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Summary information

Repository:	York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)
Title:	Sheldon Esbin collection
Reference code:	F0618
Date:	[18--]-2010 (creation)
Physical description:	3.67 m of textual records 1,419 photographs 358 postcards ca. 880 stamps 27 posters 1 etching 1 print 1 architectural drawing 1 compact disc 1 videocassette Artifacts ca. 1700 published items
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	2012/10/17 J. Grant:. (Creation) 2012/10/17 Awaiting review by the Data Collection Archivist 2013/03/03 julia holland. 2013/09/23 holland. corrected URL for online finding aid

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Sheldon Esbin, a Toronto-born lawyer and property developer, was educated at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, where he graduated in 1964. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1966. After joining real estate law firm Spencer Romberg in 1966, Esbin and his colleague Arthur Resnick founded an adjunct mortgage lending business for the firm, which became Rompsen Investment Corporation, focusing on commercial and industrial mortgages. Esbin practised law with Spencer Romberg for 26 years before working exclusively as managing general partner of Rompsen. Esbin is a collector of Toronto-related rare books, archival materials and ephemera.

Scope and content

Collection consists of newspapers, artifacts, ephemera, photographs, postcards, flyers and brochures, stamps, correspondence, posters, business records, and commercial and residential property promotional materials, collected and maintained by Sheldon Esbin between the 1980s and 2000s. These items predominantly pertain to pre- and post-amalgamation Toronto and the history of its neighbourhoods, architecture, religious and

educational institutions, organizations, publications, cultural and arts-related events, tourism, real estate and building developments, commercial trade, and special events. Also included in this collection are pieces of original correspondence and legal documents dating from 1842 to 1874, written by or pertaining to the activities of prominent Toronto citizens including Adam Wilson, Christopher Widmer, John Davis, Frederic Cumberland, Allan Maclean Howard, Hugh Richardson, James Scott Howard, and John Hillyard Cameron.

Notes

Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

Accruals

The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2012-031. No further accruals are expected.

Note [General]

The collection includes ca. 1700 published items. To improve access, these items have been catalogued as part of York University Libraries Special Collections, and can be located using using the online catalogue by performing a keyword search using the phrase, "Sheldon Esbin Collection."

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published