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## Finding Aid - Beer family fonds (F0375)

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## Summary information

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| <b>Repository:</b>           | York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)   |
| <b>Title:</b>                | Beer family fonds  |
| <b>ID:</b>                   | F0375  |
| <b>Date:</b>                 | 1914-1919 (date of creation)   |
| <b>Physical description:</b> | 0.06 m of textual records<br>38 photographs  |
| <b>Note [generalNote]:</b>   | Selected photographs and letters available in "First World War Love Story", part of a virtual exhibit within ARCHEION, Ontario's Archival Information Network. <a href="http://archeion-ao.fis.utoronto.ca/ArcheionVirtualExhibit/love.html">http://archeion-ao.fis.utoronto.ca/ArcheionVirtualExhibit/love.html</a> |

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Beer family was established in Ontario by Christopher Beer, a retired commander in the British navy, who was granted several hundred acres of land in Metcalfe Township in the early 1800's. In the early 1900's, Jacob Beer, a descendent of Christopher Beer, lived in Strathroy, Ontario, and had five children: Christopher, Joan, Walter, Vivien and Winlow. Private Walter Beer was a soldier with the 48th Regiment (Highlanders) during World War I and was killed in action in France. Vivien Beer was engaged to Captain James R. Allan, who was also killed in action in France in 1916.

### Custodial history

Mrs. Hazel Moses of Strathroy inherited the possessions of Joan Beer including documents relating to World War I which she (Moses) collected together and sent to Prof. Jack Granatstein in 1994 for deposit in the archives.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of correspondence between Captain James R. Allan and Vivien Beer of Strathroy, Ontario before Captain Allan, was killed; press clippings and photographs of Captain Allan and Private Walter Beer while serving in World War I and scenes of various members of the Beer family.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Immediate source of acquisition

Records received from Hazel Moses via Professor Jack Granatstein in September, 1994.

### Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

### Finding aids

Fonds level description only.

[archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000375.htm](http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000375.htm)

### Accruals

The fonds comprises the following accession: 1994-031. No further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
  - **Level of detail:** Partial
  - **Status description:** Final
  - **Description identifier:** F0375
  - **Institution identifier:** ON00370
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### Access points

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- Allan, James R., d. 1916 (subject)
  - World War, 1914-1918 (subject)
  - Strathroy (place)
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### Collection holdings

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