

*Description and Finding Aid*

**GEORGE GREY FALLE FONDS  
F2134**

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## GEORGE GREY FALLE FONDS

### Dates of creation

1941-1984

### Extent

1.35 m of textual records

1 photograph

### Biographical sketch

George Grey Falle, professor of English literature, was born on 12 May 1915 in Montreal to Georges Hoyles Falle and Janet Alice Pettigrew. He attended McGill University where he obtained a BA in 1935 and an MA in 1937. He then studied late 17th century literature with a particular emphasis on Dryden, receiving his PhD in 1952. The title of his doctoral thesis was 'The Place of Letters in English Thought and Criticism between Hobbes and Locke: A Study in Critical Commentary.' From 1941 to 1945 Falle served in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Falle was a lecturer at McGill University, 1945 to 1948, a teaching assistant at the University of Wisconsin, 1948 to 1951, and instructor and assistant professor at the University of New Hampshire, 1951 to 1954. He became assistant professor at Trinity College 1954, associate professor in 1961 and professor in 1968.

Falle was secretary of the Combined Departments of English, University of Toronto, 1964 to 1966 and chairman 1968 to 1970. He was a visiting fellow at King's College, Cambridge, in 1966, and chairman of the Music Committee at Hart House at the University of Toronto from 1966 to 1970. At the University of Toronto he was on the Library Committee; MA Committee; Programme Committee; Woodhouse Prize Committee in 1974, and a member of Senate. At Trinity College he was an active member of the Executive Committee of Corporation, sitting on its Policy and Planning Committee and the General Committee of Faculty Council and Academic Standards. He was Chairman of the Board of Stewards, and the Study Group. He served as President of the Johnson Society, Central Region. In honour of Falle a scholarship in undergraduate English was set up in his name at Trinity College.

Falle published *Three Restoration Comedies* (1964), several articles and essays and was assistant editor of *Journals and Letters of Fanny Burney, Madame d'Arblay*, Vols. V and VI.

George Grey Falle died on 11 December 1984 in Toronto, Ontario.

### Scope and content

The fonds includes correspondence, diaries, writings, lecture and reading notes on various topics related to his position as an English professor, including a diploma, a diary, and one photograph. Also included is material from the many committees and societies with which he was involved such as the Trinity College Major Study Group and the Johnson Society.

*Contains series*

1. Administrative
2. Teaching and Scholarship
3. Personal and correspondence

**Notes**

*Acquisition history:* Materials were donated to the archives by George Grey Falle.

*Arrangement:* Files arranged by the archivist.

*Restrictions on access:* File 2-5 is closed to protect personal information.

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**Provenance access points:** Falle, George Grey, 1915-1984.

**SERIES 1: ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Dates of creation:** 1973-1979

**Extent:** 13 cm of textual records

**Scope and content:** Series consists of correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, planning documents and reports for committees that were chaired by Falle.

**Location / File Listing**

<b>FOLDER/UNIT TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>BOX/ FILE #</b>
Executive Committees	1975	1979	File contains minutes of the combined departments of English, correspondence from Trinity College Office of Development and Executive Committee of Corporation, Trinity College Executive Committee meeting minutes.	1-1
Hare Installation	1979	1979	File contains correspondence and planning documents (memos, notes, information on guests and participants) for the installation of F. Ken-	1-2

			neth Hare as Provost of Trinity College. Falle was chairman of the installation committee.	
Trinity College Major Study Group	1973	1973	File contains correspondence, memos to department heads, photocopied response to the University of Toronto Work Paper, departmental by-laws, reports, meeting notes. Falle was chairman of the Study Group.	1-3
Trinity College Major Study Group	1973	1974	File contains notes, Study Group meeting minutes, 'Memorandum of understanding relating to the role of the colleges in the Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto,' reports, amendments, and motions, drafts of 'Response to the University's Work Paper.'	1-4
Trinity College Major Study Group	1973	1973	File contains correspondence, enrolment estimates, 'An Academic and Financial Policy' report, other documents.	1-5

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## SERIES 2: TEACHING AND SCHOLARSHIP

**Dates of creation:** 1941-1980

**Extent:** 99 cm of textual records.

**Scope and content:** Series consists of academic notes and writings on a variety of topics in English literature, correspondence regarding fellowships and projects, and correspondence related to conferences and societies.

**Restrictions on access:** File 2-5 is closed.

### Location / File Listing

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
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Seminars in Irish studies	1968	1970	File contains correspondence, meeting minutes for seminar, programme for 'Faces of Ireland in the Eighteenth Century' - The Third Inter-University Seminar in Irish Studies, University of Toronto	2-1
Swift tercentenary - Dublin	1967	1967	File contains correspondence, Abbey Theatre Company programme, list of delegates, dinner menu, <i>Swift and his Age: a Tercentenary Exhibition 1667-1967</i> , luncheon menu, programme, invitations, souvenir magazine.	2-2
Burney Papers project	1969	1978	File contains correspondence, receipt for services, information on the Burney family, postcard showing Frances Burney, newspaper clippings and photocopies.	2-3
Fellowships	1957	1978	File contains correspondence regarding grants and fellowships.	2-4
PhD Thesis orals	1960	1975	File contains programmes with notes from PhD oral examinations that Falle evaluated. <b>CLOSED.</b>	2-5
Johnson Society	1964	1975	File contains correspondence with members and the executive of the Johnson Society, pamphlets and schedules for annual meetings, and newsletters.	2-6
<i>Selected Poems</i> by T.S. Eliot	1941	1941	File contains published volume with annotations and tucked in notes.	3-1
<i>A Tale of a Tub</i> by Jonathan Swift	1958	1958	File contains published volume with annotations and tucked in notes.	3-2
Miscellaneous notes	[194-?]	[195-?]	File contains typed and handwritten notes, mainly on W.B. Yeats.	3-3
Dryden's <i>Mysterious Writ: A Study of <u>The Hind and the Panther</u></i>	1969	1969	File contains drafts of manuscript by Falle, correspondence with the University of Toronto Press.	4-1
Dryden's <i>Mysterious Writ</i> (II)	[1969]	[1969]	File contains draft of manuscript.	4-2
Essay on Dryden	[196-?]	[196-?]	File contains untitled typed essay by Falle with hand-written corrections.	4-3

Killigrew Essay	1964	1964	File contains drafts of essay and correspondence with <i>Studies in English Literature</i> editor.	4-4
Sunday lecture to various groups	[1956]	[1964]	File contains typed notes and drafts of lectures with annotations, most undated and untitled.	4-5
Swift Papers	1970	1974	File contains correspondence and typed drafts of essays on Swift's works by Falle.	4-6
Papers	[193-?]	[193-?]	File contains essays and presentations submitted by Falle when he was a student.	4-7
Book reviews	1958	1967	File contains typed book reviews written by Falle.	4-8
Pope	[196-?]	[196-?]	File contains typed and handwritten notes, typed essays on Pope.	5-1
SGS Reading Guide	1969	1969	File contains U of T Ph.D. Departmental Examinations Reading Guide.	5-2
Swift, <i>Tale of a Tub</i>	[196-?]	[196-?]	File contains typed notes by Falle about <i>The Tale of a Tub</i> .	5-3
Swift, <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>	[1966]	[1966]	File contains handwritten and typed notes on <i>Gulliver's Travels</i> .	5-4
Swift, other works	[196-?]	[196-?]	File contains typed notes and bibliographies on the works of Swift.	5-5
Swift, notes on readings	[196-?]	[196-?]	File contains handwritten and typed notes.	5-6
Tragedy	[193-?]	[194-?]	File contains handwritten and typed notes and essays, including essay written by Falle while a student.	5-7
English 306	1966	1980	File contains handwritten and typed notes, course information, lists of essay topics, and examination questions for course taught by Falle at the University of Toronto.	5-8
English 3020 – Dryden	1973	1974	File contains 4 postcards, course information, Dryden bibliography for course taught by Falle at the University of Toronto.	5-9

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English – Swift	1980	1980	File contains list of suggested essay topics and bibliographies of Swift's works for course taught by Falle at the University of Toronto.	5-10
Addison	[194-?]	[194-?]	File contains handwritten and typed notes, McGill University examination book.	6-1
Comedy	[1962]	[1970]	File contains handwritten and typed notes, notecards, newspaper clippings, reading list for Graduate English 3100 (Comedy), syllabus for English 383 (The Comic).	6-2
Dryden	1956	1973	File contains handwritten and typed notes, notecards, and newspaper clippings.	6-3
Italian Renaissance	[194-?]	194-?]	File contains handwritten notes/essays written for Comparative Lit 145.	6-4
Johnson	1969	1973	File contains handwritten and typed notes, notecards, and newspaper clippings.	6-5
Literary Criticism	[194-?]	[195-?]	File contains handwritten and typed notes, notecards, and typed reviews.	6-6
Versification	[194-?]	[195-?]	File contains handwritten and typed notes, 'A Guide to Versification' by George G. Falle and G. Harris Daggett.	6-7
Modern Poetry	[194-?]	195-?]	File contains lists of selected readings by author, handwritten and typed notes, book reviews, note cards, and bibliographies.	6-8
Note cards	[193-?]	[196-?]	Box contains note cards organized by author.	Box 7
Bibliographic note cards	[193-?]	196-?]	Box contains alphabetic note cards.	Box 8

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**SERIES 3: PERSONAL AND CORRESPONDENCE**

**Dates of creation:** 1943-1984

**Extent:** 26 cm of textual records  
1 photograph

**Scope and content:** Series contains correspondence, both personal and professional, materials related to Falle's apartment, writing, and a trip taken. Series also includes a diary by Falle and his PhD diploma.

**Location / File Listing**

<b>FOLDER/UNIT TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>END DATE</b>	<b>CONTENTS</b>	<b>BOX/ FILE #</b>
PhD Diploma	1952	1952	Falle's PhD diploma from the University of Wisconsin.	9-1
Diary	1962	1962	File contains Falle's diary from 1960 (in book marked 1950)	9-5
Flying Log Book	1943	1945	File contains graduation ceremony programme from the No. 9 Air Observer School, R.C.A.F St. John's, Quebec; certificate stating that Falle served with the R.C.A.F; partially completed log book.	9-6
Montreal – Rijeka trip	1981	1982	File contains correspondence regarding specifics of trip and grievances, trip information, receipt, and typed diary of trip.	9-7
158 Crescent Road Associates	1978	1979	File contains copy of apartment lease and building correspondence and newsletters.	9-8
Postcards received	1966	1984	File contains 111 postcards received by Falle from various people.	9-9
Postcards to mother	1966	1971	File contains 22 postcards sent by Falle to his mother.	9-10



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Correspondence – University of Windsor	1955	1976	File contains handwritten and typed correspondence.	9-11
Correspondence	1954	1966	File contains typed and handwritten professional and academic correspondence, including with Provost Seeley about Falle's appointment to the faculty Trinity College.	10-1
Correspondence	1967	1968	File contains typed and handwritten professional and personal correspondence, poems by unidentified author, University of Trinity College Cost Study.	10-2
Correspondence	1969	1970	File contains typed and handwritten professional and personal correspondence.	10-3
Correspondence	1971	1972	File contains typed and handwritten personal and professional correspondence.	10-4
Correspondence	1973	1974	File contains typed and handwritten personal and professional correspondence.	10-5
Correspondence	1975	1976	File contains typed and handwritten personal and professional correspondence, newspaper clippings, conference information and correspondence.	10-6
Correspondence	1977	1978	File contains typed and handwritten personal and professional correspondence, book reviews done by Falle, 'The Future of Trinity College' by Jack Gibbons.	10-7
Correspondence	1979	1980	File contains typed and handwritten personal and professional correspondence, programme for installation of Provost Hare.	10-8

Correspondence	1981	1982	File contains typed and handwritten personal and professional correspondence, U of T faculty association newsletter, newspaper clippings.	10-9
Correspondence	1983	1984	File contains handwritten and typed personal and professional correspondence.	10-10
Index of record collection	[194-?]	[198-?]	Box contains note cards organized alphabetically.	Box 7