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## Finding Aid - Barry Wilson Collection (BWC)

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** Archives & Research Collections, Carleton University Library

**Title:** Barry Wilson Collection

**ID:** BWC

**Date:** 1864-2006 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** \*16 prints (posters) and other material

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Barry Wilson is a journalist who has worked for the Western Producer for 28 years, writing on federal policy development, federal-provincial agricultural relations, national farm lobbies, world trade talks, and world food issues. Since the age of fourteen, Mr. Wilson has been collecting political memorabilia. At the core of this collection are the signatures of every Canadian Prime Minister since Confederation. The collection also includes other rare materials, including campaign posters, portraits, and assorted ephemera.

### Custodial history

This collection was donated to the Carleton University Archives and Research Collections December 11, 2009. No further accruals are expected.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds consists of three series: Canadian political posters, books and printed memorabilia, and correspondence and physical objects.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Titles derived from content of the collection.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Physical description:** Other material consists of 10.75 cm of textual records, 9 photographs, 4 prints, 2 drawings, 1 audio disc, 1 tapestry, 1 framed booklet, 2 coins, 1 ribbon, 1 emery board, 7 buttons, 1 flag, 1 pennant, and 2 busts.

## Access points

- Multiple media (documentary form)

## Series descriptions

### Series BWC-1: Canadian political posters

Date: 1880-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of Canadian prime ministerial memorabilia collected by Barry Wilson, chiefly signed election posters and portraits.

Physical description: \*16 prints : posters ; 9 col., 7 b&w ; assorted sizes

\*1 photograph : b&w, framed ; 61.5 x 49 cm

\*1 photograph : b&w ; 31.34 x 22.75 cm

\*1 tapestry : embroidered, framed ; 99 x 68 cm

\*1 drawing : triptych, framed ; 66.8 x 36.8 cm

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Object (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
BWC-1-1	File - Joe Clark election poster, ca. 1979	1979		
BWC-1-2	File - Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper election poster, 1891.	1891		
BWC-1-3	File - Mackenzie King election poster, 1945.	1945		
BWC-1-4	File - Stand up for Canada Stephen Harper election poster, 2006	2006		

BWC-1-5	File - Robert Borden portrait, 1920	1920
BWC-1-6	File - Brian Mulroney poster, ca.1983	1983
BWC-1-7	File - Jean Chretien poster, 1991	1991
BWC-1-8	File - Unrestricted reciprocity poster (Sir John A. MacDonald election poster), 1890	1890
BWC-1-9	File - Lester B. Pearson election poster, 1964	1964
BWC-1-10	File - "Prime ministers of Canada", 1957	1957
BWC-1-11	File - John Bracken election poster, 1945 "Servicemen around Bracken"	1945
BWC-1-12	File - Kim Campbell election poster, 1993	1993
BWC-1-13	File - "Vote Diefenbaker", 1957	1957
BWC-1-14	File - John Turner election poster, ca. 1984	1984
BWC-1-15	File - Prime ministerial triptych , n.d. Portraits of John A. MacDonald, Arthur Meighen and George-Étienne Cartier	1890-2006
BWC-1-16	File - Pierre Trudeau election poster, 1968.	1968
BWC-1-17	File - Conservative Members of the House of Commons poster, 1892	1892
BWC-1-18	File - Sir John A. Macdonald needlepoint tapestry, 1880	1880
BWC-1-19	File - Paul Martin election poster, ca. 2003	2003
BWC-1-20	File - Fathers of Confederation print, 1930	1930

## Series BWC-2: Books and printed memorabilia

Date: 1864-1947 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains four monographs and a binder of prime ministerial memorabilia, including coins, an Orange Young Britons ribbon, a deed of sale and photographs. The monographs in this series consist of: Life and times of the Right Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald by Joseph Edmund Collins, History of the rebellion in Wexford by George Taylor, Rules and orders of the House of Commons, and The greatest Englishmen of history by Arthur Meighen.

Physical description: \*9.25 cm of textual records and other material

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Object (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

Physical description:

Textual records are comprised of 4 monographs and 1 deed of sale. Other material includes : 3 photographs (2 col., 15 x 9.7 cm ; 1 b&w ; 10 x 15 cm), 2 coins (silver ; 33 mm in diam.) and 1 ribbon (23 x 7 cm (includes 2 attached pins)).

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
BWC-2-1	File - Joseph Edmund Collins--"Life and Times of the Right Honourable Sir John A. Macdonald", 1883	1883		
BWC-2-2	File - George Taylor--"A history of the rise, progress, cruelties, and suppression of the rebellion in the county of Wexford in the year 1798", published in 1864	1864		
BWC-2-3	File - PM Memorabilia binder	1876-1975		
BWC-2-4	File - "Rules and Orders of the House of Commons", 1873	1873		
BWC-2-5	File - "The greatest Englishmen of history : an address delivered by the Right Honourable Arthur Meighen", 1947	1947		

**Series BWC-3: General political memorabilia**

Date: 1864-2004 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains textual and graphic material as well as physical ephemera of Canadian political memorabilia collected by Barry Wilson during his 30 years working as a journalist for the Western Producer, many of which bear signatures of Canadian prime ministers.

Physical description: \*2.70 cm of textual records

- \*4 photographs
- \* 4 prints
- \* 1 drawing
- \*1 audio disc
- \*11 objects

Access points:

- Multiple media (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

Physical description:

Textual material includes sheets, cards, booklet, and 1 monograph. Graphic material includes prints, lithographs, and photographs. Sound recording is 1 vinyl LP (33 1/3) ; and physical objects include a flag, buttons, a pennant, and 2 busts.

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
BWC-3-1	File - Union Jack, 1864.	1864		
BWC-3-2	File - Trudeau memorial program, 2000	2000		
BWC-3-3	File - Liberal leadership folder, 2003	2003		
BWC-3-4	File - "A lecture on political liberalism delivered by Wilfrid Laurier on the 26th June, 1877 in the Music Hall, Quebec", 1877	1877		
BWC-3-5	File - Signature of Lester B. Pearson, ca. 1964	1963-1968		
BWC-3-6	File - Kim Campbell signature, 2004	2004		
BWC-3-7	File - John Abbott correspondence, 1890-1895	1890-1895		
BWC-3-8	File - John A. Macdonald correspondence, 1864	1864		
BWC-3-9	File - Lithograph of Alexander Mackenzie, n.d.	1878		
BWC-3-10	File - Print of R.B. Bennett [signed], 1935.	1935		
BWC-3-11	File - "Trudeau", 1984.	1984		
BWC-3-12	File - Print of Arthur Meighen	1933		
BWC-3-14	File - R.B. Bennett correspondence, 1945	1945		
BWC-3-15	File - Karsh photograph - Louis St. Laurent, 1957	1957		
BWC-3-16	File - Karsh photograph of Mackenzie King, 1943	1864-2004		
BWC-3-18	File - Seven election buttons	1950-1993		
BWC-3-19	File - Postcard (Laurier and Fielding), ca. 1895	1864-2004		
BWC-3-20	File - "I am a Canadian" John Diefenbaker recalls his own personal experiences in public life, ca. 1960	1960		
BWC-3-22	File - Sir Wilfred Laurier - [Vanity Fair illustration], 1897	1897		
BWC-3-23	File - Liberal Party- Federal elections 1895 - Issues of the Campaign	1895		
BWC-3-24	File - Launch of 'First Among Equals' website at National Library, 1994	1994		
BWC-3-25	File - "Canadian Illustrated News" [Alexander Mackenzie], 1874	1874		
BWC-3-26	File - Mackenzie Bowell deed of land, 1905	1905		
BWC-3-27	File - Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, 1982	1982		
BWC-3-28	File - Prime Ministerial busts, 1914, 2000	1914, 2000		
BWC-3-29	File - Lithograph of Sir John Thompson, ca. 1880	ca. 1880		

BWC-3-30	File - Charles Tupper correspondence, 1898.	1898
BWC-3-31	File - Paul Martin correspondence, 1995-1996.	1995-1996
BWC-3-32	File - Sir Wilfrid Laurier correspondence, 1896.	1896
BWC-3-33	File - Sir John Thompson correspondence, 1890.	1890