

David C. Onley fonds 2014-001

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Biographical note

David Charles Onley was born on June 12, 1950 in Midland, Ontario and was raised in Scarborough. He attended the University of Toronto Scarborough where he graduated with a degree in Political Science.

Onley began his career in radio working on a weekly science show for CFRB, a Toronto radio station. He later worked with Citytv as a water specialist. In 1989 he became the first news anchor for Break Television Citytv's morning show. He worked as an education specialist for Citytv and CablePulse 2. In 1999 he become an anchor for CP24 when the station launched and produced and hosted Home Page.

From 2007 to 2014, Onley served as the Lieutenant Governor for the Province of Ontario. On October 1, 2014, Onley was appointed a senior lecture at the University of Toronto Scarborough in the Department of Political Sciences. He also served as the University's Special Ambassador for the Pan Am and the Parapan American Games in 2015.

He was inducted into the Scarborough Walk of Fame in 2006. Onley passed away on January 14, 2023.

Scope and content

1998, 2006-2014, predominant 2007-2014
7.44 m of textual records
8570 photographs
113 optical disks
189.07 GB of electronic records on 4 USBs
8 convocation hoods and gowns
1 videocassette

The fonds covers the years of 1998, 2006-2014, while predominantly covering the years of 2007-2014. The fonds documents the work and activities of David C. Onley during his tenancy as the 28th Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from September 5, 2007 to September 23, 2014.

The fonds contains six series:

- 1. General files
- 2. Articles and clippings
- 3. Correspondence
- 4. Daily records
- 5. Guest books
- 6. Awards and regalia

General files are comprised of reference and research files. Articles and clippings contains newspaper articles, publications and interviews that mention David C. Onley, as well as articles of interest collected for him. Correspondence includes outgoing, incoming, and internal office correspondence. Daily records comprise the bulk of the fonds and contain calendars and detailed textual and photographic documentation of Onley's activities as Lieutenant Governor. The series

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also contains electronic records which are copies of the textual and photographic material within the daily calendars and daily activities files. Guest books contain bound books with signatures of visitors to the Lieutenant Governor's events. Awards and regalia contains material and objects bestowed upon David C. Onley such as certificates and university regalia from convocation ceremonies and honorary degrees.

Arrangement: Material was kept in the arrangement structure used by the creator. **Access:** Material is open for research. Some files may be restricted due to personal information. Electronic records are currently not available for consultation.

Series 1: General files

1998, 2006-2014 1.05 m of textual records 5 CDs and 4 DVDs

Series contains files related to associations that David C. Onley was a part of as Lieutenant General, as well as events he attended, and material sent to the office from others gaining his interest. Files include promotional material from companies, annual reports, papers and articles, magazines, speaking notes, correspondence, invitations, and business cards. Series has been kept in original order, arranged by company or association in alphabetical order. Some material is in French.

Access: Open. Some files may be restricted due to personal information.

Series 2: Articles and clippings

2007-2014

1.19 m of textual records

Series contains articles, clippings, magazines, and interviews that feature or mention David C. Onley as Lieutenant Governor. Also includes "Articles of Interest" material collected for David C. Onley about current events and issues.

Series has been kept in its original order, arranged chronologically.

Access: Open. Some files may be restricted due to personal information.

Series 3: Correspondence

2006-2014 0.75 m of textual records 12 photographs

Series includes outgoing professional correspondence from David C. Onley, incoming

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correspondence to David C. Onley, a folder of correspondence of Ruth Ann Onley, a folder of internal correspondence between employees of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and David C. Onley, incoming thank you cards and letters, and Christmas cards. Outgoing correspondence is mostly typed, with some exceptions of copies of handwritten letters. Series has been kept in original order; however, the archivist created the Internal Correspondence file from a folder of general correspondence.

Access: Open. Some files may be restricted due to personal information.

Series 4: Daily records

2007-2014

4.15 m of textual records

8557 photographs, 101 CDs, 189.07 GB of electronic material on 4 USBs, and 1 videocassette

This series provides a detailed overview of David C. Onley's daily activities as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. Activities include events hosted by the Lieutenant Governor, events in which he appeared, community visits, special visits, royal visits, convocation and honorary degree ceremonies, and annual office holiday activities. The series includes daily calendars, detailed daily agendas, and electronic daily records. The daily calendars contain schedules showing dates and times of Onley's appointments and events he attended. Daily agendas include time schedules as well as detailed documentation of Onley's appearances related to duties as Lieutenant Governor. Types of files include 'event scenarios' (instructions and reference information for Onley and staff), event programs, correspondence, speaking notes, objects and mementoes from events (albums, badges, stickers), computer printed contact sheets, photographs and snapshots, and computer disks with photographs and occasionally video. The electronic daily records contain copies of the aforementioned material, including documentation of events in which Ruth Ann Onley appeared or spoke at, and may not be accessible at this time; please contact the Archivist. Series has been kept in original order with exception of oversize material.

Access: Open. Some files may be restricted due to personal information.

Series 5: Guest books

2007-2014

0.23 m of textual records

Series contains seven guest books with signatures and messages written by guests upon visitation to the Lieutenant Governor's Suite.

Series 6: Awards and regalia

2008-2012 0.07 m of textual records 8 convocation hoods and gowns

Series contains awards conferred to David C. Onley and university regalia from honorary

degrees that he received, along with convocation ceremony documentation including programs and some photographs.

Access: Open.

Appendix

Series 1: General files

File	Title	Notes	Date
1-1	Abilities	Includes 1 CD	2008-2011
1-2	Abilities Award Dinner Sept. 07		2006-2007
1-3	Abilities Ministries		[20]
1-4	Ability Online		2010
1-5	Access and Awareness	Includes stickers	[20]
1-6	Accessible Media Inc.		2013
1-7	14th Annual Active Living Conference		2008
1-8	Airspeed magazine		2011
1-9	Donald Allen	Includes material from Law Commission of Ontario	2013
1-10	Anthology of Two Decades of Knowledge about Disabled		2006
1-11	Archives of Ontario		2007
1-12	Artscape		[20]
1-13	Battle of Britain, commemorative program		2010
1-14	Bender Consulting Services of Canada		[2008]
1-15	Bilingual Version of O Canada		[20]
1-16	1 Billion Hours.com		2013
1-17	BMO Event, Speaking notes		2007
1-18	Book of Remembrance		[20]
1-19	Bourdeau Industries Limited		[2012]
1-20	Breaking Down Barriers Independent Living Resource Centre		[20]
1-21	Burlington Accessibility Awards		2012
1-22	Canada Company		2012
1-23	Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness		2008
1-24	Canadian Council on Rehabilitation		2009-2014

2-1	Canadian Disability Hall of Fame		2013
2-2	Canadian Food and Wine Institute		[20]
2-3	Canadian Heritage		2008
2-4	Canadian Intergovernmental Conference Secretariat		2011-2012
2-5	Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario		2011
2-6	Canadian Public Affairs Channel (CPAC) Political Reflections	Contains 1 DVD	2009
2-7	Canadian Space Agency		2011
2-8	Carleton University		2013
2-9	Centre for Addiction and Mental Health		2007-2008
2-10	Centre for Families, Work and Well-Being		2008
2-11	Centre for Research on Work Disability Policy		2014
2-12	Chartland Jr. Public School, tribute programme		2008
2-13	Charley Park: The Last Stand of Government House	Contains an essay, author unknown	[20]
2-14	CHFS 25 Field Ambulance		2012
2-15	Chiefs of Ontario		2011, 2014
2-16	Chilean 100th Anniversary - Onley's Neighbours, the Walkers	Contains 1 contact sheet	[20]
2-17	Citizenship and Immigration Canada	In French	2009
2-18	Coat of Arms - Onley children		2013
2-19	Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario		2011
2-20	Corbrook		2010-2011
2-21	Corporation of the City of Belleville		2010
2-22	Courtesy Calls	Contains a list of courtesy calls made	2006-2012
2-23	Creative Spirit Art Centre		2010
2-24	Dare Arts Leadership Awards		2014
2-25	Deloitte		2011
2-26	Diversity Canada 2011 Conference		2011
2-27	David S. Donovan		2009
2-28	Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Canada 50th Anniversary programme		2013
2-29	Eabametoong First Nation: 100 Years of History		2005
2-30	Ernescliffe Non-Profit Housing Co-operatives Inc.		2013
2-31	E-Stim	Includes 1 DVD	2007

2-32	Escarpment Views		2012
2-33	Faith Today		2007
3-1	Faisal Fransu: My Life Story		2010
3-2	FICCDAT		2011
3-3	Fifa World Cup South Africa, broadcast schedule		2010
3-4	From a Mother's Heart		2011
3-5	Gideons International In Canada Convention		2011
3-6	Global Medic		[20]
3-7	Charles Godfrey: Bruce	Contains photocopies from a book	2011
3-8	The Good Neighbour's Club		2013
3-9	The Grey Bruce Escape		2011-2012
3-10	Grey Cup		2012
3-11	Habitat for Humanity		2013
3-12	Heritage Trust		2012
3-13	Holland Bloorview		2013
3-14	Home and Country Rose Garden		2012
3-15	I & IT		2007-2008
3-16	Independent Living Centre London & Area - Access Guide London		[20]
3-17	In Former		2014
3-18	Institute for Quantum Computing		2010-2011
3-19	Interdependence, Rick Hansen Foundation		2011
3-20	International Day of People With Disabilities		2009
3-21	International Summit on Accessibility		2014
3-22	Interview for DSQ		2012
3-23	IODE 7 CCAA Her Honour Events		2008-2009
3-24	It's Hard Not to Stare: Helping Children Understand Disabilities		2013
3-25	Jamaica Visit		2012
4-1	Join		2011
4-2	Junior Achievement		2011
4-3	Koolway Sports		[20]
4-4	Kwayaciiwin Education Resource Centre - Sagatay		2010
4-5	Lakehead University		2012
4-6	Landscape of Literacy and Disability [book]		2009
4-7	L'arche Ontario		2011
4-8	Law Commission of Ontario		2012

4-9	Legal Leaders for Diversity	2012
4-10	LG Appointments	2013
4-11	LG Diamond Jubilee	2011-2012
4-12	LG Invitation Log	2011
4-13	LG Private Meetings	2009-2012
4-14	LG Salary	2013-2014
4-15	LG Website	2010-2011
4-16	Lifestyles Magazine	2008,
		2012
4-17	Lights, Camera, Access	[20]
5-1	Lime Connect	2007
5-2	Ted Lindsay [graphic material]: [rubbing by Ruth Ann Onley]	2013
5-3	Link Up Employment Services	2007
5-(4- 5)	London Paralympics 2012	2012
5-6	Lupus Foundation of Ontario	2009
5-7	The Madison Tapes [textual record] : [article by Yoni	2012
	Brenner in The New Yorker]	
5-8	The Magazine of the Ontario College of Teachers	2008
5-9	Man in Motion: A Rick Hansen Foundation	2011
5-10	March of Dimes Canada	2007-
		2008,
		2010
5-11	Margaret Birch Wing 25th Anniversary: Rouge Valley Centenary	2011
5-12	Mediacorp Canada Inc.	2011
5-13	Medicine Wheel and Character Education in 21st Century [publication]	2009
5-14	Metrolinx	2011-2012
5-15	Metropolitan United Church	[20]
5-16	Rod Michalko "Champion of Accessibility"	2010
5-17	Midland Rotary Club Honorary Member	2008,
		2012-2013
5-18	Minority Government Scenarios	2011
5-19	Moeen Centre	2012
5-20	Monarchist League of Canada	2008,
		2010
6-1	Mukibaum Foundation	2014
6-2	National Ethnic Press and Media Council of Canada	2012
6-3	National Quality Institute	2009

6-4	National Vice Regal Conference	2011-2012
6-5	Nathan Tidridge : Keepsake of Waterdown Boys' Rugby Team	2014
6-6	Niagara College Canada	2013
6-7	Nishnawbe Aski Nation	2010
6-8	Northwood University	2008
6-9	Notes from John C. Crosbie	2011
6-10	Oath of Allegiance	[20]
6-11	OCAD: LG Access Icon Competition	2012-2013
6-12	Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, Annual Report	2012-2013
6-13	Ontario Bar Association	2012
6-14	Ontario Black History Society	2009
6-15	Ontario Dental Association	2008
6-16	Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation	2012
6-17	Ontario Gazette	2007
6-18	Ontario Historical Society	2011
6-19	Ontario Public School Boards' Association	2007-2008
6-20	Ontario Public Service	2008, 2010-2011
6-21	Orchard View Living Centres	2011
6-22	Paid Invoices	2011-2013
7-1	Pan American Games Guadalajara, President of Mexico Speech: [in Spanish]	2011
7-2	Paralympic Sochi	2014
7-3	Prince's Charities Canada : [scrapbooks]	2012, 2014
7-4	Parapan American Games [textual record]: [program and speaking notes]	2011
7-5	Parliament of Canada	[20]
7-6	People Access	2010
7-7	People In Motion	2014
7-8	Perry St. Germain [textual record] : [tablet learning introduction]	2013
7-9	Play to Podium	2010
7-10	Polio Nova Scotia	2013
7-11	Provincial Trade Mission to China/Hong Kong	2010-2011
7-12	Public Service Health Plan	2011
7-13	The Quietco Project	[20]
7-14	Queen's York Rangers	2011

7-15	The Quilt : Support for People Living with Cancer	2008
7-16	Readspeaker	2013
7-17	Region of Peel	2009
7-18	Results for Prorogue (on Twitter)	2013
7-19	The Review: Ontario Provincial Police	2008-2009
7-20	River of Lights: 40 Years of Simcoe's Panorama of Lights, 1959-1998 [book]	1998
7-21	Roeher Institute Presentation	1998
7-22	Roots of Empathy	2010-2012
7-23	Rotary At Work video project	2011
8-1	Royal Agricultural Winter Fair	2010-2011
8-2	Royal Canadian Air Force Association	2008-2011
8-3	Royal Canadian Military Institute	2012
8-4	Royal Commonwealth Society	2012
8-5	RWTO Christmas Luncheon	2013
8-6	Sailor Magazine	2009
8-7	Sauble Christian Fellowship	2010
8-8	Serenity Health Care Products Inc.	[20]
8-9	Elizabeth Simcoe by Ellen McIntosch-Green	2009
8-10	Speakers' Spotlight	[20]
8-11	Spotlight on Essex County	2010
8-12	St. George's Society of Toronto	2010-2011
8-13	St. Giles' Cathedral Chronicle	2013
8-14	St. Lazarus Gazette	2001, 2012
8-15	Stuart Shanker: Calm, Alert, and Learning [book]	2013
8-16	Suicide Rates for Persons with Disabilities	2009
8-17	Sutherland Massage	[20]
8-18	Tidridge, Nathan	2011
8-19	Tamara Gordon Foundation	2007
8-20	Tim Horton's	[20]
8-21	Toronto District School Board	2011
8-22	Toronto Rehab Foundation	2010, 2013
8-23	Toronto Symphony Orchestra	2010-2012
8-24	TORSTAR Funding Proposal	2012
8-25	Tyndale Magazine	2013
9-1	UJA Federation	2010
9-2	University of Toronto Scarborough	2011-2012

9-3	United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada		2009-2014
9-4	United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada		2008-2010
9-5	United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada		2011-2014
9-6	Unotchit (Long pen technology)		2007
9-7	Adam Usprech		2011
9-8	Vibes Magazine		2007
9-9	West Park Health Care Centre		2013
9-10	Why Not magazine		2010
9-11	Wycliffe College		2013-2014
9-12	Kathleen Wynne [object] : [empty government [20]		[20]
	binder bearing Wynne's name]		

Series 2: Articles and clippings

File	Title	Date
10-1	Digital Journal TV (David Onley Interview)	2007
10-2 to 17	July 2007 to November 2010 [8 boxes]	2007-07 to 2010-11
17-11	Faces of Polio DVD, November 2010	2010-11
18-1 to 20-4	December 2010 to May 2014 [3 boxes]	2010-12 to 2014-05
20-4	Articles of Interest	2007
20-5	Articles of Interest	2008
20-6	Articles of Interest	2009-2012

Series 3: Correspondence

File	Title	Notes	Date
20-7 to	Outgoing correspondence		2006 to 2014
23-6			
23-7	Incoming correspondence : Lieutenant		2008-2011
	Governor portraits		
24-1	Incoming correspondence		2008
24-2	Incoming correspondence		2009-2010
24-3	Incoming correspondence		2011
24-4	Incoming correspondence		2012
24-5	Incoming correspondence		2013
24-6	Incoming correspondence		[20], 2014
24-7	Her Honour Ruth Ann Onley	Includes outgoing	2007-2014
	correspondence	and incoming	
		correspondence.	

24-8	Internal correspondence		2008-2013
24-(9-	Letters of congratulations		[2007]
11)			
25-(1-	Letters of congratulations		2007 Aug
3)			
25-4	Letters of congratulations		2007 Sep-Dec
25-5	Letters of congratulations		2007 Sep-2008
25-6	Thank you letters and cards		2007
25-7	Thank you letters and cards		2008
25-8	Thank you letters and cards		2009-2014
25-9	Thank you letters and cards		[20]
25-(10-	Christmas cards	Includes 5 photos	2007
11)			
26-1	Christmas cards	Includes 3 photos	2008
26-2	Christmas cards		2009
26-3	Christmas cards		2010
26-4	Christmas cards	Includes 2 photos	2011
26-5	Christmas cards	Includes 2 photos	2012
26-6	Christmas cards		2013

Series 4: Daily records

File	Title	Scope and content	Date
27-(1-7)	Daily calendars	1 box of textual records	2007-2009
28-(1-7)	Daily calendars	1 box of textual records	2010-2012
29-(1-7)	Daily calendars	1 box of textual records	2012-2014
30-(1-3)	Preterm photographs July 2007	Includes 93 photos and 1 CD	2007 Jul
30-4	[Preterm activities July 17 2007]	Includes 5 photos	2007 Jul
30-5	[Preterm activities July 19 2007]	Includes 20 photos and 1 CD	2007 Jul
30-(6-	Daily activities	Includes documentation of Onley's installation as	2007 Sep
13)		the Lieutenant Governor on Sep. 5, and 459 photographs.	
31-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 246 photographs + 2 CDs.	2007 Sep- Nov

32-(1- 13)	Daily activities	Includes 353 photographs + 5 CDs.	2007 Nov- 2008 Jan
33-(1-9)	Daily activities	Includes 780 photographs + 1 CD.	2008 Jan- Feb
34-(1- 15)	Daily activities	Includes 98 photographs + 1 CD.	2008 Feb- May
35-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 374 photographs + 3 CDs.	2008 May- Jul
36-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 269 photographs + 1 CD.	2008 Jul- Oct
37-(1- 11)	Daily activities	Includes 114 photographs + 2 CDs.	2008 Oct- Dec
38-(1- 11)	Daily activities	Includes 73 photographs + 7 CDs.	2008 Dec- 2009 Mar
39-(1- 11)	Daily activities	Includes 449 photographs + 2 CDs.	2009 Mar- May
40-(1-9)	Daily activities	Includes 385 photographs + 3 CDs.	2009 May- Jun
41-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 532 photographs + 6 CDs.	2009 Jun
42-(1- 12)	Daily activities	Includes 387 photographs + 4 CDs.	2009 Jul- Sep
43-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 273 photographs + 3 CDs.	2009 Sep- Nov
44-(1-6)	Daily activities	Includes 601 photographs.	2009 Nov
45-(1- 12)	Daily activities	Includes 197 photographs + 2 CDs.	2009 Dec- 2010 Apr
46-(1- 11)	Daily activities	Includes 336 photographs + 4 CDs.	2010 Apr- Jun
47-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 66 photographs + 8 CDs.	2010 Jul- Aug
48-(1- 11)	Daily activities	Includes 323 photographs + 3 CDs.	2010 Aug- Nov
49-(1-8)	Daily activities	Includes 597 photographs +4 CDs.	2010 Nov- Dec
50-(1-9)	Daily activities	Includes 276 photographs + 1 CD.	2010 Dec- 2011 Mar
51-(1-9)	Daily activities	Includes 292 photographs + 4 CDs.	2011 Apr- May
52-(1-9)	Daily activities	Includes 137 photographs + 5CDs.	2011 Jun- Aug
53-(1-9)	Daily activities	Includes 239 photographs + 2 CDs.	2011 Sep- Nov

54-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 240 photographs + 4 CDs.	2011 Nov- 2012 Feb
55-(1- 10)	Daily activities	Includes 204 photographs + 4 CDs.	2012 Mar- May
56-(1-7)	Daily activities	Includes 100 photographs + 1 CD.	2012 May- Jun
57-(1- 12)	Daily activities	Includes 139 photographs + 7 CDs.	2012 Jun- 2013 Jan
58-(1- 17)	Daily activities	Includes 18 photographs + 1 CD.	2013 Feb- 2014 Jun
61-8	LG Xmas Message 2007 [videocassette]	Includes 1 Sony Betacam videocassette with the following inscription: "LG Xmas Message, Cut 1 no music, keys. Cut 2 music, key. Audio channel 1+2 English"	2007
61-1	Beijing Paralympic Games 2008 [textual material]	File contains material from when David C. Onley, Ruth Ann Onley, and staff visited Beijing. Includes official Paralympic programmes, media guide, travel book (Frommer's), badge lanyards, and a five yuan note.	2008
61-2	152nd Annual Running of the Queen's Plate [textual and graphic material]	File contains a Queen's Plate program, elevator plan, and a photo album.	2011 June 26
61-(4-7)	[Electronic daily records]	Electronic records include copies of calendars, daily activities, event scenario documentation, speeches by David C. and Ruth Ann Onley, and photographs. Please contact the archivist as files may not be accessible. However, physical copies of this information exists within the daily activities files.	2007-2014

Series 5: Guest books

File	Title	Notes	Date
59	Guest books 2007-2011	Contains 3 guest books.	2007-2011
60	Guest books 2011-2014	Contains 4 guest books.	2011-2014

Series 6: Awards and regalia

File	Title	Scope and content	Date	
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61-3	Diamond Jubilee Medal	Contains an official letter from David Johnston (28th Governor General of Canada) and certificate presented in an official bound folder.	2012-01-23
62	University of Windsor hood, Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa	Includes two convocation programs, convocation procedure book, and a letter from Alumni Affairs conferring the degree inside a University of Windsor folder.	2008-06-12
64-1	Nipissing University hood, Doctor of Education, Honoris Causa		2009-06-03
63-1	University of Toronto gown, Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa	Includes a computer printed snapshot of Onley at the University of Toronto ceremony.	2009-06-10
63-2	York University gown, Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa	Includes a computer printed snapshot of Onley at the York University ceremony and two convocation programs.	2009-06-26
64-2	Wycliffe College hood, Doctorate of Sacred Letters	Includes two convocation programs.	2010-05-10
65-1	University of Western Ontario hood	Includes 1 photograph of Onley and his wife at the convocation ceremony.	[2011]
65-2	Miscellaneous hoods and gowns	Includes 2 unidentified convocation hoods.	[20]