.d. [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1246 “The fires of progress” CBC Lecture given by W. Young on the Social Credit in B.C. (November 1964) [c. 1 reel ; c.2 reel]
- UBC AT 1247 “The agrarian revolt and the progressive party: the development of the New Democratic Party – Tom Johnson, M.J. Coldwell, E.C. Drury (CBC Project 66) [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1248 Jack Hutchinson, “The activities of the labour party in Regina in the late 1920s and 1930s”, 1966/06/23 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1249 N.D.P. – Marching to Victoria, 1969/08/10 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1250 Walter Young, “The structure of Canadian government” 1971/03/06 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1251 Walter Young, “The political climate in Canada” 1971/03 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1252 Walter Young, “Canadian Society” 1971/03/27 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1253 An N.D.P. M.L.A. “Thoughts at the end of an election campaign” 197- [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1254 Interview – F.R. Scott and W. Bennett, 1978/07/22 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1255 Interview – M.J. Coldwell, 1962 [3 cassettes]
- UBC AT 1256 Interview – H.E. Spencer(?) 1964/01/31 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1257 Interview – Grace and Angus MacInnis 1963/07/15 [1 reel]
- UBC AT 1258 M.J. Coldwell, “The early history of the C.C.F.” 1963/08 [2 cassettes]
- UBC AT 1259 Interview – M.J. Coldwell 1966/06/15 [2 cassettes]
- UBC AT 1260 Tom Russell, “M.J. Coldwell” 1967/07/27 [1 cassette]

- UBC AT 1261 Interviews about M.J. Coldwell – Mrs. Vernon Boyce 1967/07/31 and R. Dunsford and Mrs. Real 1967/08/03 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1262 Interviews about M.J. Coldwell – Frank Pritchard 1967/08/03 and Sidney Stevens 1967/08/18 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1263 M.J. Caldwell interview 1968/03 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1264 M.J. Caldwell interview 1968/06 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1265 Interview about M.J. Coldwell – Lloyd Shaw 1975/07 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1266 Interview about M.J. Coldwell – Stanley Knowles 1977/06 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1267 Interview about M.J. Coldwell – Margaret Coldwell 1977/06/02 [1 cassette]
- UBC AT 1268 Interview about M.J. Coldwell – David Lewis 1977/06/06 [1 cassette]

PERSONAL PAPERS SERIES (cont.)

- BOX 23 Index cards
Publications 1974-83
Subject Files 1961-82
Dissertations 1954, 1976
- BOX 24 Lecture notes 1953-55
United College, Winnipeg 1957-59
Liberal Party 1948-62
Right Wing Movements 1948-66
- BOX 25 Right Wing Movements (cont.) 1965-66
Canadian Government Course Material 1948-82
- BOX 26 Canadian Government Course Material (cont.) 1964-80
News Media Files 1970-83

- BOX 27 News Media Files (cont.) 1976-82
Elections, Voting, Representation 1952-82
- BOX 28 Elections, Voting, Representation (cont.) 1944-82
- BOX 29 Quebec 1962-81
Party System - Canada 1973-81
Labour 1958-76
Federalism 1959-81
Canada-USA Relations 1956-71
- BOX 30 Bureaucracy 1959-77
Miscellaneous Politics 1962-71
- BOX 31 Miscellaneous Politics (cont.) 1949-72
- BOX 32 Correspondence 1960-82
- BOX 33 B.C. Project Files - Research and Correspondence 1974-83
Current Personal Files 1979-83
- BOX 34 Current Personal Files (cont.) 1976-83
- BOX 35 Current Personal Files (cont.) 1962-63
Ephemera - Leaflets 1929-68
University Notes and Course Material 1954-70
- BOX 36 University Notes and Course Material (cont.) 1961-62