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Biographical note

Norman John Turnbull was born in 1921 in Toronto. He was accepted into the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto in 1939. One year later, in 1940, N.J. Turnbull enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force and served in WWII. During his WWII service, N.J. Turnbull married his wife, Lillian Jean Givens, in Aldershot, England in 1945. He returned to the Faculty of Forestry in 1946 and graduated in 1949.

N.J. Turnbull is the son of John Fulton Turnbull, who graduated from the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto in 1922. He had previously been enrolled at King's University from 1913, but enlisted in the Canadian Expeditionary Force in November 1914, and served in the 26th New Brunswick Battalion as a Private. He returned to Canada and was discharged in June, 1919, after which he enrolled in the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto. J.F. Turnbull became the District Forester of the North Bay Ontario Forestry Branch in 1923 and resigned in 1929. The majority of his records presented here were created as a result of this position. He passed away on September 29, 1963.

Scope and content

Date range: 1921-2007

Extent: 0.75m (8 of boxes) of textual and graphic material

Series 1 consists of material related to N.J. Turnbull's time as a student at the Faculty of Forestry at the University of Toronto, including class notes and assignments. There are also materials generated as a result of employment—both as a summer student during his university studies as well as following his graduation—which consists primarily of Field Notes and reports.

Series 2 consists of a collection of logging reports produced by J.F. Turnbull. These reports relate predominantly to J.F. Turnbull's position of District Forester of the North Bay Ontario Forestry Branch and the Annual Reports generated as a result.

Series 3 consists of photographs related to N.J. Turnbull's employment.

Access: Open

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B2014-0018/001P-/003P

Series 1: Education and employment

Date range: 1938-2007

Extent: 0.4m (3 boxes) of textual records

Scope and content

This series consists of N.J. Turnbull's records relating to his education at the University of Toronto in the Faculty of Forestry. Included are class notes, assignments, and laboratory reports. Three Field Books, co-produced with other students, are also included. The series also consists of Field Notes corresponding to specific regions, primarily Kapuskasing. N.J. Turnbull worked here as summer employment while still enrolled at the Faculty of Forestry. There are two Field Notes that span long periods of time (1939-1982 and 1988-2007 respectively) which appear to be miscellaneous notes. There are two Daily Journals which are comprised primarily of notes on the weather and geographical information. Additionally there are some other materials corresponding to N.J. Turnbull's employment, including a booklet on insects which is accompanied by a letter addressed to N.J. Turnbull from the author of the booklet, a notebook regarding the S.F. Woodlands Strike, and two maps of the Ontario Timber Limits of the Spruce Falls Power & Paper Co.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2014-0018/001-/003

Series 2: J.F. Turnbull - Logging Reports

Date range: 1921-1958

Extent: 0.065m (1 box) of textual records

Scope and content

Included in the N.J. Turnbull collection are seven logging reports produced by J.F. Turnbull. The majority of the reports are the Annual Report of the Forester of the North Bay District (1923-1929), during his time as district forester there. There are several photographs that are included within the reports that have not been removed or catalogued, but pertain to the content of the report. The final item – a Certificate of Life Membership to the Ontario Professional Foresters Association – is oversized and therefore stored in a separate location.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2014-0018/004-/005

Series 3: Photographs

Date range: 1946-1954

Extent: 0.28m (3 boxes) of graphic material

Scope and content

Series consists of photograph collections of N.J. Turnbull. There are twelve albums containing 432 photographs of the Royal Commission on Forestry relating to Newfoundland and Labrador in 1954. There are also two photo albums containing approximately 600 photographs in total that focus on Kukatash, Kapuskasing, Spring Camp, Smoky Line, Groundhog River Drive, and St. Williams, ranging in date from 1946 – 1953. In addition to the photo albums, there are also 8 loose photographs. Six of these were found in Album 2 [B2014-0018/003P(01)] and two from N.J. Turnbull's Daily Journal [B2014-0018/003(04)]. The majority of the photographs have descriptions and identifications on the verso.

Access: Open

Boxes: B2014-0018/001P-/003P

Appendix

Series 1: Education and employment

File number	File title	Date range
B2014-0018/001 (01)	Class Notes – "Elementary Forestry"	[ca. 194-?]
B2014-0018/001 (02)	Class Notes – Biology/Zoology	1940
B2014-0018/001 (03)	Class Notes – Misc.	1946
B2014-0018/001 (04)	Class Notes – Forest Characteristics/Description	1948-1949
B2014-0018/001 (05)	Class Notes – Forest Geography & History; Wildlife Management; Organization	1948-1949
B2014-0018/001 (06)	Class Notes – Finance; Forest Protection; Forest Entomology	1948-1949
B2014-0018/001 (07)	Class Notes – Forest Mensuration; Pathology	1948-1949
B2014-0018/001 (08)	Class Notes – Examination Information	1947-1949
B2014-0018/001 (09)	"Silvicultural Characteristics of Canadian Trees" report	1948
B2014-0018/001 (10)	"Instructions for Cruising on the University Forest" & corresponding assignment	[ca. 194-?]
B2014-0018/001 (11)	Laboratory Report: "A report on Pulpwood Logging Operations at Spruce Falls Power & Paper Company," Kapuskasing, Ontario. Compiled by: H.T. Forsythe, R.A. Smith, and N.J. Turnbull. With photographs attached.	1948
B2014-0018/001 (12)	Laboratory Report: "Silviculture Report"	1948-1949
B2014-0018/002 (01)	"Practical Astronomy for Foresters" by J.W. Melson. Includes N.J. Turnbull's notes.	1947
B2014-0018/002 (02)	Field Book for R.A. Smith, V.G. Smith, J.T. Somerville, and N.J. Turnbull	1946
B2014-0018/002 (03)	Field Book for R.A. Smith, V.G. Smith, J.T. Somerville, and N.J. Turnbull	1947
B2014-0018/002 (04)	Field Book for A.R. Turner, N.J. Turnbull, D.J. Vance, and J.T. Walker	1948
B2014-0018/002 (05)	Field Notes: Kapuskasing	1938
B2014-0018/002 (06)	Field Notes: Kapuskasing	1939
B2014-0018/002 (07)	Field Notes: Miscellaneous Logging – Kikatush & Kapuskasing	1939-1982
B2014-0018/002 (08)	Field Notes: Spring Camp 1 st Year Forestry	1940
B2014-0018/002 (09)	Field Notes: Kapuskasing	1946
B2014-0018/003 (01)	Field Notes: Spring Camp 2 nd Year Forestry	1947
B2014-0018/003 (02)	Field Notes: Kapuskasing & Kukatush	1948
B2014-0018/003 (03)	Field Notes: Misc.	1988-2007
B2014-0018/003 (04)	Daily Journal. There are some clippings on the oldest tree on earth inserted in the pages. (NB: The journal itself is dated 1950; Turnbull changed the date to refer to 1952).	1952

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B2014-0018/003 (05)	Daily Journal	1958
B2014-0018/003 (06)	"The Control of Insects Infesting Food Materials in the Home" booklet by C.G. MacNay, issued by the Department of Agriculture. There is an accompanying letter addressed to N.J. Turnbull from C.G. MacNay regarding the identification of insects, dated 1954.	1951-1954
B2014-0018/003 (07)	"S.F. Woodlands Strike" notebook	1963
B2014-0018/003 (08)	Two maps showing the "Ontario Timber Limits of the Spruce Falls Power & Paper Co."	1974-1975
B2014-0018/003 (09)	Certificate of Life Membership to Ontario Professional Foresters Association	[ca. 2000]

Series 2: J.F. Turnbull - Logging Reports

File number	File title	Date range
B2014-0018/004 (01)	"Logging Report on the Limits of the McNamara Lumber Company, Limited." Submitted by J.F. Turnbull, A.B. Doran, and A.C. Thrupp.	1921
B2014-0018/004 (02)	"Report of the Forester of the North Bay District"	1923
B2014-0018/004 (03)	"Report of the Forester of the North Bay District"	1924
B2014-0018/004 (04)	"Report of the Forester of the North Bay District"	1925
B2014-0018/004 (05)	"Annual Report North Bay Inspectorate"	1926
B2014-0018/004 (06)	"Annual Report North Bay Inspectorate"	1927
B2014-0018/004 (07)	"Annual Report North Bay Inspectorate"	1928
B2014-0018/004 (08)	"Annual Report North Bay Inspectorate"	1929
B2014-0018/005 (01)	Certificate of Life Membership to the Ontario Professional Foresters Association	1958

Series 3: Photographs

File number	File title	Date range
B2014-0018/001P(01)-(02)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 2	April 1954
B2014-0018/001P(03)-(04)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 3	May 1 - May 15 1954
B2014-0018/001P(05)-(06)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 4	May 16 - May 26 1954
B2014-0018/001P(07)-(08)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 5	May 26 - May 31 1954
B2014-0018/001P(09)-(10)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 6	June 1 - June 15 1954
B2014-0018/001P(11)-(12)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 7	June 11 - June 18 1954
B2014-0018/001P(13)-(14)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 8	June 17 - June 25 1954
B2014-0018/001P(15)-(16)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 9	June 27 - July 18 1954
B2014-0018/001P(17)-(18)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 10	July 29 - August 17 1954
B2014-0018/001P(19)-(20)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 11	August 11 - August 23 1954
B2014-0018/001P(21)-(22)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 12	August 27 - Sept. 7 1954
B2014-0018/001P(23)-(24)	Royal Commission on Forestry - Album 13	September 3 - Oct. 10 1954
B2014-0018/002P	Norman J. Turnbull Photo Album (1)	1946 - 1949
B2014-0018/003P(01)	Norman J. Turnbull Photo Album (2)	1949 - 1953
B2014-0018/003P(02)	Norman J. Turnbull, Kukatush, Ont.	[ca. 195-?]]
B2014-0018/003P(03)	Unidentified Men at Table	[ca. 195-?]]
B2014-0018/003P(04)	Horse-Drawn Logging Cart	[ca. 195-?]]