



MG 15 – W.R. Graham fonds

Dates: 1958-1966 (inclusive) ; 1963-1965 (predominant)

Extent: 4 cm of textual records.

Biography: William Roger Graham was born in Montreal in March 1919. In the 1920s, the Graham family moved to Chicago, where Roger Graham's father, William Creighton Graham, was Professor of Old Testament Languages and Literature at the University of Chicago. W.C. Graham moved his family to Winnipeg in 1938 when he was appointed Principal of United College (now the University of Winnipeg). Roger Graham completed a B.A. at United College in 1941 and followed that with an M.A. (1945) and Ph.D. (1950) from the University of Toronto. From 1947 to 1958, Graham taught History at Regina College and then moved to the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon in 1958. Graham was promoted to full Professor of History in 1963. In 1968, Graham moved to Queen's University where he was named Douglas Professor of Canadian and Colonial History, a position he held until his retirement. Graham received an honorary doctorate from the University of Winnipeg in 1969. He served as head of the Queen's History department from 1973 to 1976. Graham was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a winner of Canada Council and Guggenheim fellowships. Graham retired in 1984 and was granted the title Professor Emeritus in the Queen's University Department of History. Graham wrote several political biographies but is probably best known for his three volume biography of former Prime Minister Arthur Meighen, published between 1960 and 1965. Roger Graham died on November 17, 1988 in Kingston, Ontario. The Roger Graham Fellowship is awarded annually at Queen's University to an incoming graduate student who is specializing in modern Canadian history in the Department of History.

Scope and Content: This fonds consists of minutes and correspondence relating to several College of Arts and Science committees, the Bookstore Committee, and the Departmental Committee on Teaching History in High Schools. There are also committee minutes and proposals related to the University of Saskatchewan's plans for Canadian centennial celebrations in 1967.

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Associated Materials: Queen's University Archives holds the William Roger Graham fonds (F01251) which includes correspondence and research materials created during his time at the University of Saskatchewan.

Notes: Accn 1966-004.

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Box 1

1. Arts and Science Committees. – 1958-1965. – **RESTRICTED.**
The bulk of the material in this file consists of minutes, memoranda, reports, and correspondence related to the Committee to Review the Arts and Science Curriculum, of which Dr. Graham was Chair. The file also includes material related to the Committee on Studies, the Committee to Review General Courses, and minutes of the History Department related to courses.
2. Bookstore Committee. – 1963-1965.
Reports, minutes, agenda, memoranda, and financial statements related to the University Bookstore.
3. Departmental Committee on Teaching History. – 1965-1966.
Minutes of the Departmental Committee on Teaching History in High Schools and minutes of the High School Relations Committee.
4. Sundry Committees. – 1958-1965.
Minutes, memoranda, and correspondence related to various committees including the Residence Committee, Scholarship Committee, Joint Committee on Canadian Centenary Celebrations, Committee on Correspondence Courses, Committee on School of Social Work, and the High School Visits Committee. File also includes planning documents for a proposed Students' Union conference on the state of Canadian Confederation, correspondence regarding the University of Saskatchewan's 50th anniversary, and a pamphlet for the Marquis Hall Art Gallery.