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Summary information

Repository: Archives & Special Collections, Carleton University Library

Title: James A. Gibson fonds

ID: JG

Date: 1932-2001 (date of creation)

Physical description: *1.10 m of textual records
*6 photographs

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

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, Acting President James Gibson's career at Carleton was diverse and interesting. He has held the position of Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, as well as the post of Acting President (1955-1956).

Gibson was born on January 29th, 1912 in Ottawa, Ontario. He attended the University of British Columbia, where in 1931 he graduated with a B.A. (Honours). He went on to attend New College, Oxford (England) and graduated with a B.Litt (1933); D.Phil (1938); and a M.A. (1953). Some of his many academic honours included becoming a Rhodes Scholar in 1931; the Royal Society of Canada Research Fellow (1935-1936); Guggenheim Fellowship (1953-1954); and a visiting Fellow at Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs from Princeton University (1953-1954). Gibson's employment involves, lecturer in economics and government at the University of British Columbia (1937-1938); the Foreign Service Officer with the Department of External Affairs (1938-1947); seconded for duty in the office of the Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King; an Officer in charge of War Records (1940-1945); and an External Affairs Liaison Officer (1943-1947). Community activities which are numerous are comprised of the First Chairman of the Overseas Friendship Society of Ottawa (1956-1957); and President of the Canadian Writers Foundation Inc. (1961-1963). In addition, he was associated with the Canadian Club of Ottawa, the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the University Club of Ottawa.

Custodial history

Materials hand delivered by Dr. James Gibson.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of materials created, used and accumulated by Dr. Gibson during his time at Carleton and with the Prime Minister's Office. These records include personal correspondence, briefs and correspondence from the Prime Minister's Office, reports, speeches, addresses, lectures, convocation photographs of Gibson, and mementos from his days at Carleton.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on contents of the fonds.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
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Series descriptions

Series JG-1: Research on W.L. MacKenzie King (Manuscripts & Correspondence)

Date: 1942-1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of research material created and compiled by Dr. James A. Gibson, in the form of manuscripts, correspondence, and articles and other published material on Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King. It includes addresses by King, as well as Dr. Gibson's memoirs of his time serving the Prime Minister. Manuscripts of Dr. Gibson's works "Some little time", both in early book and later published article form are also included, as well as manuscripts of his memoir of King. Also included are numerous book reviews and newspaper articles on King, including the full text of his will published in the Ottawa Citizen in August 1950, as well as the text, and correspondence and reviews of Gibson's 1952 CBC radio broadcast, Mr. Mackenzie King and the blunt pencil.

Physical description: *0.20 m of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
JG-1-1	File - W.L. MacKenzie King- Misc. items & correspondence (1942-1968)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-2	File - Some Little Time- Manuscripts & correspondence, 1952	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-3	File - Blunt Pencil and MacKenzie King- Article and correspondence (1952-1953)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-4	File - Some Little Time- Manuscript (1972)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-5	File - Memoir of W.L. MacKenzie King (1972)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-6	File - Public lectures and clippings on W.L. MacKenzie King (1976-1981)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-7	File - Some Little Time- Manuscript (1991)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-8	File - Some Little Time- Manuscript & notes (1991)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-9	File - W.L. MacKenzie King- Manuscript (1998-1999)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-10	File - Laurier House	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-11	File - English Through the Wringer- Manuscript	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-12	File - Manuscripts & correspondence on W.L. MacKenzie King (1998)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-13	File - Some Little Time - Article Manuscript (1998)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-14	File - MacKenzie Heritage Printery Museum- Info & Notes (1999)	1942-1999		A-311
JG-1-15	File - W.L. MacKenzie King- Material about him written by others (1949-1970_	1942-1999		A-311

Series JG-2: Research & CorrespondenceDate: 1936-2001 (date of creation)Scope and content:

This series consists of research material, correspondence, addresses and publications created and compiled by Dr. James A. Gibson in the course of his professional life in the government, and throughout his academic career. It includes texts of speeches written by Gibson for the Governor General and for Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King, as well as official government memos, briefing notes, correspondence and dispatches. Later material includes research notes, working manuscripts and

correspondence in support of Dr. Gibson's Léger Fellowship research on the office of the Governor General, as well as his manuscript, The nature of Canadian federation.

Physical description: *0.35 m of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

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JG-2-1	File - Speeches & Drafts, (1936-1945)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-2	File - Misc. Documents (1939-1943)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-3	File - Canadian Foreign Policy (1952-1957)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-4	File - Governor general- Misc. clippings & notes (1979-1984)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-5	File - Governor General- Drafts & Research, Correspondence (1988-1999)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-6	File - Misc. correspondence/ clippings (Governor general) (1952-1998)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-7	File - Political prisoners - Correspondence & clippings (1976)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-8	File - Political prisoners (Prof. S.D. Scott, Buffalo) (1993-1994)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-9	File - The nature of Canadian Federalism- Manuscript & correspondence (1959-1964)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-10	File - Canadian Federalism (1960)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-11	File - Canadian federalism- Speech notes (1964-1972)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-12	File - Publications (1938-1954)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-13	File - Publications (1956-1976)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-14	File - Durham speech (1977-1978)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-15	File - Niagara conference, 2001, Eccentrics/ AP, 2001 (2001)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-16	File - The Royal Visit, 1939 (2001)	1936-2001		A-312
JG-2-17	File - Reports & remarks (1937-1984)	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-18	File - Meetings/ correspondence (confidential) (1946-1947)	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-19	File - LF/ Personal letters (1979-1984)	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-20	File - Misc. notes- Léger	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-21	File - Misc. notes- Michener	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-22	File - Misc. notes- Vanier	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-23	File - Misc. notes- Shreyer	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-24	File - LF/Working papers (1965-1981)	1937-2000		A-313
JG-2-25	File - Misc. correspondence & related materials	1937-2000		A-313

JG-2-26	File - Misc. research notes (1944-2000)	1937-2000		A-313
Series JG-3: Writings and Memoirs				
<u>Date:</u> 1932-2001 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
<p>This series consists of documents, research material and other records created and accumulated by Dr. J. Gibson in the course of his career with Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King, and later at Carleton College and University. Included are invitations, correspondence, memoirs and other manuscripts, as well as the texts of addresses delivered and published journal articles. Copies of Gibson's <i>So little time and 50 years on: a remembrance of William Lyon Mackenzie King</i> are also featured, along with a bibliography of his works.</p>				
<u>Physical description:</u> *0.30 m of textual records				
<u>Access points:</u>				
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<u>Publication status:</u>				
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File / item list				
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JG-3-1	File - Invitations, 1942-1945	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-2	File - Miscellaneous Articles and Publications, 1945-1977	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-3	File - Letters and Miscellaneous, 1938-1939	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-4	File - Letters to Dr. Skelton, 1939	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-5	File - Letters Misc., 1962	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-6	File - Miscellaneous Memoir notes, ca. 1998	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-7	File - Memoir Notes, 1969	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-8	File - Visit to Israel, 1963	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-9	File - My connection to Carleton College/University and Governor General Byng Manuscript, 1998	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-10	File - Miscellaneous Publications and chapters, n.d.	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-11	File - Miscellaneous Articles, Publications and Chapters, 1985-1993	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-12	File - So Little Time - memoir text, 2001	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-13	File - So Little Time - memoir, notes, 1932-1939	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-14	File - So Little Time - personal memoir, n.d.	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-15	File - So Little Time - memoir drafts, n.d.	1932-2001		A-360
JG-3-16	File - Rhodes Scholars, n.d.	1986-2002		A-361

JG-3-17	File - So Little Time, Miscellaneous Notes, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-18	File - So Little Time Notes, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-19	File - Biographical Sketch, J.A. Gibson, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-20	File - So Little Time, Miscellaneous, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-21	File - Miscellaneous, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-22	File - Memoir notes, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-23	File - Christmas letter, miscellaneous, 1997-2002	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-24	File - Miscellaneous - growing up with Canada, 1988	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-25	File - Research, Miscellaneous, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
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JG-3-27	File - Monuments / Joseph Howe, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-28	File - Early Lieutenant Governors of Upper Canada, speeches, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-29	File - Foundation Lecture, 1976	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-30	File - Governor General of Canada, 1986-1987	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-31	File - Tweedsmuir, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-32	File - GGO/X Public Archives of Canada Microfilm, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-33	File - Miscellaneous - Death of Lord Byng, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-34	File - Miscellaneous, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-35	File - Massey, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-36	File - Athlone, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-37	File - Alexander, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
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JG-3-40	File - Minto, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-41	File - Grey, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-42	File - Connaught, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361
JG-3-43	File - Byng, n.d.	1986-2002	A-361

Series JG-4: Miscellaneous

Date: 1940-2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of material created, used and accumulated by James A. Gibson during his time at the Prime Minister's Office and subsequently at Carleton College and University. It includes: press clippings and releases; memoranda, draft speeches, background papers and foreign policy briefs from his time with Prime Minister W.L. Mackenzie King; as well as memoirs and journal entries from that same time frame. Material from Dr. Gibson's years at Carleton includes: personal and professional correspondence; convocation planning documentation and photographs; orientation handbooks for faculty; newspaper clippings; texts of reports, addresses, speeches, and lectures; issues of the Carleton College bulletin from the 1940s; and other personal mementos and memoirs.

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JG-4-3	File - Carleton College - A handbook for faculty, 1960	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-4	File - Recollections, 1999	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-5	File - Convocation - Carleton, 1964	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-6	File - Miscellaneous correspondence about Carleton University, 1996	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-7	File - Newspaper clippings - early, 1951 - 1960	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-8	File - Correspondence - Private/personal, 1960 - 1963	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-9	File - Carleton College public affairs committee - Correspondence, 1942 - 1943	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-10	File - Carleton College correspondence, 1953 - 1954	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-11	File - Gibson addresses, speeches & reports, 1951 - 1962	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-12	File - Senate brief - Royal Commission on National Development, 1950	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-13	File - Williamson, E.L.R. - Obituary, 2000	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-14	File - National Museum of Canada - Lecture series, 1947	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-15	File - Travels with a Prime Minister, 1947	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-16	File - Sir Edmund Head and Technology in the Victorian Age, 1981	1940-2001		A-292
JG-4-17	File - Something like a National Existence, 1982	1940-2001		A-292
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JG-4-19	File - Canada: The Hollowed-out Nationality, 1996	1940-2001		A-292
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JG-4-21	File - Carleton correspondence - College and University, 1955 - 1963	1940-2001		A-292
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