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Walter Williamson Bryden fonds

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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-level Description

Walter Williamson Bryden fonds. - 1912-1952. – 65 cm of textual records.

Walter Williamson Bryden was born near Galt, Ontario in 1883. He attended the University of Toronto, where he received an Honours Philosophy and Psychology degree (1906), and an M.A. in Psychology (1907). He entered Knox College in 1907 and attended United Free College in Glasgow, Scotland, during his second year. He graduated from Knox in 1909, and married Violet Bannantyne in 1911, with whom he had a son Kenneth. In 1928, he was awarded the degree Doctor of Divinity, from Presbyterian College, Montreal. He was ordained in 1909 and served in the congregations of Lethbridge, Alberta (1909-1912); Woodville, Ontario (1912-1921, and 1925-1926); and Melfort, Saskatchewan (1921-1924). In 1925 he was called upon to lecture in church history at Knox College, and in 1927 was elected to the Chair of Church History. From 1945 until his death on March 3rd, 1952, he was Principal of Knox College. He published several books, including "The Christian's Knowledge of God", "The Spirit of Jesus in St. Paul", "Why I am a Presbyterian", and "The Significance of the Westminster Confession of Faith".

The fonds consists of lectures and notes written by W.W. Bryden while professor in Church History at Knox College; draft versions of his books "The Christian's Knowledge of God", and "Why I am a Presbyterian"; book reviews of "The Christian's Knowledge of God"; essays written by his students; and a copy of the Order of Service in remembrance of Dr. W.W. Bryden. Topics of the lectures include: the history of the Church of Scotland; history of the Church of England; the Apostolic age; world religions; the Presbyterian conception of the Word of God; the history of Christian thought; and the life of St. Augustine.

Title based on the content of the fonds.

Accession Numbers: 1973-5002, 1986-5003, and 1994-5008, and 2012-5001.

No restrictions on access.

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A finding aid with file lists is available.

File List

1973-5002-1-1	[194-?]	Lecture notes – St. Augustine: His Time, Life and Work
1973-5002-1-2	[194-?]	Lecture notes – Typical Religions: Ancient and Modern Forms
1973-5002-1-3	[194-?]	Lecture notes - Important Aspects of Medieval Christian Thought (St. Augustine)
1973-5002-1-4	[193-?]-[194-?]	Lecture notes – St. Paul’s Work in Detail
1973-5002-1-5	[194-?]	Lecture notes – John Calvin and the Reformed Faith
1973-5002-1-6	[194-?]	Lecture notes – History of Religions: Persian and Indian (Second Year)
1973-5002-1-7	[194-?]	Lecture notes – The History of the Church in England
1973-5002-1-8	[194-?]	Lecture notes – The Reign of Naturalisms
1973-5002-1-9	[194-?]	Lecture notes – The Religions of Japan
1973-5002-1-10	[194-?]	Lecture notes – The Religions of China
1973-5002-1-11	[194-?]	Lecture notes – The Period from the Great Creeds to the Reformation
1973-5002-1-12	[ca. 1949]	Lecture notes – History of the Church of Scotland
1973-5002-1-13	[194-?]	Lecture notes – Post-Reformation History of the Church (up to 1648)
1973-5002-1-14	[194-?]	Lecture notes – Introductory Church History
1973-5002-1-15	1947	Lecture notes – Church Music: written by Carman Milligan
1973-5002-2-1	[ca. 1936]	Lecture notes – Philosophy of Religion class: The Problem of God
1973-5002-2-2	1931-1932	Lecture notes - Christianity
1973-5002-2-3	[193-?]	Lecture notes – The Apostolic Period

1973-5002-2-4	[193-?]	Lecture notes – The Modern Significance of St. Paul
1973-5002-2-5	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Miscellaneous pages
1973-5002-2-6	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Christianity and other Faiths
1973-5002-2-7	1947	Address – St. Paul the Preacher, as Separated Unto the Gospel
1973-5002-2-8	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Optimistic Idealism and Pessimism
1973-5002-2-9	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Authority in the Christian Faith
1973-5002-2-10	[193-?]	Lecture notes – The Life and Message of Jesus
1973-5002-3-1	[193-?]	Lecture notes – The Philosophy of Religion (Book II)
1973-5002-3-2	1928	Lecture notes – History of Christian Thought in and since the Reformation
1973-5002-3-3	[193-?]	Lecture notes - Barthianism
1973-5002-3-4	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Christian Faith and Revelation
1973-5002-3-5	1946	Lecture notes – The Cultural Logos and the Divine Word (The Word Made Flesh)
1973-5002-3-6	[ca. 1934]	Draft – Why I am a Presbyterian
1973-5002-3-7	[193-?]	Draft – The Presbyterian Conception of the Word of God
1973-5002-3-8	[ca. 1939]	Drafts – The Christian’s Knowledge of God
1973-5002-3-9	1941	Article written by W.W. Bryden – Continental Movements and The Theological Thought of Tomorrow
1973-5002-3-10	[ca. 1929]	Notes on Walter Lippman’s “Preface to Morals”
1973-5002-3-11	1940-1941	Book Reviews – The Christian’s Knowledge of God
1973-5002-3-12	[194-?]	Book Reviews – Written by W.W. Bryden
1973-5002-3-13	1943	Printed copies of “The Significance of the Westminster Confession of Faith”

1973-5002-3-14	[194-?]	Correspondence received by W.W. Bryden
1973-5002-3-15	1952	Order of Service – Service of Remembrance for W.W. Bryden
1973-5002-3-16	1934	Knox College Examination Paper in Church History
1973-5002-4-1	[ca.1936-1939]	Analysis of the Book “Religion and the Modern State” by Charles C. Cochrane
1973-5002-4-2	[ca. 1938-1940]	“A Discussion of the Source and Nature of ‘Christian Obedience and Service to God’ in contrast with Idealistic or Naturalistic Ethics” by George M. Lamont
1973-5002-4-3	[ca. 1936-1939]	Student essay – “Rudolf Otto’s distinction between Christian and Bhakti grace, with a statement of the adequacy of his presentation to the claims of Christian Revelation” by J.S. Clarke
1973-5002-4-4	1936	“An Essay on the nature and causes which conditioned the rise and development of the Episcopate” by Wilfred G. Butcher
1973-5002-4-5	1936	Student essay – “Revelation” by James Dunn
1973-5002-4-6	1938	“A Critical Examination of the Respective Views of Revelation held by Oman, Brunner and Barth” by Wilfred F. Butcher
1973-5002-4-7	1938	Student essay - “Revelation” by S.E. Smith
1973-5002-4-8	1937	Student essay – “Revelation” by Scarth Macdonnell
1973-5002-4-9	[ca. 1937-1938]	Student essay – “Revelaton” by DeCourcy H. Rayner
1973-5002-4-10	1940	Student essay – “A Critical Comparison of the Sources of a Knowledge of God” by S.M. Scott
1973-5002-4-14	[ca. 1936-1939]	Student essay – “Religion and the Modern State – Christopher Dawson: A Critical Review” by James S. Clark
1973-5002-4-15	[ca. 1935-1938]	Student essay – “The Nature of the Church” by George L. Douglas
1973-5002-4-16	[ca. 1936]	Student essay – “The Nature and the Causes which Conditioned the Rise and Development of the Episcopacy” by DeCourcy H. Rayner
1973-5002-4-17	[ca. 1936-1939]	Student essay – “A Critical Comparison of P.E. More’s <u>The Sceptical Approach to Religion</u> and John Dewey’s <u>A Common Faith</u> ” by Charles C. Cochrane
1973-5002-4-18	[ca. 1936-1939]	Student essay – “The Essence of Greek Religion” by James S. Clarke
1973-5002-4-19	1941	Student evaluations – First Year, Second Year and Third Year

Students

1986-5003-1-1	[193-?]	Lecture notes – St. Augustine
1986-5003-1-2	[193-?]	Lecture notes – St. Augustine
1986-5003-1-3	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Church History: Scotland
1986-5003-1-4	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Church History: England
1986-5003-1-5	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Church History: The Apostolic Age
1986-5003-1-6	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Church History: Post Reformation
1986-5003-1-7	[193-?]	Lecture notes - Prereformation
1986-5003-1-8	[193-?]	Lecture notes –Calvin and Luther
1986-5003-1-9	[193-?]	Lecture notes - Calvin
1986-5003-1-10	[193-?]	Lecture notes - Baptism
1986-5003-1-11	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Creeds and Heresies
1986-5003-1-12	[193-?]	Lecture notes – History
1986-5003-1-13	[193-?]	Lecture notes – Church History
2012-5001-1-1		Church History – clipping – letter from John Murray, Westminster Theological Seminary -- Medieval Church History -- 1 page. List of main emphases of course. Handwritten. Typescript: The Period from the Great Creeds to the Reformation 45pp. Bound in file.
2012-5001-1-2		Bryden Notes: Trent Socinianism. Dort. Bound typescript: Philosophy of Religion Notes. By Professor W. W Bryden, D.D. Knox College, U. of T. 1945. 1. The significance of Idealism. 61 pp. 2. The problem of God from the Rational Standpoint.

16 pp.
Signature of owner: Allan L. Farris.
Loose pages numbered 17-42.
4 pp of handwriting, pp41-44.

2012-5001-1-3

File: Augustine Bryden Notes.

Typescript: St. Augustine Ecclesiastic,
Philosopher and Theologian 124 pp
(pp 1-61 typed, 62-125
handwritten)

Bibliography on Scottish Church History. 1page (damaged)..

Annotated Typescript: The Development and Progress of the
Reformation itself.2.pp.

2012-5001-1-4

History of Religions: Persian and Indian; Second Year. Prof. W. W.
Bryden M.A., D.D., Bound typescript mimeographed 54 pp.
pp. 1-14 The Persian Religion.
15-54 The Religions of India.

File: Bryden.

The Problem of God. Lecture Notes
2nd Theology.

The Reign of Naturalisms. Mimeo.
34 pp.

(Note on cover: Allan L. Farris
Purchased 1942 from Phil
Schissler.)

2012-5001-1-5

Typescript and 3 copies:

"The Christian Ministry" by Rev. W.
W. Bryden M.A., B.D., Professor of
Church History. Knox College,
Toronto.

Approved and issued by the General Assembly's Committee
on Worship and Aids to Devotion. Upper Canada Tract
Society, 8-10 Richmond Street East, Toronto [1927] 11 pp.

MS. The Doctrine of Grace. 7 pp.
Annotated MS. 3pp. typewritten.

MS. God as Redeemer through
His incarnate Word, Jesus Christ.
The Mediator. Box II.

MS. Calvin's Understanding of The Church. 4pp. Handwritten.

Mimeo. The Reign of Naturalisms. Set #7.
Bound in file. 34 pp.

2012-5001-1-6

File: Early Church History by Walter Bryden., pp. Mimeo. Bound in
file.

File: Bryden. The Significance of the Death of Stephen and the
origin of Gentile Missions. Annotated typescript. (Appears to be pp
58-62 of another Ms. Handwriting on back of typed pages.

Bryden File: Ms. Hand written. Church and State (Civil Government). 6 pp and back of p.6.

Fragment: 2pp. The Crusades.

REPORT to the Committee of Direction of the Toronto Graduate School of Theological Studies on word for M. Th. Degree. Mr. Allen Farris. 3pp Typewritten.

Fragment: The God Fearers or God Worshippers.

Letter d/July 2/63 [1963] Violet Bryden to Prof. Farris Re: Scholarship Fund.

Letter d/March 24/52 to Dear Al [Farris] From Don [Wade]. Re Death of W. W. Bryden [on Sunday, March 23 at 2 p.m.]

2012-5001-1-7 Annotated Typescript "Organization in the Spiritual Community" 4pp Many notes.

Hectograph/Ditto Typescript : Church History – Reformation
Note in front: Pages 85, 86 missing.
1 page handwritten (largely illegible.)

2012-5001-1-8 Black Binder: The Greek Religion. 47 pp Carbon copy/typescript.

2012-5001-1-9 Typed and bound mimeo: History of Religions – Persian and Indian. (2 copies)

Copy 1, 54pp. Second year

Copy 2. Some hand-written emendation. On cover: "The Property of W. W. Bryden."

2012-5001-1-10 File: "Set #10"
Dr. Bryden: "Typical Religions (in 3 parts.) Carbon
copy of typescript.

Book 1: The Logos-idea in the Ethnic Religions And in Philosophy. 12 pp.

Lecture II What is assumed to be or the equivalent of Revelation in the Ethnic Religions. Pgs.13-31. Carbon typescript.

The Doctrine of Grace -- by Rev. M. Edwards Breed B.A., S.T.M., 12 pp. Typescript. Bibliography.

2012-5001-1-11 File: Dr. Bryden.
1 page Hand-written 2 sides. "The obvious source of authority in the Primitive Church."

Fragment: 3 pp. Typescript. "Luther's Gradual discovery of The

Reformation Principles." Annotated with writing on back of typescript.

Typescript: St. Paul the Preacher, as Separated unto the Gospel.
Address by W. W. Bryden on the CBC, Feb 16, 1947. 4pp.

The Triumph of Reality: Address at Convocation, Montreal
Presbyterian College, 1929, 16pp. Hand written. [Also appears in
"Separated unto the Gospel" edited by D. V. Wade.]

MS Handwritten. "Recent Religious Psychology" by the Rev. A. P
Uren, Ph. D. (Edin.) (A book review by W. W. Bryden.)

Hektograph typescript: Church History, Second Term.Period of the
Creeds. 42 pp. Some underlining and annotation.

Typescript: St. Cyprian. 11 pp. Annotated.

Typescript: appears to be the original of the above. 4pp.

Newsclipping: "Barthian Theology." N.d.Toronto Globe and Mail.