

WILLIAM DOUGLAS POWELL, 1934-1999
AN INVENTORY OF HIS FONDS
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RARE BOOKS AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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Fonds Level Description

Title:	William Douglas Powell Fonds
Dates of Creation:	1949-2002
Physical Description:	1.4 m of textual material. - 49 photographs.
Biographical Sketch:	William Douglas Powell (known as Doug) was born in Edmonton, Alberta in 1934, and moved to Revelstoke, British Columbia in 1972. He was involved in many local newspapers in the area as a writer and editor, and spent over 30 years involved in journalism through newspapers such as The Revelstoke Herald, The Dam Advertiser, The Monashee Guide to What's Happening in Revelstoke and Unique. He was also a writer of non-fiction, and wrote about well-known events in British Columbia history. He was also an avid birder. He passed away in 1999 in Revelstoke.
Scope and Content:	The fonds consists of documents related to the creation of an unpublished manuscript entitled "Running Scared," written by Powell. There is a long version (86 chapters) and a short version (31 chapters) of the manuscript. Both deal with the consequences of dieselization of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR) in the Revelstoke division between 1957 and 1984. Railroad firemen and their union, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen challenged lay-offs and job changes that had resulted from the technology change on the railroad. In 1969, they joined with other railroad workers to form the United Transportation Union. The manuscript describes the unique geographic setting in the Revelstoke division that was surrounded by mountainous areas and how it affected the process of dieselization. Both versions were never published. Powell collected extensive documentation from the relevant unions in response to this event, and it is included in the fonds.
Note area	
Source of supplied title:	Title based on contents of fonds.
Immediate source of Acquisition:	The fonds was donated by Priscilla McPherson through Jane Lynch in November, 2002.
Finding aids:	Detailed description of the fonds and file list created by Jane Lynch available, as well as a new box list are available.

Series Level Descriptions

Title: "Running Scared" Manuscript Editions

Dates of creation: [1972?-1984?]

Physical description: 37.5 cm of textual material.

Scope and content: Series consists of two manuscripts and a letter to a publishing company pertaining to the dieselization of the CPR in the Revelstoke area. One manuscript is the complete, long version regarding the situation between 1957 and 1984, and the other is a short version detailing the events between 1970 and 1984. The letter is a short synopsis of the manuscript.

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Title: Notebooks

Dates of creation: [1972?-1984?]

Physical Description: 7 cm of textual material.

Scope and Content: Series consists of eleven notebooks that relate to the material collected for the manuscript.

Note area

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

Title: Personal and Miscellaneous Material

Dates of Creation: [1980?]-2002

Physical description: 3.5 cm of textual material. – 49 photographs.

Scope and content: Series consists of Powell's obituary in *Unique* newspaper, other newspaper clippings, grant applications, correspondence and miscellaneous photographs.

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Additional physical

description: Photographs include 30 photographs : b&w ; 11.5 x 19.5 cm or smaller. - 17 negatives : b&w ; 35 mm. – 2 contact sheets ; 20 x 25 cm

Title: Chronological Source Files for “Running Scared”

Dates of creation: 1950-1994

Physical description: 89.5 cm of textual material.

Scope and content: Series consists of correspondence, photocopied printed material, memos, reports, reminiscences, and union agreements related to the dispute that arose during dieselization between unions and employment on the railroad. All material is arranged chronologically in relation to the narrative of the manuscript.

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Folder List – William Douglas Powell Fonds

“Running Scared” Manuscripts Editions Series

Box 1

Folder 1 – A 44 page letter to Methuen Publications, which includes a synopsis of the narrative in the manuscript “Running Scared,” 1970-1984.

Folder 2 – **Long version of “Running Scared,”** Foreword and Chapters 1 through 7

Folder 3 – Chapters 8 through 17

Folder 4 – Chapters 18 through 25

Folder 5 – Chapters 26 through 30

Folder 6 – Chapters 31 through 38

Folder 7 – Chapters 39 through 45

Box 2

Folder 8 – Chapters 46 through 53

Folder 9 – Chapters 54 through 58

Folder 10 – Chapters 59 through 64

Folder 11 – Chapters 65 through 69

Folder 12 – Chapters 70 through 74

Folder 13 – Chapters 75 through 80

Box 3

Folder 14 – Chapters 81 through 86

Folder 15 – **Short Version of “Running Scared,”** Preface, Foreword and Chapters 1 through 6

Folder 16 – Chapters 7 through 11

Folder 17 – Chapters 12 through 17

Folder 18 – Chapters 18 through 23

Folder 19 – Chapters 24 through 31

Notebooks Series

Box 4

Folder 1 – Notebooks 1 through 4

Folder 2 – Notebooks 5 through 8

Folder 3 – Notebooks 9 through 11

Personal and Miscellaneous Material Series

Folder 1 – Powell, William Douglas (Doug), Jan. 4, 1934 – Jan. 19, 1999.

Contains “Unique” newspaper, Jan. 28, 1999 – contains obit and tributes. With “Revelstoke Front Row Centre” newspaper, Vol. 2 No. 10 Oct. 1, 1986, containing “The Sidewalk Superintendent” column by Doug Powell.

Folder 2 – Powell, Doug – Robbery book (1984). Contains document relating to a Canada Council grant application for a book regarding a bank robbery that occurred in the Vancouver area in the 1960’s.

Folder 3 – Photos (need to be re-housed). n.d.

Folder 4 - Letters to Publishers, 1984, and a c 1983 newspaper page that has contact information written in the margins.

Folder 5 – Requests for Information to CP Rail and Labour Canada, 1982.

Folder 6 – Good, Lloyd Henry. Contains bio from MS. In 2002 Good was living in Big Eddy district of Revelstoke, PO Box 9002, V0E 3K0. Added in 2002.

Folder 7 – Sketch maps, timetables, profiles relating to the mountain subdivision and connecting subdivisions. Information on tunnels and the Stoney Creek Bridge.

Folder 8 – List of 16 labour unions in Canada, 1976.

Folder 9 – Glossary of railway terms for training course on train systems, track train dynamics and train handling (n.d.).

Folder 10 – Railroader's poem by Shandy Maguire, "God Guide Us" (n.d.).

Chronological Source Files for "Running Scared"

Folders 1 through 229

Range from 1950 to 1994. Arranged in chronological order. All files collected for the writing of the manuscript "Running Scared."

Folders 1 through 8

Box 5

Folders 9 through 74. (Jan 20, 1959 to Sept. 6, 1966).

Box 6

Folders 75 through 113 (October 1966 to Sept. 21, 1977).

Box 7

Folders 114 through 142 (Nov. 26, 1977 to Oct. 31, 1980)

Box 8

Folders 143 through 175 (Nov. 19, 1980 to May 27, 1981)

Box 9

Folders 176 through 185 (May 30, 1981 to Sept. 10, 1981)

Box 10

Folders 186 through 204 (Sept. 10, 1981 to Oct. 7, 1982)

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Folders 205 through 229 (Oct. 13, 1982 to 1994)

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