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## Summary information

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**Repository:** Victoria University Archives  
**Title:** Walter Theodore Brown fonds  
**ID:** 2111  
**Category [alternative]:** Administrators / Faculty personal papers  
**Date:** [1903?]-1954 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 48 cm of textual records  
3 photographs

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

**Note [generalNote]:** See also Principal's Office Fonds (Fonds 2063 - series 1, subseries 1 - Correspondence files of Principal Brown); President's Office Fonds (Fonds 2021 - series 1, subseries 4 - General correspondence of Walter T Brown and subseries 5 - General correspondence of Walter T Brown and Harold Bennett)

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Walter Theodore Brown graduated from Victoria College in 1908 (M.A.) and received a Ph.D degree from Harvard University in 1912. From 1913 to 1928, he taught in Ethics at Victoria College, before serving as head of the Department of Religion at Yale University, 1928-1932. He returned to Victoria to assume the role as Principal in 1932, and then in 1933 he assumed the duties of President during 1933-1934 and 1939-1940, when E. W. Wallace was on leave for health reasons. In 1941 Brown was formally appointed President, but continued to act also as Principal of Victoria College until 1944. From 1941 to 1949 he served as President of Victoria University, but was forced to retire due to poor health. He died in 1954.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of the following series: correspondence, 1912-1949; addresses, articles and other records, [1903?]-1945; personal material, 1912-1954.

## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Immediate source of acquisition

Records in accession 1987.092V were a gift of Brown's son Howard M. Brown

### Finding aids

Photographs are described in the photograph database: <http://archival-photos.vicu.utoronto.ca/>

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Textual records (documentary form)
  - Photographs and art (documentary form)
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## Series descriptions

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### Series 2111-1: Correspondence

Date: 1912-1949; predominant 1928-1949. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence, 1912-1949: correspondents include academic colleagues and family, and the correspondence is concerned with, among a variety of subjects, the situation at Victoria University, lectures, addresses, theological and moral questions, family matters, Brown's appointment to Yale University, and his Class of 1907 alumni events.

Physical description: 24 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2111-1-1987.092V 1-1	File - Correspondence "A" 1930-1932	1930-1932		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-2	File - Correspondence "B"	1928-1929		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-3	File - Correspondence "C"	1928-1930		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-4	File - Correspondence "D-F"	1928-1930		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-5	File - Correspondence "G"	1928-1930		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-6	File - Correspondence "H-J"	1927-1931		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-7	File - Correspondence "K-L"	1928-1932		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-8	File - Correspondence "M"	1929-1930		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-9	File - Correspondence "O-P"	1929-1931		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-10	File - Correspondence "R"	1929-1930		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-11	File - Correspondence "S"	1928-1932		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-12	File - Correspondence "T-V"	1928-1930		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-13	File - Correspondence "W"	1924-1932		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-14	File - Correspondence "Y"	1929-1930		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-15	File - Correspondence "A-C" 1933-1940	1933-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-16	File - Correspondence "D - F"	1932-1939		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-17	File - Correspondence "G"	1933-1937		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-18	File - Correspondence "H-I"	1933-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-19	File - Correspondence "J"	1932-1936		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-20	File - Correspondence "K-L"	1932-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-21	File - Correspondence "M"	1931-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-22	File - Correspondence "N-R"	1933-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-23	File - Correspondence "S"	1933-1939		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-24	File - Correspondence "T"	1933-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 1-25	File - Correspondence "W-Y"	1932-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 2-1	File - Correspondence "W-Y" 1942-1949	1942-1949		
2111-1-1987.092V 2-2	File - Correspondence re appointment at Victoria University	1924 1912-1913		
2111-1-1987.092V 2-3	File - Correspondence re appointment to Yale	1924-1928		
2111-1-1987.092V 2-4	File - Correspondence re appointment to Yale	1927-1928		
2111-1-1987.092V 2-5	File - Family correspondence	1932-1940		
2111-1-1987.092V 2-6	File - Correspondence re Class of '07 reunion	1937		

2111-1-1987.092V 2-7	File - Correspondence re Class of '07 reunion	1937-1945
2111-1-1987.092V 2-8	File - Correspondence re Class of '07 reunion	1947
2111-1-1987.092V 2-9	File - Correspondence re mother's estate	1946
2111-1-1987.092V 2-10	File - Correspondence to Mrs. Brown from Victoria Women's Association	[1949?]
2111-1-1987.092V 2-11	File - Correspondence re resignation	1949

### Series 2111-2: Addresses, articles, and other records

Date: [1903?]-1945, predominantly 1930-1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of manuscript, typescript and printed addresses (including Baccalaureate and funeral), articles, lectures, sermons, broadcasts, prayers and essays, [1903?]-1945: the addresses include those presented to various Victoria University groups, including convocations; and the predominant subjects of the material are the study and teaching of theology, and the church and its role in education.

Physical description: 21 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2111-2-1987.092V 3-1	File - Addresses, various	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-2	File - Essays, various	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-3	File - Lecture notes	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-4	File - Address to graduating class of Alma College	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-5	File - Baccalaureate address - New Haven College	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-6	File - God and human personality	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-7	File - Literary humanism (lecture)	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-8	File - The Recovery of the concept of freedom (address)	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-9	File - Religion of College men	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-10	File - Some impressions of New England Colleges	n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-11	File - Sermons, various	1932 n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-12	File - Vespers and other religious services	1932-1942 n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-13	File - Various addresses and articles	1934-[194-] n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-14	File - Prayers	1939 n.d.		
2111-2-1987.092V 3-15	File - The Problem and method of the philosophy of religion (essay)	[between 1903 and 1912]		

2111-2-1987.092V 4-1	File - Universal propositions (essay)	[between 1903 and 1912]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-2	File - The Quest for God (published lecture)	1924
2111-2-1987.092V 4-3	File - The Meaning of worship (Baccalaureate sermon - Victoria University)	1928
2111-2-1987.092V 4-4	File - The Religious interpretation of life (Baccalaureate address - Victoria University)	1928
2111-2-1987.092V 4-5	File - On the status of religion on the Yale campus (memo)	[between 1928 and 1932]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-6	File - Tendencies on contemporary education (address)	[193-?]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-7	File - The Contribution of religion to higher education (published address)	[1932?]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-8	File - The University Broadcast	1933
2111-2-1987.092V 4-9	File - Addresses to Victoria University graduating students	1937 1934 1933
2111-2-1987.092V 4-10	File - Funeral addresses	1933-1946
2111-2-1987.092V 4-11	File - Our common tradition	[after 1933]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-12	File - Meeting of the Association of American College address	1934
2111-2-1987.092V 4-13	File - Addresses to the Senate	1938 [1934?]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-14	File - Centenary Sunday service	1936
2111-2-1987.092V 4-15	File - The Church and secular education in Canada	1938
2111-2-1987.092V 4-16	File - Educational background of contemporary literature	1938
2111-2-1987.092V 4-17	File - Ottawa addresses	1938-1939 n.d.
2111-2-1987.092V 4-18	File - History of education	[194-?]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-19	File - Proposals for the basis of a just and durable peace	[194-]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-20	File - The Church and education (article)	1940
2111-2-1987.092V 4-21	File - Address to Victoria University graduating class	[1940 or 1941]
2111-2-1987.092V 4-22	File - The Freedom of worship (article)	1941
2111-2-1987.092V 4-23	File - Inauguration address	1941
2111-2-1987.092V 4-24	File - Prayer opening Emmanuel College Alumni Association Conference	1941
2111-2-1987.092V 4-25	File - Address to Class of '42	1942
2111-2-1987.092V 4-26	File - Founders Dinner address	1942

2111-2-1987.092V 4-27	File - Speech for General Council	1942
2111-2-1987.092V 4-28	File - United Church Training School address	1942
2111-2-1987.092V 4-29	File - Address given at Mount Allison College	1945

### Series 2111-3: Personal material

Date: 1907-1954 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of a wedding announcement, University of Toronto Honorary Degree programme records and a book of remembrance for Charlotte Maude Brown, 1954. Also includes diplomas and awards including his PhD. from Harvard.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
2111-3-1987.092V 4-30	File - Wedding announcement	1912		
2111-3-1987.092V 4-31	File - University of Toronto Honorary Degree programme	1951		
2111-3-1987.092V 4-32	File - Book of remembrance for Charlotte Maude Brown	1954		
2111-3-1987.092V OS-1	File - PhD diploma from Harvard	1912		
2111-3-1987.092V OS-2	File - Doctor of Law from University of Manitoba, 1943; LL.D. from American University, 1947; L.L.D from University of Toronto, 1951; poster of A.P. Coleman	1951 1947 1943		
2111-3-1987.092V OS-3	File - 1928 scroll presented to W.T. Brown from Yale University	1928		
2111-3-1987.092V OS-4	File - Membership scroll or certificate in National Social Science Honor Society, Pi Gamma Mu	1931		
2111-3-1987.092V OS-5	File - Scroll, recognition from Peterborough County	n.d.		
2111-3-1987.092V OS-6	File - Bachelor of Arts Diploma, 1907; Master of Arts Diploma, 1908	1907-1908		