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Jim Douglas fonds

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Summary information

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| Repository: | Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books |
| Title: | Jim Douglas fonds |
| Reference code: | MsC-192 |
| Date: | 1968-2006 (date of creation) |
| Physical description: | 83.5 cm of textual records 9 photographs : col. slide |
| Language: | English |
| Dates of creation, revision and deletion: | Entry created 24 April, 2018. JMH |
| Note [sourcesDescription]: | https://bcbooklook.com/2016/10/15/remembering-jim-douglas/ https://publishers.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/160926-release-JimDouglas.pdf |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

James Jardine (Jim) Douglas was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1924 and immigrated to Canada in 1954. After working as a book peddler and sales representative off and on since he was 15, Jim founded first Douglas Agencies in 1964, then J.J. Douglas Ltd. in 1966 and established himself as one of the first major book publishers and distributors in British Columbia to generate significant sales outside of the province. He had an interest in representing Canadian authors and content, especially books about Indigenous peoples and culture, guidebooks and histories. This later grew into the internationally renowned publishing firm Douglas & McIntyre in 1979, from which he retired in 1982 when he sold his shares to partner Scott McIntyre.

Aside from his entrepreneurial endeavors, Jim was heavily involved with the Association of Canadian Publishers, serving as President from 1975-1977 and again from 1983-1984. He was also one of the founding officers of the Association of Book Publishers of B.C., and a key figure in the genesis and design of the publishing program at Simon Fraser University. Jim sought to professionalize and create standards for the publishing industry and has since been acknowledged as one of the founding fathers of BC publishing. He was named a Companion to the Order of Canada in 2008 in recognition of his profound influence on the book publishing industry.

Jim Douglas died in North Vancouver on September 24, 2016.

Custodial history

This fonds was donated to Simon Fraser University by Heather Douglas in 2017.

Scope and content

This fonds contains textual and photographic materials compiled by Jim Douglas, primarily relating to his various business and professional work in the field of book publishing. There is also printed material he compiled while researching legal topics relevant to publishing such as libel, copyright, contract and professional standards.

The series contained in this fonds are as follows: Series 1: Business records (1968-2006), Series 2: Records pertaining to legal topics (1982-1990), and Series 3: Project files (1970-1985).

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the name of the creator.

Arrangement

Arrangement of the files was primarily imposed by the archivist, with files assigned to one of three common identifiable themes. Contents within each file were left undisturbed. Most file-level titles were assigned by the creator. Where these titles were not assigned or illegible, they were assigned by the archivist based on the contents of the file. Such titles are indicated by the presence of square brackets.

Restrictions on access

No known restrictions

Finding aids

A file list is available in addition to a series-level description.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Status description:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Series MsC-192-0-1: Business records

Date: 1968-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series is comprised of records related to the administration of several of Jim's business ventures such as J.J. Douglas Ltd., Douglas & McIntyre, and consulting work conducted following his retirement from those companies.

Physical description: 55 cm of textual records
9 photographs : col. slide

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|--------------------|---|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-1 | File - [Loose papers, some Douglas & McIntyre] | 1972-2001 | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-2 | File - [General - insurance, examples of contracts] | [ca. 1982-1988?] | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-3 | File - [Canadian writer's union proposed standard contract] | [ca. 1970-1988?] | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-4 | File - [Joan Ward-Harris suit] | 1974-1976 | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-5 | File - China | 1986-1987 | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-6 | File - China | 1985-1987 | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-7 | File - Trade missions | 1987-1995 | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-8 | File - Contracts & forms | 1985-1989 | | MsC-192 Box 1 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-9 | File - [J.J.] Douglas - Bank receipts/ statements | 1968-1970 | | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-10 | File - Interoffice memo - RDT | 1973-1974 | | MsC-192 Box 2 |

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| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-11 | File - Financial - [correspondence] with accountants | 1976-2010 | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-12 | File - IPA correspondence | 1973-1975 | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-13 | File - List of accounts | 1971-1972 | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-14 | File - IPA | 1973-1975 | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-15 | File - J.J. Douglas, Richards-Norris | 1972-1974 | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-16 | File - Book specs | [1970s?] | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-17 | File - Budgets | [1970s?] | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-18 | File - Designers | 1974-1975 | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-19 | File - Hunter Rose | 1972-1974 | MsC-192 Box 2 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-20 | File - Illustrators/maps | 1974-1976 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-21 | File - Photographers & camera work | 1972-1974 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-22 | File - Printers & binders | 1972-1975 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-23 | File - Production memos | 1973-1974 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-24 | File - Production - quotations | 1972-1975 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-25 | File - Quotes | 1974 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-26 | File - Production schedules | 1972-1974 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-27 | File - Schedules | 1975 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-28 | File - Typesetters & camera work | 1972-1974 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-29 | File - J.J.D. Ltd. catalog - fall 1974 | 1974 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-30 | File - 1975 fall catalog JJD | 1975 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-31 | File - Promotion correspondence 1973 | 1973 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-32 | File - Promotion correspondence, publicity representatives | 1974-1975 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-33 | File - Review copy - distribution | 1975 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-34 | File - Promo [correspondence] to reviews pre-1975 | 1973-1974 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-35 | File - [Correspondence, review requests] | 1974-1975 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-36 | File - Reviewers - [correspondence] | 1976 | MsC-192 Box 3 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-37 | File - [J.J.] Douglas private & confidential | 1973-1976 | MsC-192 Box 3 |

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| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-38 | File - [Correspondence, business records, publishing proposals] | 2002-2006 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-39 | File - Authors | 2005 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-40 | File - Publishing topics [books about books] | 2003-2005 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-41 | File - Meetings [books about books] | 2004-2006 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-42 | File - Business plan [books about books] | 2005 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-43 | File - Management and staff [books about books] | 2004 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-44 | File - Competition [books about books] | 2002-2005 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-45 | File - Three-year publishing program [books about books] | 2004-2005 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-46 | File - Student essays | 2004-2005 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-47 | File - Possible reprints | 2005 | MsC-192 Box 4 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-48 | File - The study | 2004-2005 | MsC-192 Box 5 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-49 | File - [Correspondence, business records] | 2005-2006 | MsC-192 Box 5 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-50 | File - General correspondence | 2003-2005 | MsC-192 Box 5 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-51 | File - Editing - house style | 2006 | MsC-192 Box 5 |
| MSC-192-0-1-0-0-52 | File - Markets sought [books about books] | 2003-2005 | MsC-192 Box 5 |

Series MsC-192-0-2: Records pertaining to legal topics

Date: 1982-1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series is comprised of records related to research Jim compiled while researching legal topics relevant to publishing such as libel, copyright, contract and professional standards.

Physical description: 6.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| MSC-192-0-2-0-0-1 | File - Libel | 1983-1988 | | MsC-192 Box 5 |
| MSC-192-0-2-0-0-2 | File - 12C contracts | [ca. 1986?] | | MsC-192 Box 5 |
| MSC-192-0-2-0-0-3 | File - Legal topics | 1988-1990 | | MsC-192 Box 5 |

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| MSC-192-0-2-0-0-4 | File - Copyright/contract | 1984-1994 | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-2-0-0-5 | File - [General - copyright, legal, contracts] | 1983-1997 | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-2-0-0-6 | File - Canadian legislation - Bill C60 | 1987 | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-2-0-0-7 | File - Copyright/PLR | 1982-1990 | MsC-192 Box 6 |

Series MsC-192-0-3: Project files

Date: 1970-1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series is comprised of records related to various authors and publishing projects undertaken by Jim.

Physical description: 11.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|---------------|------------------|
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-1 | File - Bruce Hutchson, revised | 1984-1985 | | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-2 | File - J.J. Douglas, Lepage, architectural book on older homes | 1972-1976 | | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-3 | File - [Meilleur, Helen Port Simpson] | 1974 | | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-4 | File - Moore, Barnard gardening opus | 1974-1975 | | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-5 | File - Keziere/Moore | 1972-1973 | | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-6 | File - [M. Parker Kootenay Centre for the Gifted] | 1974 | | MsC-192 Box 6 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-7 | File - Price (Christie) | [ca. 1970-1979?] | | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-8 | File - Ramsay: It Happened in BC | 1972-1973 | | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-9 | File - Richards-Norris, Johann's gift to xmas -- recording | 1973-1974 | | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-10 | File - Soules: Vancouver at your feet | 1970 | | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-11 | File - Stainsby, Mary | 1972 | | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-12 | File - G.W. Taylor: Forest Industry in British Columbia | 1974-1976 | | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-13 | File - Touchie, Rodger History of Vancouver Island | 1972-1977 | | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-14 | File - Tully, Brock Coming Together | 1972-1973 | | MsC-192 Box 7 |

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| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-15 | File - Robert Turner - Princess Line | 1975 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-16 | File - David Waltner-Toews poetry | 1975-1977 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-17 | File - Webster: Growth of the NDP in BC | 1971 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-18 | File - Winter, Keith -- Shananditti | 1973-1984 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-19 | File - Davis, Chuck -- Chuck Davis' Guide to Vancouver, revised | 1974-1975 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-20 | File - Drabek - Blackboard Odyssey | 1973-1976 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-21 | File - Koshevoy-Himie, A Treasure Jest of Puns | 1974 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-22 | File - Paterson, Cranberry Portage | 1973-1976 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-23 | File - Mel Rothenburger - Chicoltin War | 1974-1976 | MsC-192 Box 7 |
| MSC-192-0-3-0-0-24 | File - Robertson Davies (S.C.L.) | 1976 | MsC-192 Box 7 |