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Fonds: Ronald J. Baker fonds

Reference code: F 1

Dates of creation: 1935-2019

Physical description:

4.18 metres of textual records
491 photographs : color prints
449 photographs : color negatives
188 photographs : black and white negatives
38 photographs : black and white prints
34 photographs : color copy prints
11 black and white contact prints
1 photograph : color slide
1 photograph : color photocopy
193 postcards
7 artifacts : medals
5 5.25 floppy disks
4 audiocassettes (ca. 5 hours)
2 artifacts : metal plaques
1 artifact : bookmark
1 artifact : PEI souvenir fan
1 technical drawing : photocopy
1 microfiche of textual records (24 fr.)

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of records created and accumulated by Ronald J. Baker.

Textual records consist of documents created in his various capacities at the University of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI). Records concerning other Canadian universities include Brock University and Mount Allison University. Also included are records such as Baker's student publications, committee work, press clippings, personal and professional correspondence, research papers and publications, pocket diaries, lectures, presentations, speeches, invitations and programs, contracts, honorary degrees, and curriculum vitae.

Photographs include images of: the first graduation ceremony at UPEI in 1971; visit of table tennis players from China to UPEI in 1971; passport-style images of Ronald Baker; Ronald Baker's first wedding to Helen Elder; Ronald Baker and his father James; presents received by Baker when he retired from UPEI; Baker's various medals and degrees as well as Baker wearing his Order of Canada Medal; UPEI President's house in Charlottetown; Baker at UPEI convocations; Baker attending a dinner at Government House and a Canada Council meeting in Montreal; UPEI Day in 1979; UPEI

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convocation dinner in 1979; the Baker family leaving the UPEI President's House upon his retirement in 1978; Ronald Baker presiding at a citizenship ceremony for new Canadians; Baker with Chief Justice Trainor at the 1972 UPEI convocation; installation of Mount Allison University's third chancellor Dr. Angus J. MacQueen; Ronald Baker presenting greetings to J. Clair Callaghan at his installation as President of the Technical University of Nova Scotia; volunteer work with Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO) in Bolivia; Ronald Baker receiving Simon Fraser University's President's 40th Anniversary Award; casual shots of Ronald Baker; as well as Ronald Baker giving his Order of Canada medal to UPEI President Eliot as a gift to UPEI. Other photographs include unidentified Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) members, Mary Jean Woods, Carol Quartermain, and Ronald Baker's father James Baker.

Electronic records consist of records concerning the Institute for Departmental Leadership workshop held in PEI in September of 1983. Discs contain Canadianized material for the workshops prepared by Ronald Baker.

Postcards feature images of: Simon Fraser University; PEI Government House; Goodell Library; central Philadelphia; Bootham Bar in York, England; a print of At Newlyn Quay; and various locales throughout British Columbia and PEI. Postcards were sent to Ronald Baker from colleagues during their travels abroad, Connie Cullen, Mary Jean Woods, George Wood, and Jim MacDougall. Also includes postcards: to James Baker from his granddaughter Ann and from Elizabeth Epperly to Frances Frazer.

Artifacts include the metal portion of a plaque commemorating the establishment of the Ronald J. Baker Entrance Scholarship UPEI. Also includes the following seven medals awarded to Ronald Baker: Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal; 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal; Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal; Canadian Centennial Medal; The War Medal (Great Britain); and the Order of Canada medal.

Audiocassettes include recordings of Ronald Baker playing the piano, music compiled by Mary Jean Woods, as well as a recording of a speech Baker gave at a banquet given by the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education. Also includes a recording of Ronald Baker's address to the UPEI faculty in September of 1972.

Microfiche is a copy of the paper Teaching of the English Language, given by Ronald Baker as the plenary session at the Association of Canadian University Teachers of English conference at the University of Quebec in Montreal in May 1980.

Biographical sketch:

Ronald James Baker was born in Lambeth, England, on August 24, 1924, to James Herbert Walter and Ethel Frances Baker (nee Miller).

He attended the Country School for Boys in Sidcup in the London Borough of Bexley from 1935 to 1940.

From 1940 to 1943, Baker worked as an Air Raid Precautions Dispatch rider in London during the WWII blitz. From 1943 to 1947, he served with the Royal Air Force (RAF) as an Officer with the 8402 Canadian Disarmament Wing in Germany, as a Navigator / Flying Controller at Briggin Hill, and as a Disarmament Liaison Officer in Europe. He left the RAF as a Flight Lieutenant.

In 1947, he trained in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, emigrated to Canada, and that same year married Helen ("Jo") Gillespie Elder (divorced 1975), with whom he had five children (Sharon "Ann," Lynn "Lyndy" Frances, Ian James, Sarah Jane, and Katherine Jean). He obtained Canadian citizenship in 1951.

Baker graduated with both a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honors, 1951) and a Master of Arts (1953) in English language and literature from The University of British Columbia (UBC). He worked as a lecturer from 1951 to 1953, as an instructor from 1953 to 1954 and 1956 to 1957, and as an Assistant Professor from 1957 to 1962 at UBC.

In 1954, Baker switched from studying English Literature to studying linguistics and spent two years (1954 to 1956) at the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London. During this time, he received fellowships from the Royal Society of Canada and the Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Baker returned to UBC in 1956 as a full-time member of the Department of English. From 1956 to 1963, he taught literature and linguistics at UBC and was a contributor to the report by UBC President Dr. John B. MacDonald *Higher Education in British Columbia, and a Plan for the Future* (1962) that led to the setting up of the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University, and several two-year colleges.

While at UBC, Baker initiated the university's first experiment with resident professors in outlying parts of the province. He spent the 1960-1961 academic year as UBC's first resident Professor in Prince George. While there, he also worked with the Indigenous community, Nadleh Whut'en First Nation, to study their Dakelh / Carrier language. He took recordings that formed a linguistic study of the Dakelh / Carrier language of that distinct area.

In 1962, he was appointed Associate Professor in UBC's Department of English.

In 1964, Baker became the first faculty member hired by Simon Fraser University President Patrick McTaggart-Cowan. He served as the Director of Academic Planning from 1964 to 1965 and, during that time, designed the University's trimester academic year and its lecture-tutorial teaching system. He became Professor and the first Head of the Department of English from 1964 to 1968 and Professor of English from 1968 to 1969.

In 1969, Baker moved to Prince Edward Island (PEI), where he served as the first President of the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) from 1969 to 1978. Upon his retirement from the UPEI President's office in 1978, Baker was named President

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Emeritus in recognition of his accomplishments and took up duties as a professor at the University. He was the inaugural David MacDonald Stewart Professor of Canadian Studies from 1988 until he retired in 1991. He was recognized as a UPEI Founder at the University's first Founders' Day in 2000, and the University's Baker Plaza was named in his honor in 2008.

It was on PEI that Baker married Frances Marilyn Frazer (1932-2010) in 1975, with whom he had one child (Ralph Edward "Teddy").

Baker served on numerous councils and committees throughout his career, including: Canadian Association of University Teachers (1954-1969); Canadian Linguistic Association (1956-1978); Association of Canadian University Teachers of English (1957-1968); Canadian Association of University Teachers (1954-1977); Canadian Council of Teachers of English (1957-1977); Canadian Council of Teachers of English (1968-1971); Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education (1965-1976); Humanities Association of Canada (1956-1969); Canada Council (1970-1976); Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (1971); The Royal Commonwealth Society (1972); Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (1972-1978); Association of Atlantic Universities (1975-1977); Canada Council Consultative Group on Scholarly Publishing (1976-1979); Killam Committee, Canada Council (1984-1986); Selection Committee of Department of National Defense on Military and Strategic Studies (1985-1999); and the Canadian Citizen Court (1996-2004).

Ronald Baker retired in 1991. From 1989 to 2004, he volunteered with the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO) in the following capacities: with the Universidad del Valle in Bolivia (1989); the Department of Indian Affairs and Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Nova Scotia (1991); First Nations Mission Housing Association and First Nations Healing our Spirit Association in Vancouver (1997); First Nations Health Council in Powell River in (1998); Metis Council of British Columbia in Chilliwack (2000); and the Treaty Council and bands in Cranbrook in British Columbia (2000).

Baker received Honorary Degrees (LL.D) from the University of New Brunswick (1970), Mount Allison University (1977), UPEI (1989), and Simon Fraser (1990).

Other awards include the Canadian Centennial Medal (1967), the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977), the Order of Canada (1978), the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal (1982), and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal (2002).

Ronald Baker died in Surrey, British Columbia, on December 12, 2020, at 96.

Restrictions on Access:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms Governing Use:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

Ronald Baker donated his medals, two honorary degrees, and various records to Robertson Library in 1987. Accrual donations were also received in 1990, 1992, and 2001.

Associated Material:

- For a listing of Ronald J. Baker's publications, see [IslandScholar](#)
- The future of scholarly publishing in Canada [sound recording], 1977. (W BAKE FSP B24 ARCH)
- University, 2000 / by Ronald J. Baker, President-designate, University of Prince Edward Island, 1969 (LE3.P75S36 1969)
- Universities and some number games [sound recording], 1976. (W BAKE USN B70 ARCH)
- Education in China [sound recording], 1974. (W BAKE EC B25 ARCH)
- The Road to Samarkand [sound recording], 1976. (W BAKE RS B51 ARCH)
- Advising a new university in Bolivia [sound recording], 1989 (W BAKE ANU B60 ARCH)
- Some universities in Thailand, Malaysia, Australia, and New Zealand [sound recording], 1984. (W BAKE SUT B28 ARCH)
- Interview [sound recording], 1989 (W BAKER INT B09 ARCH)
- Higher education in Canada: different systems, different perspectives, 1997 (LA417.5.H54 1997)
- Academic politics in the university [sound recording], 1980 (W DASG APU D78 ARCH)
- ACUTE: the first twenty-five years, 1957-1982, 1983 (PE9.A8G37 1983)
- University 100 at UPEI, 1990 (LE3.P79U558 1990)
- John Milton's Paradise Lost [sound recording] / Fran Frazer. Development of language by Ron Baker, 1973 (W RAD1 RE-1 U09 ARCH)
- University Archives and Special Collections, C 1-162, Interview with Ronald J. Baker by Marita McNulty.

Related Material:

- Simon Fraser University Archives: Ron Baker fonds, F-34
- University of Northern British Columbia: R.J. Baker fonds, 2000.14
- University of British Columbia Archives: Ronald Baker fonds, VF 110
- University of British Columbia Archives: Roy Daniells fonds. 1884-1979.

Accruals:

No further accruals are expected.

Former codes:

Accession 2001-00.

Notes:

Some documents are in French, Latin, Chinese, Cyrillic, and Japanese.

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How to order:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Finding Aid:

See series and subseries descriptions for further information.

Authority Record:

Person:

Baker, Ronald J.

Biography:

Ronald Baker was born in England in 1924, emigrated to Canada in 1947, and obtained Canadian citizenship in 1951. Having obtained a BA (English Literature, 1951) and MA (English, 1953) from UBC, Baker began his academic career as a lecturer, instructor, Assistant Professor, and then as Associate Professor at UBC. He contributed to the report by UBC President Dr. John B. MacDonald *Higher Education in British Columbia, and a Plan for the Future* (1962) that led to the setting up of the University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University. He was the first faculty member hired at Simon Fraser University, where he worked in the English Department. This was followed by a move to the newly established University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI), where he served as its first President from 1969 to 1978. Upon his retirement from the UPEI President's office, Baker was named President Emeritus in recognition of his accomplishments and took up duties as a professor at the University. He was the inaugural David MacDonald Stewart Professor of Canadian Studies from 1988 until he retired in 1991.

Baker served on numerous national councils and committees throughout his academic career and volunteered with several associations upon his retirement in 1991.

Baker received Honorary Degrees (LL.D) from the University of New Brunswick (1975), Mount Allison University (1977), UPEI (1989), and Simon Fraser (1990). Other awards include the Canadian Centennial Medal (1967), the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977), the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal (1982), the Order of Canada (1978), and the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal (2002).

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Series and Subseries Arrangement:

Series 1	Correspondence to and from Ronald Baker
Subseries 1-1	General correspondence to and from Ronald Baker
Subseries 1-2	Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Mary Jean Woods
Subseries 1-3	Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Connie Cullen
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Subseries 1-5	Correspondence from Ronald Baker to Carol Quartermain
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Series 2	Ronald Baker's writings and speeches
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Series 4	Records relating to the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)
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Series 5	Ronald Baker's professional associations
Series 6	Records relating to Ronald Baker's scholarly interests
Series 7	Records concerning Ronald Baker's teaching
Series 8	Ronald Baker's academic records
Series 9	Ronald Baker's medals and awards
Series 10	Ronald Baker's records concerning Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia
Series 11	Newspaper clippings accumulated by Ronald Baker
Series 12	Ronald Baker's general files

Series 1: Correspondence to and from Ronald Baker

Reference code: F 1-1

Dates of creation: 1943-2008

Physical description:

2.75 metres of textual records
429 photographs : color negatives
339 photographs : color prints
34 photographs : color copy prints
7 photographs : black and white prints
4 photographs : black and white negatives
1 photograph : color slide
150 postcards
3 audiocassettes (ca. 3 hours)
1 artifact : bookmark
1 artifact : PEI souvenir fan

Scope and content:

Series consists of professional and personal to and from Ronald Baker with UPEI colleagues, academic acquaintances, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), and the Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson. Also includes personal correspondence with his wife Frances Frazer, his children, Mary Jean Woods, Connie Cullen, Charlotte Bolt, and Carol Quartermain.

This series is divided into six subseries:

1. F 1-1-1: General correspondence to and from Ronald Baker
2. F 1-1-2: Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Mary Jean Woods
3. F 1-1-3: Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Connie Cullen
4. F 1-1-4: Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Charlotte Bolt
5. F 1-1-5: Correspondence from Ronald Baker to Carol Quartermain
6. F 1-1-6: Records relating to Ronald Baker's scholarly interests

Restrictions on Access:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms Governing Use:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

How to:

See subseries descriptions for information on how to view this material.

Finding Aid:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

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Series 1, Subseries 1: General correspondence to and from Ronald Baker

Reference code: F 1-1-1

Dates of creation: 1946-2008

Physical description:

43.18 centimetres of textual records

21 postcards

Scope and content:

Series consists of personal and professional correspondence to and from Ronald Baker with UPEI, academic colleagues, acquaintances in British Columbia, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC), Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson, Connie Cullen and Steve Harlow, British Columbia artist Jack Shadbolt, Elizabeth Epperly, Edward (Ted) Sheffield, David and Mary Lou Morrison, and author Mavis Gallant.

Also includes postcards to Ronald Baker from Thomas Spira, Oscar Tam, Adrien Arsenault, Jim MacDougall, Gladys Kindmarchp, Connie Cullen, George Wood, as well as a postcard from Elizabeth Epperly to Baker's wife Frances Frazer.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

There are no restrictions on reproduction for research and private study.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 1, Subseries 2: Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Mary Jean Woods

Reference code: F 1-1-2

Dates of creation: 1943-1992, predominant 1984-1988

Physical description:

1.93 metres of textual records
394 photographs : color negatives
284 photographs : color prints
34 photographs : color copy prints
6 photographs : black and white prints
4 photographs : black and white negatives
1 photograph : color slide
44 postcards
3 audiocassettes (ca. 3 hours)
2 artifacts : bookmarks

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of correspondence between Ronald Baker and Mary Jean Woods. Also includes correspondence to and from Jeff Holmes, Arlene Binns and Kathy Clarke.

Photographs include images of Ronald Baker, Mary Jean Woods, Megan Woods, Frances Frazer, Teddy Baker, toy penguins, various hotels, Woods' first husband Bill Woods and her father, Ronald Baker's father James Baker, and Ted Sheffield. Also includes images of Baker and Woods taken during trips together to Guelph, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls, Brock, downtown Vancouver, and London, England. Subseries also includes an image of Ronald Baker, Jeff Holmes, G.D. Clough, and Tom Lanc at the 1982 CAUBO (Canadian Association of University Business Officers) annual conference.

Postcards sent between Ronald Baker and Mary Jean Woods feature images of: Louisburg; Skyline Hotel in Ottawa, Ontario; Epcot Centre; a Newfoundland dog; Indigenous dancers; the Four Sons of Horus from the British Museum; various locales and imagery of PEI; puffins; Raffles Hotel in Singapore; Elora Street in Harriston, Ontario; Simon Fraser University, Bloedel Conservatory; a harp seal; drum horse of the Household Cavalry in London, England; The British Museum; Windsor Castle; British punk rockers; penguins; Trafalgar Square; London, England;

Audiocassettes include recordings of: a speech (*Natural Selection, Onomastics, and Population control: The Shufflebottom Hypothesis*) Baker gave at a banquet given by the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education (CSSHR) in 1984; music compiled by Mary Jean Woods for Ronald Baker; and Ronald Baker playing the piano.

Artifacts include two bookmarks.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

Copyright of letters written by Mary Jean Woods to Ronald Baker resides with Mary Jean (Woods) Hartwig.

Copyright of letters written by Ronald Baker to Mary Jean Woods resides with his daughter, Ann Welch.

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

Notes:

- Files are arranged chronologically.
- Contains a record in French.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 1, Subseries 3:

Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Connie Cullen

Reference code: F 1-1-3

Dates of creation: 1970-1979

Physical description:

25 centimetres of textual records

47 photographs : color prints

35 photographs : color negatives

1 photograph : black and white print

85 postcards

1 artifact : PEI souvenir fan

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of correspondence between Ronald Baker and Connie Cullen.

Photographs include images of Connie Cullen's UPEI convocation (May 1971), Cullen's UPEI graduation photo, Ronald Baker's trip to the United Kingdom (August 1973), as well as Baker and Cullen's trip to Newfoundland (December 1973).

Postcards sent between Ronald Baker and Connie Cullen feature images of: Whitby, England; Edinburgh Castle; The University of Edinburgh; Culzean Castle; Edinburgh by night; a scene from Taking Tiger Mountain opera; the Tower of London and Tower Bridge; the University of York; a painting of Mary Queen of Scots; as well as the Nelson & National Monuments on Calton Hill in Edinburgh. Many of the postcards sent from Baker to Cullen feature a variety of Canadian images and themes.

Artifact consists of a souvenir fan of PEI.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

Copyright of letters written by Connie Cullen to Ronald Baker resides with Connie Cullen.

Copyright of letters written by Ronald Baker to Connie Cullen resides with his daughter, Ann Welch.

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Notes:

- Files are arranged chronologically.
- For correspondence from September 1973 to February 1974, Ronald Baker and Connie Cullen's correspondence was separated by sender due to the volume of correspondence. Otherwise, their correspondence was combined chronologically, according to the month it was written.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

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Series 1, Subseries 4: Correspondence between Ronald Baker and Charlotte Bolt

Reference code: F 1-1-4

Dates of creation: 1971-1972

Physical description:
3 centimetres of textual records

Scope and content:
Subseries consists of correspondence between Ronald Baker and Charlotte Bolt from August 1971 to March 1972.

Restrictions on Access:
No restrictions on Access.

Terms Governing Use:
Copyright of letters written by Charlotte Bolt to Ronald Baker resides with Charlotte Bolt.

Copyright of letters written by Ronald Baker to Charlotte Bolt resides with his daughter, Ann Welch.

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

How to:
Order using reference code F1-1-4 and container number 10.

Finding Aid:
No file list available.

Series 1, Subseries 5: Correspondence from Ronald Baker to Carol Quartermain

Reference code: F 1-1-5

Dates of creation: 1990-1992

Physical description:

1 centimetre of textual records

6 photographs : color prints

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of seven letters Ronald Baker wrote to Carol Quartermain between June 1990 and January 1992.

Photographs consist of images of Carol Quartermain.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

Copyright of letters written by Ronald Baker to Carol Quartermain resides with his daughter, Ann Welch.

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

How to:

Order using reference code F1-1-4 and container number 10.

Finding Aid:

No file list available.

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Series 1, Subseries 6:

Correspondence between Ronald Baker, Frances Frazer, and Teddy Baker

Reference code: F 1-1-6

Dates of creation: 1970-1989, predominant 1971-1973

Physical description:

10 centimetres of textual records

2 photographs : color prints

Scope and content:

Subseries consists primarily of correspondence from Frances Frazer to Ronald Baker. Also includes correspondence from Frazer to her mother and cards from Teddy Baker to his father Ronald Baker.

Photographs include an image of Frances Frazer with her son Teddy included with her 1972 Christmas card and a photograph of Teddy Baker.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

How to:

Order using reference code F1-1-4 and container number 10.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 2: Ronald Baker's writings and speeches

Reference code: F 1-2

Dates of creation: 1950-2006

Physical description:

28 centimetres of textual records

1 photograph : black and white print

1 microfiche of textual records (24 fr.)

Scope and content:

Series consists of reports, lectures, academic papers, article and book reviews, speeches, and letters to the editor by Ronald Baker, mostly in his capacity as an academic. Also includes speeches made by Ronald Baker while presiding at Canadian Citizenship ceremonies.

Photograph is an image of the installation of Mount Allison University's third chancellor Dr. Angus J. MacQueen.

Microfiche consists of an extract from notes of a talk on the Teaching of the English Language given as the plenary session at the Association of Canadian University Teachers of English conference by Ronald Baker at the University of Quebec in Montreal in May of 1980.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

Notes:

Some of the records are written in French.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 3: Publications referencing Ronald Baker

Reference code: F 1-3

Dates of creation: 1964-1995

Physical description:

2.54 centimetres of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of publications from the University of Prince Edward Island, Simon Fraser University, and the University of British Columbia that reference Ronald Baker.

Also includes references to Baker in *Vancouver Life & About Town*, *Klondike Nite*, *The Atlantic Advocate*, the *Financial Post*, and *Creative Writing: Reality and Myth*.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 4: Records relating to the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI)

Reference code: F 1-4

Dates of creation: 1959-2006

Physical description:

60.18 centimetres of textual records
94 photographs : black and white negatives
16 photographs : color negatives
16 photographs : black and white prints
15 photographs : color prints
11 photographs : black and white contact prints
1 technical drawing : photocopy
1 audio cassette (ca. 120 min.)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records created and accumulated by Ronald Baker concerning his career, the establishment and development of UPEI.

This series has been broken down into two subseries:

1. F 1-4-1: General records relating to UPEI
2. F 1-4-2: Records created and accumulated concerning a five-year report at UPEI

Restrictions on Access:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Terms Governing Use:

See series descriptions for further information.

How to:

See subseries descriptions for information on how to view this material.

Finding Aid:

See subseries descriptions for further information.

Series 4, Subseries 1: General records relating to UPEI

Reference code: F 1-4-1

Dates of creation: 1959-2006

Physical description:

43.18 centimetres of textual records
92 photographs : black and white negatives
16 photographs : color negatives
16 photographs : black and white prints
14 photographs : color prints
11 photographs : black and white contact prints
1 technical drawing : photocopy
1 audio cassette (ca. 120 min.)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of records concerning the origins and development of UPEI created and accumulated by Ronald Baker.

Includes documentation of: the Economic Improvement Corporation; evaluation of courses, teaching, and degrees; faculty research; UPEI Information Office; Islanders-in-residence; Office of the Registrar; St. Dunstan's University (SDU) negotiations; Prince of Wales College Samuel Robertson Memorial Lecture; Board of Governors and UPEI faculty meeting minutes; UPEI Senate; UPEI publications; Installation of UPEI President Meincke; Search Committees for the Deans of Arts and Science; Atlantic Institute of Education Graduate Program at UPEI; correspondence with Margaret Laurence; UPEI Campus map featuring the artwork of Marc Gallant; Founders Day; the history of UPEI project; as well as Ronald Baker's contract and contract renewal as UPEI President, faculty appointment, and documentation of his retirement.

Photographs include images of the first graduation ceremony at UPEI in 1970 and other UPEI convocations, 1974 UPEI Homecoming, Ronald Baker and his family, UPEI Day, Marita McNulty, Chief Justice Trainor, Gordon Pinsent. Also includes an image of Ronald Baker with Acadia University President James Beveridge, St. FX University President Reverend Malcolm MacDonnell, University of Moncton President Jean Cadieux, and J. Clair Callaghan, President of the Technical University of Nova Scotia. Also includes a photograph of Ronald Baker presenting greetings to J. Clair Callaghan at his installation as President of the Technical University of Nova Scotia in 1978.

Audio cassette consists of a sound recording of Ronald Baker's address to the UPEI faculty in September of 1972.

Restrictions on Access:

The following files are restricted until 2031:

1. UPEI origins - Baker papers - vertical file - no. 2 (a)
2. UPEI origins - Baker papers - vertical file - no. 2 (b)
3. UPEI origins - Baker papers - vertical file - no. 2 (c)

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

Notes:

- Some of the records are written in French.
- On the back of the photographs of the table tennis players from China visit are annotations in Chinese.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 4, Subseries 2:

Records created and accumulated concerning a five-year report at UPEI

Reference code: F 1-4-2

Dates of creation: 1966-1999

Physical description:

17 centimetres of textual records

2 photographs : black and white prints

1 photograph : color print

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of records created and accumulated by Ronald Baker to write a retrospective report of the first five-years of UPEI.

Records include documentation of computer developments, the library, the Veterinary College, UPEI statistics, UPEI faculty, Alumni Association, UPEI Progress Fund, budget proposals, UPEI residences, the Senate Committee on Academic Priorities, and correspondence.

Photographs include images of photographs of unidentified members of the CRTC.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

Notes:

Some of the records are written in French.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 5: Ronald Baker's professional associations

Reference code: F 1-5

Dates of creation: 1968-1997

Physical description:

18.4 centimetres of textual records

5 5.25 floppy disks

2 photographs : black and white prints

Scope and content:

Series consists of records documenting Ronald Baker's work with professional associations, including the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Institute for Departmental Leadership, Canada Council, Association of Atlantic Universities, Institute for Higher Education, Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Canadian Council of Teachers of English, CRTC (Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission), and the Distinguished Visiting Professorship funded by the Kellogg Foundation. Also includes nominations for consideration of Ronald Baker as President of the University of Alberta, the University of Lethbridge, and the University of New Brunswick.

Electronic records include Canadianized material for the Institute for Departmental Leadership Program of Workshops for Chairpersons prepared by Ronald Baker, held at Brudenell, PEI, in 1983.

Photographs include images of Ronald Baker with other participants at the Canada Council's meeting in Montreal in October of 1972.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Notes:

Contains a document written in Cyrillic.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 6: Records relating to Ronald Baker's scholarly interests

Reference code: F 1-6

Dates of creation: 1944-2004

Physical description:

13.3 centimetres of textual records

119 photographs : colour prints

31 postcards

Scope and content:

Series consists of records created and accumulated by Ronald Baker concerning his scholarly interests.

Includes articles or books by Keith Lumsden, Margaret Stobie, Henri Janne, John B. MacDonald, and John G. Reid. Also includes the following publications: Canadian Scholarly Publishing; Proposal for Canadian Studies to the Secretary of State; and a Brief to the Royal Commission on Education, Province of British Columbia. Also includes linguistic papers, transcripts of Indigenous stories and songs made by Ronald Baker on the Nautley Reserve in British Columbia in the early 1960s, as well as articles concerning the meanings of names. Series also contains documentation of Ronald Baker's volunteer work with the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO) in Bolivia and Nova Scotia.

Photographs and postcards include images taken and accumulated by Ronald Baker during his visit to Bolivia, where he worked as an unpaid volunteer consultant with CESO at the Universidad del Valle in Cochabamba.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

Notes:

Some of the records are in French.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 7: Records concerning Ronald Baker's teaching

Reference code: F 1-7

Dates of creation: [circa 1951]-2007

Physical description:

2.54 centimetres of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of records created and accumulated by Ronald Baker concerning his teaching.

Includes notes for essay topics, press clipping, examples of exams, articles, and Baker's comments on some of his students' essays. Also includes records concerning the following courses: University 100; English 111-3; and English 491 C; as well as a University of British Columbia (UBC) correspondence course and Kwantlen University College course.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 8: Ronald Baker's academic records

Reference code: F 1-8

Dates of creation: 1935-2000, predominant 1935-1955

Physical description:

8.25 centimetres of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of records documenting Ronald Baker's county school records in England, Bachelor's and Master's degrees, essays written by Ronald Baker when he was a student at the University of British Columbia and the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London, as well as prizes, scholarships, and fellowships received by Baker as a student.

Also includes Ronald Baker's curriculum vitae and his documentation in Who's Who in America and the Canadian Who's Who.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 9: Ronald Baker's medals and awards

Reference code: F 1-9

Dates of creation: 1935-2019, predominant 1967-2019

Physical description:

12 centimetres of textual records

7 artifacts : medals

4 photographs : color prints

2 photographs : black and white prints

2 artifacts : metal plaques

Scope and content:

Series consists of Ronald Baker's medals and records that document his awards.

Includes documentation concerning Ronald Baker's: Commemorative Medal for 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation; Mount Allison University Honorary Degree; University of New Brunswick Honorary Degree; Honorary Degree from UPEI; Governor General's 1992 celebrations; Simon Fraser University Honorary Degree; Order of Canada; The President's 40th Anniversary Award at Simon Fraser University; and the Ronald Baker Doctoral Award.

Medals consist of Ronald Baker's: Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal; Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal; 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada Medal; Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal; Canadian Centennial Medal; War Medal; and Ronald Baker's Order of Canada medal.

Photographs include Ronald Baker wearing his Order of Canada medal, images of Ronald Baker giving his Order of Canada medal to UPEI President C.W.J. Eliot as a gift to UPEI, and Ronald Baker receiving Simon Fraser University's President's 40th Anniversary Award.

Artifacts include the metal portions of two plaques commemorating President Ronald J. Baker, one for an entrance scholarship and the second one naming him as a distinguished member of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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Notes:

Some of the documents are in French and Latin.

Ronald J. Baker fonds, F 1

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How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 10:

Ronald Baker's records concerning Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia

Reference code: F 1-10

Dates of creation: 1951-2005

Physical description:

9 centimetres of textual records

1 postcard

Scope and content:

Series consists of records created and accumulated by Ronald Baker concerning Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Includes correspondence, university publications and promotional material, newspaper clippings, committee records, academic papers by Ronald Baker and Frances Frazer concerning SFU, and a UBC Faculty Handbook and President's Reports.

Postcard contains an image of Simon Fraser University.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

To find out more about the copyright status of the particular material you wish to use, consult the University Archivist.

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 11: Newspaper clippings accumulated by Ronald Baker

Reference code: F 1-11

Dates of creation: 1952-1997

Physical description:

1.9 centimetres of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of newspaper articles accumulated by Ronald Baker.

Includes articles that feature various aspects of Ronald Baker's life, as well as letters to the editor written by Baker. Also includes newspaper clippings concerning topics related to UPEI and Simon Fraser University, the CBC, as well as various academic topics.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Series 12: Ronald Baker's general files

Reference code: F 1-12

Dates of creation: 1950-2009

Physical description:

15.24 centimetres of textual records

14 photographs : color prints

8 photographs : black and white prints

4 photographs : color negatives

1 photograph : color photocopy

11 postcards

Scope and content:

Series consists of general files created and accumulated by Ronald Baker.

Records mainly include Ronald Baker's pocket diaries and passports and records created and accumulated by Baker's father James Baker. Also includes: cards and letters received on Ronald Baker's 80th birthday; a magazine from Japan; bibliography regarding PEI; Mount Allison University convocation program for 1977; letters to the editor written by Frances Frazer; and stories by Ronald Baker.

Photographs include images of Ronald Baker's first wedding to Helen Elder, Ronald Baker and his father James, presents received by Baker when he retired from UPEI, Baker's various medals and degrees, UPEI President's house, Baker at a UPEI convocation, Ronald and Frances Baker on a cruise, and Baker attending a dinner at Government House.

Postcards include one to James Baker from his granddaughter Ann, PEI Government House, and postcards showing various locales throughout British Columbia.

Restrictions on Access:

No restrictions on access.

Terms Governing Use:

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How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

File list available.

Notes:

Some of the records are in Japanese.