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John D. Robins fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Victoria University Archives
Title:	John D. Robins fonds
ID:	2155
Category [alternative]:	Administrators / Faculty personal papers
Date:	1909–1952 (date of creation)
Physical description:	60 cm of textual records 3 photographs
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

John D. Robins was a professor, creative writer and editor of note who had a lengthy and distinguished teaching career at Victoria University. Born in Windsor, Ontario in 1884, to Thomas Brackhill Robins and Elizabeth Snelson Plant, he attended Albert College in Belleville before graduating with a B.A. (1913) and M.A. (1922) from Victoria University, and a Ph.d. from University of Chicago (1927). He began his teaching career at Victoria as a Lecturer in German in 1910, went on to become a Professor of English and Head of the Department, 1941–1952, while also serving as the Librarian, 1945–1952. In addition to his academic endeavors, he edited the highly regarded “A Pocketful of Canada” (1946), and wrote the popular non-fiction book “The Incomplete Anglers” (1944), as well as the novel “Cottage Cheese” (1951), and was also recognized for his knowledge of folklore. John D. Robins died suddenly in 1952.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of the following series: Records relating to teaching, 1924–1952; Records relating to writing and editing, 1944–1951; and Student records, 1909–1913, [ca. 1926].

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

Gift
1990.093V

Finding aids

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

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

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

Series 2155-1: Records relating to teaching

Date: 1924-1952 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of lectures and addresses, 1946-1952, and lectures (including drafts and plans), and research and teaching notes, 1924-1951.

Physical description: 24 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2155-1-1990.093V 1-1	File - Lectures/Addresses: Various	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-2	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Angry and tolerant humour"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-3	File - Lectures/Addresses: "The author and his public in the Age before Caxton"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-4	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Ballad and broadside in America"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-5	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Ballad and broadside in English-speaking America"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-6	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Ballad authorship"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-7	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Ballads and broadsides II–Negro folk songs"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-8	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Ballads and broadsides III–Cowboy songs and sailor chanties"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-9	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Ballads and broadsides IV–Songs of the lumberjacks"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-10	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Ballads and folksongs"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-11	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Beowulf"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-12	File - Lectures/Addresses: "The broadside"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-13	File - Lectures/Addresses: "A few remarks about humour"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-14	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Folklore"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-15	File - Lectures/Addresses: "The folksong in Ontario"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-16	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Haliburton and Leacock"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-17	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Humour"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-18	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Humour in Canadian life and literature"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-19	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Humour of Dickens"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-20	File - Lectures/Addresses: "A literary Gallup Poll"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-21	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Scott and the ballad"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-22	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Some observations on Sir Walter Scott's use of the marvelous"	[between 1946-1952]		
2155-1-1990.093V 1-23	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Stephen Leacock"	[between 1946-1952]		

2155-1-1990.093V 1-24	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Thirty-nine years at Victoria"	[between 1946-1952]
2155-1-1990.093V 1-25	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Troilus and Criseyde"	[between 1946-1952]
2155-1-1990.093V 1-26	File - Lectures/Addresses: "The uselessness of libraries"	[between 1946-1952]
2155-1-1990.093V 1-27	File - Lectures/Addresses: "What Canadians have laughed at"	[between 1946-1952]
2155-1-1990.093V 1-28	File - Lectures/Addresses: "Wild animals you may not have known"	[between 1946-1952]
2155-1-1990.093V 1-29	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Various	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 1-30	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Beowulf	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-1	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Canterbury Tales	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-2	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Cynewulf's poems	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-3	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Folklore	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-4	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Glossary of Newfoundland words and phrases	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-5	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Literary fragments	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-6	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: History of the English language	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-7	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Old English/Middle English/History of the language	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-8	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: "Sir Gawain and the Green Knight"	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-9	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Ten Commandment's song	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 2-10	File - Lectures /research and teaching notes: Virginia Woolf	[between 1924-1951]
2155-1-1990.093V 3-6	File - [Teaching - Stats, Schedule, and Course Proposal]	ca 1940

Series 2155-2: Records relating to writing and editing

Date: 1944-1951 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of articles, fragments, notes, and correspondence regarding the editing of *A Pocketful of Canada*, published in 1946. Also includes drafts, typescripts, and other records regarding various fiction and non-fiction works, 1944-1951.

Physical description: 30 cm of textual records
2 photographs

Publication status:

Published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2155-2-1990.093V 3-1	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Notes]	ca 1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-2	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Articles]	ca 1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-3	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Articles]	ca 1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-4	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Articles]	ca 1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-5	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Articles and Notes]	ca 1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-7	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Correspondence]	1944-1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-8	File - Personal Correspondence	1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-9	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Notes and Articles]	ca 1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-10	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Correspondence]	1945		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-11	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Notes, Articles, Correspondence]	ca 1945		
2155-2-1990.093V 3-12	File - [A Pocketful of Canada - Notes and Correspondence]	ca 1944		
2155-2-1990.093V 4-1 to 28	File - "A Pocketful of Canada" - Articles	1946		
2155-2-1990.093V 4-29	File - "The Incomplete Anglers" - First and second drafts and revision	1941		
2155-2-1990.093V 4-30	File - "The Incomplete Anglers" - Final draft and galley proofs	1943		
2155-2-1990.093V 4-31	File - "The Incomplete Anglers" - Memorandum of agreement	1943		
2155-2-1990.093V 4-32	File - "The Incomplete Anglers" - Review by J.D.R.	1944		
2155-2-1990.093V 4-33	File - "Cottage Cheese" - Typescript Part I	[195-]		
2155-2-1990.093V 5-1 to 3	File - "Cottage Cheese" - Typescript Parts II-IV	[195-]		
2155-2-1990.093V 5-4	File - "Cottage Cheese" - Memorandum of agreement	[195-]		
2155-2-1990.093V 5-5	File - Manuscript/typescript of untitled novel	[195?]		
2155-2-1990.093V 5-6	File - Article on Lawren Harris published in "Canadian Review"	1944		
2155-2-1990.093V 5-7	File - Review of "A Social Departure" for C.B.C.	1951		

Series 2155-3: Student records

Date: [ca. 1926] (date of creation)

Date: 1909-1913 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of class notebooks, 1909-1913; and notes for Ph.d. thesis, [ca. 1926].

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2155-3-1990.093V 5-8	File - Class notebooks: English/First Year	1909-1913A		
2155-3-1990.093V 5-9	File - Class notebooks: English– Professors Stevenson and Wallace	1909-1913		
2155-3-1990.093V 5-10	File - Class notebooks: English– Professor Pelham Edgar	1909-1913		
2155-3-1990.093V 5-11	File - Class notebooks: Courses taken in Germany	1909-1913		
2155-3-1990.093V 5-12	File - Ph.D. Thesis - Rough notes	[ca. 1926]		
2155-3-1990.093V 5-13	File - Ph.D. Thesis - Further notes	[ca. 1926]		