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Summary information

Repository: York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)

Title: J. Bascom St. John fonds

ID: F0415

Date: 1931-1979 (date of creation)

Physical description: 12.0 m of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

J. (Joseph) Bascom St. John (1906-1983), journalist and civil servant, was born and educated in Ontario. He began his journalism career in 1929 with the Montreal 'Star,' writing a column and editing a farm publication. In 1945 he joined the 'Globe and Mail' as an editorial writer. His reputation was made by the column, 'The world of learning,' a daily feature in the 'Globe and Mail' from 1958 until 1964. In the latter year, St. John joined the Ontario Department of Education as chair of its Policy and Development Council. In 1971 he became special assistant to the Deputy Minister of Education, retiring in 1973. Along with his journalism and magazine writing, St. John was the author of, 'Spotlight on Canadian education,' (1959).

Scope and content

The fonds consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, published material, reports, research files, and typescripts of J. Bascom St. John and documents his career as a civil servant and journalist.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Phyllis St. John, his wife, in 1982.

Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

Finding aids

File list available.

Accruals

The fonds comprises the following accession: 1982-015. Further accruals may be expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)

Collection holdings
