

Description and Finding Aid

**DAVID THORBURN SYMONS FONDS
F2064**

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Dates of creation

1890-1906

Extent

1 cm of textual records

Biographical sketch

David Thorburn Symons, lawyer, was born on 9 September 1862 in Toronto, Upper Canada. He was the son of John Symons and Isabel Thorburn. He attended Upper Canada College and Trinity College, Toronto, where he obtained a B.C.L. in 1886. He was called to the bar in 1884, was made King's Counsel in 1908 and practised as a member of the firm of Kingstone, Symons & Kingstone. He was elected chairman of convocation of Trinity College in 1901. In 1931 Symons was elected Chancellor of the Diocese of Toronto and held that position until 1949. Symons also served as Vice-President of the Bishop Strachan School for a number of years.

He married Frances Rebecca Bond (b. 1874) in September 1901 and they had six children: David Martin, John Thorburn, Katharine Patricia, Beatrice Mary and Isabel Frances. Their youngest son, Douglas Bond Symons, died in 1943 while serving with the Royal Navy in the Second World War.

David Thorburn Symons died on 14 May, 1952 and Frances Rebecca Bond died on 13 October, 1954.

Scope and content

The fonds contains correspondence between members of Trinity College on issues of importance to the College (correspondents include A.H. Young, E. L. King, and Provost Macklem) and printed circulars on the topic of federation with the University of Toronto.

Notes

Acquisition history: Unknown

Arrangement: Materials arranged by the archivist.

Restrictions on access: Open

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Provenance access points: Symons, David Thorburn, 1862-1952.

Location / File Listing:

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Archie Young Letters	1900	1906	File contains letters from A.G, Young to David Thorburn Symons; letters from Symons to Young and Provost Macklem; and a general letter to the Corporation of Trinity University.	1-1
Statements regarding federation	1902	1919	File contains donation requests from Corporation, writing on confederation by John Langtry, correspondence to Symons, writings to Corporation on federation, federation memorandum prepared by Corporation, memo to members of Corporation.	1-2