

Walter H. Gage fonds

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Fonds Description

Walter H. Gage fonds. - 1912-1979.

1.47 m of textual records and other materials

Biographical Sketch

Walter Gage began his career at the University of British Columbia as a student, graduating with a B.A. in 1925. In 1926, he earned an M.A. with a mathematics major and a physics minor. Gage taught mathematics at Victoria College (1927-1933) and also served as registrar for the institution (1929-1933). In 1933, he returned to UBC's Dept. of Mathematics, rising to professor in 1943. Gage served as Dean of Administrative and Inter-Faculty Affairs in 1948 and later as Dean of Inter-Faculty and Student Affairs. After serving as acting president for two years, Gage became UBC President in 1969, a position he held until his retirement in 1975. Gage died in 1978.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of correspondence, biographical material, published papers, notes, financial materials, clippings, photographs, ceremonial documents, and notebooks pertaining to Gage's personal and professional activities.

Notes

File list available.

Other materials include 34 photographs: b&w; 37 x 41 cm. or smaller.
3 scrapbooks, artifacts and ephemera.

Artifacts originally kept in remote storage integrated into fonds in June 2018.

Further biographical information on Walter Gage can be found in the book *The Age of Walter Gage*, by Shelley Fralic (published February 2018).

Series Descriptions

Personal/Biographical Series. - 1922-1978.

10 cm. of textual records.

Series consists of articles and clippings about Gage, educational records, copies of his published papers, miscellaneous financial records, and a copy of his will.

Student Notebooks Series. - 1927-1931.

28 cm. of textual records.

Series consists of student notebooks created during Gage's years at the University of Chicago.

Correspondence Series. - 1926-1978.

52 cm. of textual records.

Series consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Research Materials Series. - 1927-1931.

26 cm. of textual records.

Series consists of research material generated by Walter Gage as well as copies of papers published by others and, in particular, E.T. Bell.

Honors/Awards Series. - 1912-1975.

1 cm. of textual records.

Artifacts and ephemera.

Series consists of diplomas, certificates, citations, awards, and other memorabilia arising from Gages education and professional life.

Scrapbook Series. - 1975-1976.

6 cm. of textual records.

Series consists of three scrapbooks.

Miscellaneous Series. - 1940-1979.

13 cm. of textual material.

Series consists of miscellaneous material created or collected by Walter Gage.

Photograph Series. – 1928, 194- -1975.

34 photographs: b&w; 37 x 41 cm. or smaller.

Series consists of 31 photographs of Walter Gage.

Digitized copies of the photographs are accessible as part of UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database \(UBC 85.1\)](#).

File List

BOX 1

PERSONAL/BIOGRAPHICAL SERIES

- 1-1 Articles, clippings re: Walter Gage (1953-1976)
- 1-2 Reminiscences of W. Gage for special issue of UBC Reports (1975)
- 1-3 Biographical information and letter of appreciation as selected by W. Gage (1922-1971)
- 1-4 W. Gage CV (February 1946)
- 1-5 Education records (1921-1928)
- 1-6 List of W. Gage's published papers (May 1938)
- 1-7 Copies of Gage's published papers (1930-1948)
- 1-8 Copies of Gage's newspaper articles
 - "How the Sun's Heat is Replenished" Province (ca. 1930)
 - "The Form and Shape of the Earth" Province (ca. 1930)
- 1-9 W. Gage appointment information (1926-1978)
- 1-10 Master Teacher Award - Nomination letters (1968)
- 1-11 Financial records - Pension, medical, misc. receipts (1976-1978)
- 1-12 Teaching evaluation forms (1971-1974)
- 1-13 Appointment books (1976, 1978)
- 1-14 Copy of W. Gage's will (July 19, 1976)

STUDENT NOTEBOOKS SERIES

- 1-15 Math 302 (1927)

BOX 2

- 2-1 Math 340 (1927)
- 2-2 Math 354 (1928)
- 2-3 Math 331 (1931)
- 2-4 "Complex Variables" (n.d.)
- 2-5 Math 351 (1931)
- 2-6 "Analytical Mechanics" (n.d.)

BOX 2a

- 2a-1 Algebra (n.d.)
- 2a-2 Differential Geometry (n.d.)
- 2a-3 Tolman - Theory of Relativity (n.d.)
- 2a-4 Untitled (n.d.)

BOX 3

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

- 3-1 General correspondence (1973-1978)
- 3-2/6 Cumulative correspondence A - G (1973-1978)

BOX 4

- 4-1/5 Cumulative correspondence H - Q (1973-1978)

BOX 5

- 5-1/2 Cumulative correspondence R - Z (1973-1978)
- 5-3 Correspondence with E.T. Bell (1928-1947)
- 5-4 Correspondence with Alan Mayhew (1942)
- 5-5 Correspondence (1926-1952)
- 5-6 Correspondence (1953-1976)

BOX 6

- 6-1 Correspondence congratulating Gage on receiving Master Teacher Award (1969)
- 6-2/3 Correspondence congratulating Gage on becoming UBC President (1968/69)
- 6-4 Incoming correspondence on Gage's retirement as UBC President (1974/75)
- 6-5/6 Incoming correspondence congratulating Gage for Alumni Association award (1978)

BOX 7

RESEARCH MATERIAL SERIES

- 7-1/2 Research Notes (n.d.)
- 7-3 Research Notes - 4th year (n.d.)
- 7-4 Research Notes - Modern Analysis (n.d.)
- 7-5 Research Notes - On class n. relations by a new formula (n.d.)
- 7-6 Research Notes - Miscellaneous (1975)
- 7-7 Research Notes - Others (1934)
- 7-8 Published papers by others (1927-1930)

BOX 8

- 8-1/4 Published papers by E.T. Bell (1922-1930)

BOX 9

HONOURS AND AWARDS SERIES

Diplomas

Roll of Honor, Tecumseh School, 1912, 1917, 1918
High School Entrance, 1918
Junior Matriculation, 1921
B.A., U.B.C., 1925
M.A., U.B.C., 1926
LL.D., U.B.C., 1958

Certificates

Honorary member:
B.C.T.F., 1969
Stage Campus, U.B.C., 1975
U.B.C. Faculty Association, n.d.
Fraternity - Zeta Psi, 1934
Military - Pilot Officer, 1943

Citations

U.B.C. Musical Theatre, 1974
Ritual of the calling of an engineer, 1975
Men's Canadian Club, 1976
Honorary president of Alumni Association, April 1976 [removed from folder]

Honors

LL.D., U.B.C., 1958
Master Teacher Award, 1969
Order of Canada, 1971
Doctor of Laws, University of Victoria, 1974

As President

Greetings from University of Toronto, 1969
Greetings from University of Calgary, 1969

Miscellaneous

Ballad ("...lift a glass to honour Doctor Gage")
Resolution of Pigskinners' "Old sports" Com
- see plaque included with Artifacts
Ceremonial Greetings on W. Gage's Installation as UBC President (1969)

(continued)

BOX 10

SCRAPBOOK SERIES

- 10-1 Scrapbook of the 'Unveiling of the N.A.M. Bust' - Speeches, Clippings, Photographs, Printed Material (1976)
- 10-2 Scrapbook of the Rowing Club Dedication of the "Wally Cruiser" and the "Aubrey Roberts I" - Photographs, Printed Material (1975)
- 10-3 Scrapbook - "Memories of the Class of '25 to a Distinguished Classmate, Walter Gage" (1975)

BOX 11

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES

- 11-1 Notes for talk - St. George's School - Annual Prize Day (June 18, 1976)
- 11-2 Notes for talk - Tuberculosis and Chest Disabled Veteran's Association (September 1976)
- 11-3 Unidentified hand written mathematical equations (5 pp.) (n.d.)
- 11-4 Walter Gage bookplate
- 11-5 Memorabilia
- 11-6 Mica Dam Field Trip Report prepared by Civil Engineering Club for Walter Gage (November 1975), 30 pp.
- 11-7 Obituaries for A.C.W. Gage (Walter Gage's father) (July 1940)
- 11-8/9 Intellectual Prospecting Fund - Correspondence, ledger sheets (1960-1975)
- 11-10 UBC Alumni Association - Board of Management - Manuals (1976-1979)

PHOTOGRAPH SERIES

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BOX 12

HONOURS AND AWARDS SERIES (cont.)

Artifacts [stored in RBSC/UA vault]

Case for Walter Gage's medal as a Companion of the Order of Canada
- badge missing
- includes notes stating badge was on display.

"Algebraic Arithmetic" by Eric T. Bell – "American Mathematical Society Colloquium Publications" Volume VII 1927
- Walter Gage's copy, inscribed "Victoria College – June, 1928" and with his bookplate "Ex Libris Walter H. Gage"
- second inscription "Best wishes: E.T. Bell; 31 Aug 1928: Chicago"
- spine damaged, previously repaired with tape
- 3 B&W glossy prints originally enclosed, described separately

Plaque presented to Walter Gage from his Math 350 Class November 1960
- with copy of "A Table of Integrals" by Ralph G. Hudson and Joseph Lipka
mounted on it

Plaque – "UBC / Pig Skinners "Old Sports" Award / Walter Gage / Master /
Finance & Loans / Award for devotion to duty over and beyond the call of
money / April 8, 1974"

Red case containing reproduction of Silver Wine Cup used in the Reign of
Charles the First Circa 1637
- given to Walter Gage by the Lord Mayor of London
- donated to Library in 1974

Commemorative medallion, 10th anniversary of the Order of Canada 1977
- mounted in case
- acquired via the estate of Walter Gage's sister Elsie Harvey

Order of Canada lapel pin [n.d.]
- mounted in small plastic case
- acquired via the estate of Walter Gage's sister Elsie Harvey

Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal 1977
- in red case, with ribbon and clasp
- includes note "From Walter Gage 1978"