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Wallace, Malcolm William

Biographical sketch

Malcolm William Wallace was born in May 1873 to Albert D. Wallace, sometime Warden of Essex County, Ontario, and the former Jean Hanna. He attended Windsor Collegiate Institute (later J. C. Patterson Collegiate) and then studied Modern Languages at University College, graduating from the University of Toronto with a B.A. in 1896. He subsequently did graduate work at the University of Chicago, attaining his PhD in 1889.¹

Wallace's first academic appointment was at Beloit College in Wisconsin, where he was Root Professor of English and Rhetoric until he returned to University College in 1904 as lecturer in English. From 1906 to 1911 he was the registrar of University College. He was appointed associate professor of English in 1909 and full professor in 1916. In 1926 he succeeded William John Alexander as head of the Department of English in University College and two years later Maurice Hutton as Principal of University College. He retired in 1944, having been asked to stay on for a year after the mandatory retirement age of 70.

During World War I, Professor Wallace served with the University of Toronto Overseas Training Company, rising to the rank of captain and second-in-command from March 1916 until the end of the war. He was discharged on 2 January 1919.

Principal Wallace "believed that the scholar had a duty to society to provide leadership for the public mind" and stood for "earnest and meticulous scholarship" from his students and academics alike. In the post-war years he turned more of his attention to international affairs, particularly the United Nations and the issue of colour prejudice. He was the author of *the Life of Sir Philip Sidney* and edited the *Prose Works of John Milton*. He also wrote a study for the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences (the Massey Commission).

A popular speaker, Principal Wallace lectured widely in Canada and the United States, in person and on the air. He served in various educational capacities, serving as president of the Ontario Educational Association and the Canadian Institute for International Affairs. He was a member of the Committee on Farm Radio Broadcasts and the Atlanta Negro University Commission.

In acknowledgment of his work, Principal Wallace was awarded honorary degrees from McMaster University (1930), Queen's University (1943) and Northwestern University. For his work with the Young Men's Christian Association, he received a life membership in 1951.

Dr. Wallace died at his home, 91 Walmer Road in Toronto, on 7 April 1960. He was survived by his wife, the former May Pitkin, who died in 1976, and two children, both professors at the University of Toronto: William Pitkin Wallace and Mary Elisabeth Wallace.

¹ Sources: A1973-0026/492(83); alumni card, A2003-0005/ ; people file – 'Malcolm William Wallace'

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Textual, publications, 1843-1955, 0.35 m. + 3 oversized folder

Personal records of Malcolm William Wallace, professor of English in and Principal of University College, consisting of personal and biographical material, drafts and copies of his writings and addresses, and material on the history and functioning of the University of Toronto and University College, from the opening of King's College in 1843. Included is the University of Toronto Overseas Training Company's "Record of Service" book, with a number of loose items, that Wallace compiled while second-in-command of the Company during World War I; his study for the Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences (Massey Commission); and the Alexander Lectures for 1950-1951.

Access: Open

Related accession:

Wallace, Mary Elisabeth, B1990-0016

Textual, graphic, 1888-1986, 1.84 m.

Correspondence, diaries, course and lecture notes, addresses, notes, manuscripts and publications, subject files and photoprints documenting the careers of Professors Alexander Brady and Malcolm Wallace.

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Series 1: Personal and biographical

Textual, publications, 1913-1953, 0.01 cm.

This series consists of articles and poems celebrating the professional life of Malcolm Wallace, along with letters addressed to him and his wife.

Accession/box(file)	Description	Date(s)
B2018-0011/003	Honorary degree, McMaster University, 24 November, 1930. Certificate	1930
B2018-0011/001(01)	Rasky, Frank. "Wallace: Scholar and teacher," <i>Undegraduate</i> , Winter issue 1943-1944, 4-8	1944
B2018-0011/001(02)	<i>University College Bulletin</i> , 1943	1943
B2018-0011/001(03)	<i>University College Bulletin</i> , 1944	1944
B2018-0011/001(04)	"Two valued members of the University staff to retire," <i>University of Toronto Monthly</i> , XLIV, 7 (April 1944) 195	1944
B2018-0011/001(04)	"Principal Wallace honoured at U.C. dinner," <i>University of Toronto Monthly</i> , XLIV, 8 (May 1944) 231-232	1944
B2018-0011/001(05)	"To the Principal," poem recited at the farewell dinner for Principal Wallace, 25 May 1944. Mimeo	1944
B2018-0011/001(06)	"Concilium professorum", poem for Principal Wallace	[1944]
B2018-0011/001(07)	Two letters: to Principal Wallace from William Mulock, 1943-01-23; to Mrs. Wallace from Mary Joyce (Joy) Hutton Wrong re John McCaul, 1953-04-26	1943, 1953
B2018-0011/005	Ontario. Department of Mines. Map of Toronto and vicinity	1913

Series 2: Manuscripts and publications

Textual, publications, 1928-1955, 0.04 m.

The manuscripts and publications in this series form a small representation of Principal Wallace's literary output, but they do provide a sense of the breadth of his interests and the activities to which he devoted himself after his retirement in 1944.

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Series 2: Manuscripts and publications

Accession/box(file)	Description	Date(s)
B2018-0011/001(08)	Book reviews, 1937, 1939, 1946	1937-1946
B2018-0011/001(09)	"The reputation of Sir Philip Sidney," <i>Johns Hopkins Alumni Magazine</i> , XVII, 1 (November 1928), 21 p.	1928
B2018-0011/001(10)	"Education for the professions," <i>School and society</i> , 34, No. 869 (1931-08-22), 239-249	1931
B2018-0011/001(11)	"The centenary of Sir Walter Scott," <i>University of Toronto Quarterly</i> , II, 1 (October 1932) 111-132	1932
B2018-0011/001(12)	"The English poetic tradition," <i>University of Toronto Quarterly</i> , IV, 1 (October 1934) 131-134	1934
B2018-0011/001(13)	"University College", MSS	[193-?]
B2018-0011/004	"University College". Printer's proofs	[193-?]
B2018-0011/001(14)	"To the graduating class of University College," <i>Torontonensis</i> , XXXVII (1935) 20. Handwritten draft	1935
B2018-0011/001(15)	"Foreward", <i>The Undergraduate</i> , VI, 1 (1936) 9	1936
B2018-0011/001(16)	"To the graduating class of University College," <i>Torontonensis</i> , XXXVIII (1936) 20. Typescript	1936
B2018-0011/001(17)	"To the graduating class of University College," <i>Torontonensis</i> , XXXIX (1937) 22. Typescript	1937
B2018-0011/001(18)	"Dr. Herbert George Locke (1870-1937)"	1937
B2018-0011/001(19)	"Foreward", <i>The Undergraduate</i> , IX, 1 (1938) 4	1936
B2018-0011/001(20)	"William John Alexander," <i>University of Toronto Quarterly</i> , IV, 1 (October 1944) 33 p.	1944
B2018-0011/001(21)	"The human situation today," <i>International Journal</i> , 1, 1 (November 1945)	1945
B2018-0011/001(22)	"Report of the Committee on Farm Radio Broadcasts"	[194-?]
B2018-0011/001(23)	"The U.N. – A symbol," <i>United Nations News</i> , VI, 7 (September 1948) 4, 5, 14	1948
B2018-0011/001(24)	"The present status of the humanities in Canada: a study submitted to the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences". Handwritten draft, with covering letter	1950-1951
B2018-0011/001(25)	"Pessimism about world affairs," TSS, May, 1951	1951
B2018-0011/001(26)	"B. K. Sandwell," <i>Canadian Forum</i> , January 1955, 219	1955

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Series 3: Addresses

Textual, 1936-1954, 0.09 m.

This series contains a small representation of addresses given by Principal Wallace, ranging from students to radio broadcasts nationwide. The arrangement is chronological.

Accession/box(file)	Description	Date(s)
B2018-0011/001(27)	"Christianity and literature," address to C.R.C.T, 1936-02-12, with a note by George Sidney Brett	1936
B2018-0011/001(28)	Address on the occasion of the death of Herbert George Locke [February 1937]. TSS	1937
B2018-0011/001(29)	Address to the undergraduates of University College at the opening of the fall term, 1937. TSS	1937
B2018-0011/001(30)	Graduating address to the student of J. C. Patterson Collegiate, Windsor, Ontario, June 1938	1938
B2018-0011/001(31)	"Aldous Huxley", University College Public Lecture Series, 1938-10-13; Alumnae Association, Whitney Hall, 1939-03-31. Also delivered to the Upper Canada Tract Society, n.d. Typescript copies	1938-1939
B2018-0011/001(32)	"The first fifty years of University College", University College Public Lecture Series. TSS	[193-?]
B2018-0011/001(33)	"The worthies of University College: the first half-century", [University College Public Lecture Series]. TSS	[193-?]
B2018-0011/001(34)	"Forum on V.D. control", CBC Trans-Canada Network, 1944-05-17. TSS	1944
B2018-0011/001(35)	"Education and the good life," address given in "Religious Period", CBC Trans-Canada Network, 1945, 1951, or 1958. Mimeo, 2 copies	1945
B2018-0011/001(36)	"The idea of a university," University College Alumni Association annual dinner, June 1949. Printed	1949
B2018-0011/001(37)	"The Alexander Lectures [1950-1951]: English character and the English literary tradition," lectures 1-3. Handwritten drafts	1950-1951
B2018-0011/001(38)	"The Alexander Lectures [1950-1951], lectures 1-3. TSS	1950-1951
B2018-0011/001(39)	"In memorium Edgar Tarr", remarks on the occasion of the opening of the Edgar Tarr Memorial Library, November 27, 1954. Mimeo	1954

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Series 4: University of Toronto

Textual, publications, 1843-1942, 0.09 m.

This series contains items ranging from University College class reunions to the University of Toronto Overseas Training Company's "Record of Service" book that Malcolm Wallace compiled while second-in-command of the Company during World War I. There are also files on retirements (William John Alexander), College fees and scholarships, articles about Toronto and U of T history, and Wallace's copies of publications about King's College, the University of Toronto Act, the Victoria Club's curling manual.

Accession/box(file)	Description	Date(s)
B2018-0011/002(01)	University College, Class of 1883. 50 th anniversary memento, 1933-06-08	1933
B2018-0011/002(02)	University College, Class of 1896. Report on reunion activities, 1936-05-13	1936
B2018-0011/002(03)	Alexander, William John. Dinner, 1928; epilogue, 1940	1928, 1940
B2018-0011/002(04)	Alexander Lectureship Fund. Correspondence	1928
B2018-0011/002(05)	Kennedy, W. P. M. Memo to Sir Robert Falconer	[192-?]
B2018-0011/002(06)	Senate. Committee on Matriculation. Revision of terms of the Prince's Prize and the Prince of Wales Scholarship	1942
B2018-0011/002(07)	Fragment of memo on University College fees. Carbon	[193-?]
B2018-0011/002(08)	University of King's College. <i>Proceedings of the ceremony of laying of the foundation stone, April 23, 1843; and at the opening of the University, June 6, 1843. Toronto.</i> Toronto: H & W. Rowell, 1843	1843
B2018-0011/002(09)	[Macara, John]. <i>The origin, history, and management of the University of King's College, Toronto.</i> Toronto: George Brown, 1845. The two previous owners noted.	1845
B2018-0011/002(10)	<i>The University Act...1927.</i> Annotated	1928
B2018-0011/002(11)	Reed, T. A. "The story of Toronto," <i>Papers and Records, Ontario Historical Society</i> , Vol. XXX, 201-211	1934
B2018-0011/002(12)	Typescript of an excerpt of an article, "Classical studies in Trinity College, Dublin", initialled by R. J. G.	1941
B2018-0011/002(13)	Overseas Training Company, University of Toronto C.O.T.C. <i>Record of Service</i>	1916-
B2018-0011/002(14)	Overseas Training Company, University of Toronto C.O.T.C. <i>Record of Service.</i> Loose pages of service lists	1916-
B2018-0011/002(15)	Overseas Training Company, University of Toronto C.O.T.C. <i>Record of Service.</i> Miscellaneous items	1910-1918
B2018-0011/002(16)	Victoria Club, Toronto. <i>The Canadian curler's club manual</i> by James Bicket. 1900 reprint of 1840 manual	1900