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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Victoria University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	John A. Irving fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	2121
<b>Category [alternative]:</b>	Administrators / Faculty personal papers
<b>Date:</b>	1948-1962 (date of creation)
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

John Allan Irving was born in Drumbo, Ontario in 1903. He entered Victoria College in 1922 and graduated in 1926 with the Regent's Gold Medal. He completed two Master's Degrees at Trinity College, Cambridge and started his teaching career at Princeton University. He returned to Victoria College in 1944 to teach ethics and social philosophy. He also became the head of the Ethic Department. John Allen Irving died in 1965.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of personal correspondence/subject files of Professor John Irving, 1948-1962.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Immediate source of acquisition

Unknown. Records were not accessioned when originally acquired.  
1997.047V

Transfer from Lakehead University.  
2023.16V

### Alternative form available

Several files also have photocopies available. See file level description for details.

### Related material

For related materials see the John Allan Irving Papers (Manuscript Collection MS COLL 00132) in the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto.

For other related materials at the Victoria University Archives, see Fonds 2071 - Victoria University (Toronto, Ont.). Philosophy Department.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

## Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
2121-1997.047V1-1	<b>File - Correspondence 1948-1955</b>	1948-1955	
2121-1997.047V1-2	<b>File - Correspondence 1954-1958</b>	1954-1958	
2121-1997.047V1-3	<b>File - Correspondence 1956</b>	1956	
2121-1997.047V1-4	<b>File - Correspondence 1957-1960</b>	1957-1960	
2121-1997.047V1-5	<b>File - Correspondence 1959-1962</b>	1959-1962	
2121-1997.047V1-6	<b>File - Guggenheim Fellowship</b>	1954-1955	
2121-1997.047V1-7	<b>File - Notes for Talks and Galley Pages</b>	[ca. 1956]	
2121-1997.047V1-8	<b>File - Organizations and Associations 1952-1954</b>	1952-1954	
2121-1997.047V1-9	<b>File - Organizations and Associations 1955</b>	1955	
2121-1997.047V1-10	<b>File - Organizations and Associations Meetings 1956-1959</b>	1956-1959	
2121-1997.047V1-11	<b>File - Organizations and Associations 1958-1961</b>	1958-1961	
2121-1997.047V1-12	<b>File - Summer Sessions - University of Alberta</b>	1954, 1956, 1958	
2121-1997.047V1-13	<b>File - Who's Who</b>	1947-1949	
2121-2023.16V1-1	<b>File - Philosophy in Canada: I Dalhousie University</b>	[ca. 1950]	
2121-2023.16V1-2	<b>File - History of Philosophy in Canada: Dalhousie Material</b>	1949-1950	

2121-2023.16V1-3	<b>File - II Acadia University</b>	[ca. 1950]	
2121-2023.16V1-4	<b>File - Philosophy IV Mount Allison University</b>	[ca. 1950]	
2121-2023.16V1-5	<b>File - The Old &amp; The New D.C. Harney</b>	[ca. 1950]	
2121-2023.16V1-6	<b>File - Philosophy in Canada: I Dalhousie University</b>	n.d.	Photocopies
2121-2023.16V1-7	<b>File - History of Philosophy in Canada: Dalhousie Material</b>	n.d.	Photocopies
2121-2023.16V1-8	<b>File - The Old &amp; The New D.C. Harney</b>	n.d.	Photocopies