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Finding Aid

Records of The Rev. Frank Selkirk Morley 1904-1986

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Notes on using the Finding Aid

First consult the fonds description (fonds being an archival term used to denote the whole of the records created by a specific individual or family and held within an archives). The fonds description includes a biographical sketch of the individual or family that created the records, a scope and content note which briefly describes the records within the fonds (this generally starts with "Fonds consists of..."), and several notes at the bottom, which provide information on access restrictions and copyright restrictions.

Some finding aids also provide series descriptions on subsequent pages which further describe the records within the fonds.

After reading these descriptions consult the file list and notify an archivist of the individual files you wish to view.

Fonds Description

Frank Selkirk Morley fonds. – 1936-1985. - 91 cm of textual records. – 4 photographs. – 2 audio cassettes.

Frank Selkirk Morley was born on December 14th, 1904 in Huntsville, Ontario. He graduated from the University of British Columbia with an Arts degree, a Gold Medal in History and an I.O.D.E. Scholarship to the University of Edinburgh, where he received his Ph.D. in Constitutional Law and History, in 1932. On returning to Canada, he enrolled in Presbyterian College, Montreal, graduating with his Bachelor of Divinity. His first charge was in 1935 at Knox Church, St. Catharines, Ontario. From there, he went on to serve at Stanley Church in Westmount, Quebec, before being called to Grace Church in Calgary, Alberta, in 1944. In addition to his pastoral work in Calgary, he also taught at Mount Royal College, was Associate Editor of the Lethbridge Herald newspaper, a member of the Calgary Rotary Club, and was president of the Calgary Canadian Club. In 1962, Dr. Morley ran as a Liberal candidate for Calgary in the federal election. Dr. Morley was also a prolific writer of newspaper articles, with weekly columns entitled "The Voice of One" and "Weekend Meditations" in the Lethbridge Herald and Calgary Albertan. In 1963-64, he served as a member of the Canadian Delegation to the United Nations in New York. He served at St. Andrew's Church, Hamilton, Bermuda, from 1966 to 1971, and then at St. John's, White Rock, in British Columbia, from 1971 until he retired to Victoria, B.C. in 1979. He passed away on June 20th, 1986.

Fonds consists of sermons, articles, correspondence, personal papers and mementoes which document the life and activities of Dr. Morley. The sermons in the fonds were written by Dr. Frank Morley while minister at Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, and St. John's Presbyterian Church, White Rock, B.C. Two audio cassettes also exist with taped-recordings of two of his sermons. The articles include typescript copies of newspaper articles written by Morley between the early 1950s and late 1970s, as well as various religious booklets. A majority of the articles were written for his weekly columns in the Calgary Albertan and the Lethbridge Herald, titled "The Voice of One", and "Weekly Meditations". He also wrote editorials for both of these newspapers. The fonds also consists of personal papers, photographs and mementoes, including a small file of documents relating to his involvement in politics, a photograph of Dr. Morley with the other Canadian Delegates at the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1963, and various mementoes of his attendance at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Title based on contents of the fonds.

Accession Number: 1995-5005

No restrictions on access.

Material in this fonds may be protected by copyright until January 1st, 2049 (please ask the archivist on staff for clarification). A single copy of items in the fonds may be made for purposes of research and private study. Authorization must be obtained from the copyright holder if protected material is to be used for any other purpose. Protected material cannot be published without permission from the copyright holder.

A finding aid with series descriptions and file lists is available.

Series Descriptions

Articles and addresses. – [194-]-[197-]. – 13 cm of textual records.

Series consists of articles written by Dr. Morton, primarily for the Calgary Albertan and the Lethbridge Herald. Dr. Morton wrote editorials for the Calgary Albertan from the late 1950s to the mid-1960s, and with the Lethbridge Herald in the mid-to-late 1960s. Additionally, he wrote two weekly columns - "The Voice of One", and "Weekly Meditations". "The Voice of One" was a general column which dealt with a variety of topics and subjects including culture and society, religion, history, and current affairs among others. The "Weekly Meditations" were more religiously based. The series also includes several files of miscellaneous articles and addresses written by Dr. Morley for various other newspapers and magazines, or presented at various functions.

A file list for this series is available.

Sermons. - 1944-1977. – 36 cm of textual records. - 2 audio cassettes.

Series consists of sermons written by Dr. Morley while minister at Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, Alberta and St. John's Presbyterian Church, White Rock, British Columbia. Also included are two audio cassettes of sermons given by Dr. Morley. Titles of these sermons are: "Faith Begins in the Family (Sept. 8th, 1974)", "God will Fulfil his Purpose for Me Nov. 9, 1972", and "Will your Church be Christian? (May 1975)".

A file list for this series is available.

Materials from seminars attended. – 1951-1970. – 3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of itineraries and some notes accumulated by Dr. Morley while attending various seminars around the world. Seminars attended include the 1st and 2nd International Theological Seminars in Germany, 1969 and 1970 (includes itinerary and papers presented); the Sherwood Eddy Seminars in 1951, 1953 and 1955 (includes an interview with President Tito); the American Seminar, 1951 (list of speakers); and a National Conference on the Problems of Canadian Unity, 1964 (list of participants).

A file list for this series is available.

Correspondence. – 1936-1985. – 11 cm of textual records.

Series consists of letters received by Dr. Morley between 1936 and 1985. The letters deal with a variety of topics including church-related business, correspondence regarding his activities with various associations and organisations, letters received as Associate Editor of the Lethbridge Herald, and personal correspondence with friends. One file consists of correspondence with Lester B. Pearson and John Diefenbaker concerning the possibility of Dr. Morley and Mrs. Morley meeting with Canadian Ambassadors while in Europe in 1959.

A file list for this series is available.

Personal papers, photographs and mementoes. - 1930-1985. - 28 cm of textual records. - 3 photographs.

Series consists of various papers and mementoes of Dr. Frank Morley including a file regarding his political involvement and his candidacy as a Liberal Member of Parliament for Calgary in 1962; a file of mementoes regarding his attendance at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953; a file of poems both written and collected by Dr. Morley; papers regarding his involvement in church activities; booklets and other writings, including his book "Why a Presbyterian Church?"; his Ph.D. thesis entitled "British Opinion on the Development of the Commonwealth", as well as three other school essays; and copies of the calls to Dr. Morley from Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines, Ontario, Stanley Presbyterian Church, Westmount, Quebec, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, Bermuda, and St. John's Presbyterian Church, White Rock, British Columbia. The series also includes a portrait photograph of Dr. Morley, a photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Morley in London, U.K., and a photograph of members of the Delegation of Canada to the General Assembly of the United Nations (including Dr. Morley).

A file list for this series is available.

File List

Articles and addresses

1990-5005-1-1	1953-1964, 1969	Articles – Editorials
1990-5005-1-2	[196-?]	Articles – Weekly Meditations
1990-5005-1-3	[196-?]	Articles – Weekly Meditations
1990-5005-1-4	[195] – [197]	Articles – The Voice of One
1990-5005-1-5	[195] – [197]	Articles – The Voice of One
1990-5005-1-6	[ca.1971]-[ca.1978]	Articles – From the Pastor's Quill
1990-5005-1-7	[194] – [197]	Miscellaneous Articles and Addresses
1990-5005-1-8	[194] – [197]	Miscellaneous Articles and Addresses
1990-5005-1-9	1956 – 1977	Photocopies of Newspaper Articles by Dr. Morley

Sermons

1990-5005-2-1	1944 –1948	Sermons
1990-5005-2-2	1950 –1959	Sermons
1990-5005-2-3	1960 –1963	Sermons
1990-5005-2-4	1971 –1977	Sermons
1990-5005-2-5	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-2-6	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-2-7	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-3-1	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-3-2	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-3-3	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-3-4	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-3-5	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-4-1	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]
1990-5005-4-2	[195-?] – [197-?]	Sermons [undated]

1990-5005-4-3	1974 – 1975	Sermons – Audio Cassettes
1990-5005-4-4	[195-?] – [197-?]	Research Notes [On Index Cards]
1990-5005-4-5	[195-?] – [197-?]	Research Notes [On Index Cards]

Materials from seminars attended

1990-5005-4-6	1969 – 1970	Seminars Attended – 1 st and 2 nd International Theological Seminars, Germany
1990-5005-4-7	1951 – 1955	Other Seminars Attended

Correspondence

1990-5005-5-1	1936 – 1985	Correspondence
1990-5005-5-2	1942 – 1979	Correspondence
1990-5005-5-3	1932 – 1983	Correspondence
1990-5005-5-4	1953	Correspondence – Letter from Mladen Soic with enclosed photo of the members of the Sherwood Eddy Seminar with President Tito in Yugoslavia, 1953 [Mr. And Mrs. Morley – Front Row on Left, 1953]
1990-5005-5-5	1932 – 1983	Correspondence
1990-5005-5-6	1959	Correspondence re: Meeting with Canadian Ambassadors While in Europe [Several Letters from Pearson and Diefenbaker]

Personal papers, photographs and mementoes

1990-5005-5-7	1953	Personal Mementoes re: Attendance of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
1990-5005-5-8	1971	Personal Mementoes – Certificate to Perform Marriages, University of B.C. Grades, 1927-1928, Reference Letters; and Biographical Information
1990-5005-5-9	1935, 1938, 1966, 1970	Calls from Knox Church, St. Catharines, Stanley Church, Westmount, St. Andrew's Church, Bermuda and St. John's Church, Whiterock, B.C.
1990-5005-5-10	1942 – 1985	Personal Papers – Programmes, Order of Service and Other Mementoes
1990-5005-6-1	1962	Personal Papers – Political Papers
1990-5005-6-2	[195-?] – [197-?]	Personal Papers [Written and Collected by Dr. Morley]
1990-5005-6-3	1945 – 1981	Personal Papers - Involvement in Wider Church Activities

1990-5005-6-4	[195-?] – [197-?]	Personal Papers – Involvement in Local Church Activities
1990-5005-6-5	[196-?]	Booklet – “Why a Presbyterian Church?” by Dr. Morley
1990-5005-6-6	1964	Booklet – “Week of Prayer and Witness” by Dr. Morley
1990-5005-6-7	[196-] – [197-]	Personal Papers – Booklets and Writings of Dr. Morley
1990-5005-6-8	[197-]	List of Books [Part of his personal library?]
1990-5005-6-9	1930	Essay – Canada’s Part in the British Commonwealth
1990-5005-6-10	1935	Thesis – The Church and Society
1990-5005-6-11	1935	Thesis – The New Humanism and Christianity
1990-5005-7-1	1932	Thesis - British Opinion on the Development of the Commonwealth

Photographs

1990-5005-7-2	[195-?]	Photograph of Dr. Morley
1990-5005-7-3	[195-?]	Photograph of Dr. and Mrs. Morley in London, U.K.
1990-5005-7-4	1965	Photograph – Members of the Delegation of Canada to the General Assembly of the United Nations [Including Dr. Morley]
1990-5005-7-5	[194-?]	Photograph - Unknown Church