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Summary information

Repository: Victoria University Archives
Title: Joan M. Bigwood fonds
ID: 2185
Category [alternative]: Administrators / Faculty personal papers
Date: 1966-2016 (date of creation)

Physical description: 48 cm of textual records
 4 photographs
 23 3.5 inch floppy disks (unprocessed)

Dates of creation, revision and deletion:

Note [generalNote]: The 3.5 inch floppy disks containing drafts of articles have not been processed awaiting availability of an archival digital repository [as of July 2017].

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Born in Stonehaven (Aberdeenshire), Scotland in 1937, Joan M. Bigwood was the third of four children of a Presbyterian minister. As a youth she was an accomplished cellist and played in the Scottish National Youth Orchestra. She received her Master's degree in Latin & Greek in 1958 from the University of St. Andrews. After a year at the Moray House College of Education in Edinburgh (1958-1959), she went to Cambridge, MA on a full scholarship from Radcliffe College to pursue doctoral studies in Classics (Latin & Greek) at Harvard University. She completed her PhD there in 1964 with a dissertation entitled "Ctesias of Cnidus." That same year, she was hired by Victoria College as a Lecturer (1964-1966) and Don of the Victoria University Women's Residence (1964-1967). She became an Assistant Professor in 1966 and made an Associate Professor in 1975. She retired from the Department of Classics in 2001. Professor Bigwood's area of research specialization was Greek history of the fifth and fourth centuries BCE, to which she joined an interest in the history and antiquities of Achaemenid Persia. She published a series of articles in this area dealing with a wide range of subjects, from Ctesias as a historian of the Persian Wars (Phoenix 32 [1978] 19-41) and of India (Phoenix 43 [1989] 302-16), to his description of the city of Babylon and its monuments (AJAH 3 [1978] 32-52, and his understanding of North West India in Achaemenid times (JHS 115 [1995] 135-40). Her research mainly focused on how ancient authors worked, how Greeks perceived non-Greek peoples and cultures, and questions of trade and cultural exchange. After her retirement in 2001, she turned her attention to the investigation of the representation

of Persian women in Greek historiography, with articles on incestuous marriage in Achaemenid Iran, the Parthian queen Mousa, the queen-mother Sisygambis, and women in the ancient accounts of Alexander. Over her long career at Victoria College, she served in a variety of capacities, from her initial service as a Don in the women's residence to her long-running service as Discipline Group Representative in Classics. She also served a term as Undergraduate Coordinator in the Department of Classics from 1992-1995 and participated regularly in the annual "High School Classics Day" which brought local high school students to the University of Toronto campus. She also served a term on the Editorial Board of *Phoenix*, Journal of the Classical Association of Canada from 1981-1984.

Joan M. Bigwood died on February 16, 2017, at the age of 80.

Custodial history

After Joan Bigwood's death, the material was in the possession of Stephen Rupp and Mary Griffith

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records related to the teaching and writing career of Joan M. Bigwood. Records include lecture notes, course administration and course material (outlines, assignments, exams, etc.), research notes, copies of articles, bibliographies, correspondence, etc. Also includes draft typescripts and notes related to articles that were eventually published as well as reviews written by Joan M. Bigwood on other academic articles.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of the fonds

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were donated to the Victoria College Book Sale in 2017.
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Photographs are described in the archives photograph database under accession 2017.09.: <http://archival-photos.vicu.utoronto.ca/>

Accruals

No further accruals are anticipated.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

- **Institution identifier:** Victoria University Archives

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs and art (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Series 2185-1: Records related to teaching and lectures

Date: 1966-2000 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists mainly of rough notes for course lectures that Bigwood taught through the U of T Classics Department (including lectures for the High School Classics Day program). Also consists of course materials, including reading lists, copies of exams and assignments, bibliographies, as well as course descriptions and summary course evaluations.

Series also consists of administrative records related to the Department and Victoria College, including Joan Bigwood's work as a Don of Women's Residence.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records
4 photographs

Finding aids:

Photographs are described in the photograph database: <http://archival-photos.vicu.utoronto.ca/>

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2185-1-2017.09V-1-1	File - CLA 216 - Introduction and Ionian Revolt	[198-]		
2185-1-2017.09V-1-2	File - CLA 230F - [Introduction to Greek History] Introduction and Bibliography	[199-]		
2185-1-2017.09V-1-3	File - CLA 230F [Notes and newspaper clippings]	1994-1996		
2185-1-2017.09V-1-4	File - CLA 230 - Delian League and Empire [notes]	[199?]		
2185-1-2017.09V-1-5	File - History 1 - Greek Tyranny 230F [notes]	1995		

2185-1-2017.09V-1-6	File - GRH 219 Isocrates [course bibliography, topics, notes]	[198?]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-7	File - Notes for lectures - Republic lectures	1999	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-8	File - Notes for lectures - Lucian [includes questionnaire for students GRK 2100H and GRK 2101H]	2000	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-9	File - Notes for lectures - Plutarch	1999	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-10	File - Notes for lectures - Xenophon	2000	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-11	File - Notes for lectures - Strabo	[2000]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-12	File - Notes for lectures - Polybius	2000	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-13	File - Notes for lectures - Aristotle	1999	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-14	File - CLA 345 - Sicily Expedition [notes]	[199?]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-15	File - Women and everyday life lecture [notes]	[199?]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-16	File - History 1 - Solm [notes]	[199?]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-17	File - CLA 230 - Dark Ages and Geometric Period	[199?]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-18	File - History 1 - Colonisation	[199?]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-19	File - Persian Wars lecture [notes for CLA 230]	[199?]	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-20	File - Robson Lecutes [Policy Committee minutes, agendas, regulations, correspondence, notes]	1987-1995	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-21	File - Course evaluation summaries and survey summary results	1974-2000	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-22	File - [Copies of course exams, assignments, reading lists and other course material]	1971-1997	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-23	File - Department of Classics course calendar	1975	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-24	File - High School Classics Day lecture notes - "Guests of the Great King"	1991	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-25	File - High School Classics Day lecture notes "Herodotus, Thucydides and Women"	1991	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-26	File - Department 94-95 / Women's Classical Caucus	1993-1995	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-27	File - Department of Classics [memos and meeting material]	1999-2001	
2185-1-2017.09V-1-28	File - External Review of the Department of Classics	1994	File is restricted until 2024 in keeping with relevant privacy and access legislation. Contact archivist for details on access.
2185-1-2017.09V-1-36	File - Xerxes and marvellous animals - notes for High School Talk	1986	

Series 2185-2: Research notes and article drafts

Date: 1970-2016 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of research notes, bibliographical notes, notes and rough drafts, typescripts, etc. of articles that Joan Bigwood later published. Also includes several offprints from journals of her articles. Series also consists of a selection of index cards with bibliographical notes.

Physical description: 30 cm of textual materialPublication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2185-2-2017.09V-1-29	File - Babylon - recent excavations [notes]	1972?		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-30	File - Ethics in Babylon [notes and draft introduction?]	[197?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-31	File - Babylon notes	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-32	File - Baybylon [notes and comments from others on article draft for "Ctesias"]	1978		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-33	File - Babylon - [?] sources	[197?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-34	File - Babylon - Topography [notes and bibliography]	[197?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-35	File - [?] Notes and Commentary	[197?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-37	File - Notes on Hägg - Photius	1977		
2185-2-2017.09V-1-38	File - Recent Photius Notes	1974-1979		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-1	File - Notes on Artabanus	[197?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-2	File - Ctesias - Archeological notes (including griffins and scorpions)	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-3	File - Heracleium - important notes	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-4	File - Individuals Cunaxa [notes]	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-5	File - Athenian orders [notes]	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-6	File - Didyma	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-7	File - Babylon under Xerxes - old notes	[197?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-8	File - Textiles, carpets, etc. [notes]	1991		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-9	File - Eudoxus [notes]	1991		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-10	File - Sparta [notes]	[199-]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-11	File - Hesiod's Works and Days [notes]	[199-]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-12	File - 6th Century attitudes and values [notes]	[199-]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-13	File - Notes for Diodorus and Ctesias	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-14	File - Diadorus II [notes]	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-15	File - Persian weapons [notes]	[198?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-16	File - Slavery [notes]	[199?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-17	File - Skin colour [notes]	[199?]		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-18	File - Indian women / Persian women [notes]	1992		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-19	File - Persian women [notes]	1995		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-20	File - Elephants [notes]	1988-1989		
2185-2-2017.09V-2-21	File - Aristotle and elephants [notes]	1991		

2185-2-2017.09V-2-22	File - Aristotle and elephants chief notes	1991
2185-2-2017.09V-2-23	File - Aristotle and elephants - draft 2	1991
2185-2-2017.09V-2-24	File - Aristotle - latest draft 3	1991
2185-2-2017.09V-2-25	File - Aristotle and elephants - draft 1	1991
2185-2-2017.09V-2-26	File - Inconsistencies in Aristotle's view of elephants	1991
2185-2-2017.09V-2-27	File - India [notes]	1985
2185-2-2017.09V-2-28	File - India [notes]	1986
2185-2-2017.09V-2-29	File - India - [gh arts?]	1985
2185-2-2017.09V-2-30	File - India - siptachora and other products [notes]	1985
2185-2-2017.09V-2-31	File - India - Aelian, Pliny, etc. [notes]	[198-]
2185-2-2017.09V-2-32	File - India [notes]	1987
2185-2-2017.09V-2-33	File - Indians in Babylon, The Achaemenids and India, etc. [notes]	1988-1989
2185-2-2017.09V-2-34	File - India notes	1990
2185-2-2017.09V-3-1	File - Autopsy - Ctesias [notes]	1989
2185-2-2017.09V-3-2	File - Autopsy - article and outlines	1989-1993
2185-2-2017.09V-3-3	File - Mantichora notes	[198?]
2185-2-2017.09V-3-4	File - Mantichoras draft	[198?]
2185-2-2017.09V-3-5	File - Xerxes - notes	[198?]
2185-2-2017.09V-3-6	File - Outlines of articles on Ctesias' Indica	1989
2185-2-2017.09V-3-7	File - Notes on A.G. Roos ' Arriani Indica ["De arriani indicae dialecto inonica']	[198?]
2185-2-2017.09V-3-8	File - Incestuous notes	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-3-9	File - Notes (Incestuous) July-November	2005
2185-2-2017.09V-3-11	File - Incestuous - Xerxes notes pre-2008	2005-2006
2185-2-2017.09V-3-12	File - Stateira and Sisygambis [notes]	1997
2185-2-2017.09V-3-13	File - Sisygambis and Stateira - notes II	1997
2185-2-2017.09V-3-14	File - Sisygambis and Stateira Draft summary of, Sisygambis draft 04 and notes, notes on the women	2004 1997
2185-2-2017.09V-3-15	File - Sisygambis article - text and notes [typescript]	2007
2185-2-2017.09V-3-16	File - Sisygambis article [notes and annotated typescript]	2007
2185-2-2017.09V-3-17	File - Sisygambis print-out 11 August [notes and annotated typescript]	2007
2185-2-2017.09V-3-18	File - Sisygambis text and notes printed February 10 (notes at end)	2009
2185-2-2017.09V-3-19	File - Incestuous - Appiz father of Sisygambis [notes]	2006-2007
2185-2-2017.09V-3-20	File - "Incestuous Marriage in Achaemenid Iran: Myths and Realities" [offprint]	2009
2185-2-2017.09V-3-21	File - "Some Parthian Queens in Greek and Babylonian Documents" [offprint]	2008
2185-2-2017.09V-3-22	File - "Queen Mousa, Mother and Wife(?) of King Phraatakes of Parthia: A Re-Evaluation of the Evidence." [offprint]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-3-23	File - Astyanax [notes]	2016

2185-2-2017.09V-3-24	File - Drafts - athletics and wonder [w?], dance [notes]	2014-2016
2185-2-2017.09V-3-25	File - Entertainment [notes]	2014-2016
2185-2-2017.09V-4-1	File - Index cards [bibliographical notes]	1984-1986
2185-2-2017.09V-4-2	File - [Endnotes for draft typescript - unknown article]	[200-]
2185-2-2017.09V-4-3	File - May - June 04 - Notes for Documentary	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-4	File - Documentary - recent extra notes	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-5	File - Documentary 26 July 04 [annotated typescript "Some Parthian Queens in Greek and Babylonian Documents]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-6	File - Documentary - [end]notes 3 May [annotated typescript]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-7	File - Text for documentary, May [annotated typescript]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-8	File - Bibliography - Documentary [handwritten and typescript]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-9	File - Changes for Documentary [notes]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-10	File - [Correspondence with Mouseion re article proofs and changes to be made]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-11	File - Illustrations [for article]	2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-12	File - Draft titles [notes]	2002-2004
2185-2-2017.09V-4-13	File - Draft - wild ass [notes]	1989
2185-2-2017.09V-4-14	File - [Articles by Klaus Karttunen and notes]	1981-1991
2185-2-2017.09V-4-15	File - Additions for Persian Wars article [notes]	[198?]
2185-2-2017.09V-4-16	File - Ctesias' Parrot - changes [annotated typescript and notes]	1992
2185-2-2017.09V-4-17	File - Rough work - im? article Summer 1992	1992

Series 2185-3: Notes for Reviews

Date: 1978-2016 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of notes and drafts of reviews of other people's work that were published in academic journals.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2185-3-2017.09V-4-18	File - Notes for review Stoneman, Xerxes	2015-2016		

2185-3-2017.09V-4-19	File - Xerxes - Review sent 18 May [Bigwood review of Stoneman for Mouseion]	2015
2185-3-2017.09V-4-20	File - Comments on Indic Perspective [Assessment for "An Indic Perspective on the Graeco-Roman Elephant" - typescript of MS and correspondence]	2002
2185-3-2017.09V-4-21	File - Review of Evans [Notes and annotated typescript of review of "Herodotus" by J.A.S. Evans]	1982
2185-3-2017.09V-4-22	File - Notes for review, Lewis Sparta and Persia	1978
2185-3-2017.09V-4-23	File - [Notes for review] Flory and Long	1989