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Biographical note

Ian Montagnes (b. 1932) is journalist, author, and consultant who served as the Assistant Director and Editor-in-Chief of University of Toronto Press from 1982 to 1992. He authored multiple books, including *An Uncommon Fellowship: The story of Hart House* (1969), *Cold Iron and Lady Godiva: Engineering education at Toronto, 1920 – 1972* (1973), and *The Thesis and The Book* (1978).

Montagnes grew up in Toronto and attended the University of Toronto (B.A. 1953) where he was active as a journalist for *The Varsity* and within student politics, including through the Students Administrative Council (SAC). Following his studies, Montagne pursued journalism and public relations, before returning to the UofT for his graduate degree (M.A., 1956). Beginning in 1966, he started working at the University of Toronto Press and advanced to heading its editorial department (1972) to serving as Assistant Director and Editor-in-Chief (1982). He retired from the press in 1992.

Through the 1980s and continuing after his retirement, Montagnes developed training programmes for editors tailored to publishing in low and middle-income countries. He also worked as a consultant for a number of international development agencies addressing various aspects of publishing, in particular financial self-sufficiency and textbook procurement.

Ian Montagnes published his memoir, *To whom I belong*, in 2024 and lives in Port Hope, Ontario.

References:

Curriculum vitae, B2024-0014/001(15)

Montagnes, Ian. *To Whom I Belong. A Memoir*. Ganaraska Press, 2024.

Scope and content

[ca. 1919], 1954 - 2024

1.32m of textual records

2 photographs

4 files (265MB: .docx, .pdf, .pptx)

Fonds consists of professional material of Ian Montagnes, primarily documenting his research and publishing on aspects of the University of Toronto's history. Some material covers his publishing material more generally, reflecting Montagnes' areas of interest in academic and scholarly publishing. These areas include sustainable development in publishing, technological developments within the industry, economic factors, and

training for publishers. Please see the descriptions below and corresponding file lists for additional detail on each accession:

B1989-0033 (2 boxes): Accession includes clippings, notes, and a typescript for the book "*An Uncommon Fellowship: The Story of Hart House*" and two bound copies of a scrapbook entitled "References to the First Great War 1917 and 1918 [World War I]. Compiled by Janet Cumming McLennan for Professor E.R. Burton, Director of the McLennan Laboratories 1941".

B1998-0014 (3 boxes): Accession includes files relating to related to Montagnes' publishing and research activities: manuscripts, correspondence, and notes for articles published in the *Varsity Graduate* and writing for other University of Toronto and external organizations.

B2008-0002 (1 box, 1 photograph): Accession includes correspondence with J. Burgeon Bickersteth (1940-1944), Hart House committee files, and interviews for 'In return: The autobiography of Sigmund Samuel' (1963).

B2024-0014(1 banker box, 1 photograph, 4 digital files): Material includes speaking notes and articles written while at UTP and on leave to run a training programme in the Philippines, correspondence with J.B. Bickersteth during the writing of "An uncommon fellowship: The Story of Hart House", and a presentation on Taddle Creek.

Arrangement: Records are arranged and described per accession. Files within each accession follow distinct arrangements, please see respective file listings for more specific detail.

Access: Open

Boxes: B1989-0033/001 - /002
B1998-0014/001-/003, /001P
B2008-0002/001, /001P
B2024-0014/001, /001P

Related material:

[Hart House fonds](#)

[John Burgeon Bickersteth fonds](#)

[University of Toronto Press Incorporated fonds](#)

Appendix

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Accession B1998-0014

Professional and personal files

File number	File title	Date range
B1998-0014/001(01)-(02)	Association of American University Presses. Annual Convention, Toronto, 1967	1966-1967
B1998-0014/001(03) – (05)	Hart House 50 th Anniversary	1968-1970
B1998-0014/001(06) – (07)	Hart House – Burgon Bickersteth 90 th Birthday. Photographs of celebration removed to /001P (01) – (03); also includes one photo of Bickersteth on a horse, 1933	1977-1978
B1998-0014/001(08)	Hermant, Sydney – Nomination for chancellor	1947-1984
B1998-0014/001(09)	University College: Discipline in the University. A questionnaire prepared with Horace Krever for the University College Alumni Association	1968-1969
B1998-0014/001(10)	University of Toronto. Presidential advisory committee on policy and planning. Report “The University in Summer” by Dean T.H.B. Symons	1960
B1998-0014/001(11)	University of Toronto. Presidential advisory committee on policy and planning. Report “The planning and operation of some new residential colleges” by Dean T.H. B. Symons	1961
B1998-0014/001(12)	U. of T. Press. Birth of a journal <i>Scholarly Publishing</i>	1969
B1998-0014/002(01)	U.of T. Press. Special exhibit, including the Vinland Map, in the ROM	1967
B1998-0014/002(02)	The Varsity. 100 th Anniversary Reunion Dinner, 19 March 1980	1980
B1998-0014/002(03)	The Varsity Board – includes consideration of incorporation and appearance before the Caput	1968-1970
B1998-0014/002(04)	The Varsity Sesquicentennial Reunion dinner	1977

Research files (for articles in Varsity Graduate)

File number	File title	Date range
B1998-0014/002(05)	Admission of women to U of T. 75 years later	1959
B1998-0014/002(06)	Bladen report – transcript of interview with Vincent Bladen concerning his work as the Royal Commissioner on the automotive industry 24 August 1961	1960 -1961
B1998-0014/002(07)	Class of 2T3 Engineering	n.d.
B1998-0014/002(08)	Dictionary of Canadian Biography – founding and Volume 1	1961
B1998-0014/002(09)	Distinguished Alumni, Class of 3T6	1961

File number	File title	Date range
B1998-0014/002(10)	Dunlap, Mr. And Mrs. David	1960
B1998-0014/002(11)	Eaton Bequest (Sir John and Lady)	1959
B1998-0014/002(12)	Forbes, Sandy (driver for Sidney Smith)	n.d.
B1998-0014/002(13)	Gooderham gift establishing Connaught Laboratories	1961
B1998-0014/002(14)	Massey College opening	1963
B1998-0014/002(15)	Needler, George H. professor of German	1958-1960
B1998-0014/002(16)	Planning of university campus – notes from interviews with Professor C.F. Morrison, head of Civil engineering, Dean Frank Whetmore (Arts), Mr. F.J. Hastie, Superintendent of Grounds.	1959
B1998-0014/002(17)	Research endowment into Parkinsonism (Playfair). Transcripts of interviews with Dean J. A. MacFarlane, Dr. John A. Scott, Dr. J.C. Richardson, Dr. J. Olszewski, Dr. H.H. Botterell	Feb. 1961
B1998-0014/002(18)	Urquart, F.A. (Monarch butterfly migration)	1960
B1998-0014/002(19)	The Varsity Distinguished former staff members	1960-1961
B1998-0014/002(20)	Women's athletics – history	1961-1962
B1998-0014/002(21)	Women's athletics building	1959 -1960

Research notes and files for other purposes:

File number	File title	Date range
B1998-0014/003(01)	Bequest booklet , 1970. Material for a booklet about bequests to the U of T. and their impact.	1970 – 1971
B1998-0014/003(02)	History of <i>Press notes</i> (U. of T. Press)- monthly newsletter	1964 - 1968
B1998-0014/003(03)	MacFarlane, J.A. – article for <i>Globe & Mail</i>	1960
B1998-0014/003(04)	Pearson, Lester B.	1963
B1998-0014/003(05)	Private presses (for <i>Press Notes</i>)	1963 – 1970
B1998-0014/003(06)	University College Fire of 1890 (for Department of Private Funding keepsake) – Copies of historical photographs relating to fire have been removed to /001P(04)	1978
B1998-0014/003(07)	W.L. M. King as a student strike leader in 1890 (for The Varsity anniversary issue of 29 Nov. 1955)	1955

Accession B2008-0002

Hart House and Sigmund Samuel research material:

File number	File title	Date range
B2008-0002/001(01)	Letter, George Walter to Ian Montagnes re J. B. Bickersteth	July 16, 1962
B2008-0002/001(02)	Correspondence, J.B. Bickersteth to colleagues in Toronto during WWII	1940-1944

File number	File title	Date range
B2008-0002/001 (03)	Letter to J. B. Bickersteth from Ian Montagnes enclosing lists of stewards of Hart House from 1919-1965. Information used by Mr. Montagnes for his history of Hart House.	Aug. 23, 1965
B2008-0002/001 (04)	Interview notes by Ian Montagnes with Joseph McCulley, former Warden of Hart House	1961
B2008-0002/001 (05)	Interview notes by Ian Montagnes [?] on Sigmund Samuel	1960-1961
B2008-0002/001 (06)	Sigmund Samuel biographical notes from sources in the Royal Ontario Museum and the Canadiana Gallery. Ian Montagnes wrote and finished the biography after the death of Sigmund Samuel	[196-]
B2008-0002/001P	Photo of Roy Mitchell, first director of Hart House Theatre (1919-1921), with 2 unidentified men, in front of Hart House. B&W	[ca. 1919 – 1921]

Accession B2024-0014

File number	File title	Date range
B2024-0014/001 (01)-(02)	Correspondence with Burgon Bickersteth Re: Hart House [2 files]. Photograph removed, see B2024-0014/001P	1954, 1962 – 1970
B2024-0014/001P	Hart House Debate Room, group portrait, Jean Lesage [?] facing camera, front row, flanked by Michael Levine and Horace Krever	[196-?]
B2024-0014/001 (03)-(05)	Drafts, speeches, and articles: 1967 – 1979 [3 files]	1967 – 1979
B2024-0014/001 (06)-(08)	Drafts, speeches, and articles: 1980 – 1986 [3 files]	1980 – 1986
B2024-0014/001 (09)-(11)	Drafts, speeches, and articles: 1986 – 2007 [3 files]	1886 – 2007
B2024-0014/001 (12)	"My years at the Royal Ontario Museum (1963 – 6)"	[ca. 2014]
B2024-0014/001 (13)	Taddle Creek slideshow, introduction and script	2024
B2024-0014.001DR	Taddle Creek presentation [four files: slides, presentation script and introduction]	2024
B2024-0014/001 (14)	"To Whom I Belong. A Memoir" Ian Montagnes	2024
B2024-0014/001 (15)	CV	2024