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John Andrews Fonds

Original, 212.5 cm, 1925-1996.

Scope and Content:

The John Andrews Fonds is composed of fourteen series of personal correspondence, speeches, financial papers, records, photos, films, day planners, and newspaper clippings spanning 1925 to 1996. Series One through Seven are predominantly composed of personal papers, where as Series Eight through Fourteen relate more directly to Mr. Andrews' company Northland Machinery Supply Ltd., and other organizations.

Series A 90/1/1-20: personal correspondence, 20 cm, 1949-1984 (original).

20 folders of correspondence sent and received by John Andrews.

Contents include thank- you letters, correspondence between Mr. Andrews and his lawyer J. A. Thompson regarding his will, several Christmas cards, and cards of congratulations received by Mr. Andrews after he announced his retirement in 1969. Most correspondence is typed, but a small amount is handwritten in ink. Arranged, for the most part, chronologically, except subseries A 90/1/19, and subseries A 90/20, which contain miscellaneous correspondence.

- 1) Personal Correspondence, 1949.
- 2) Personal Correspondence, 1950.
- 3) Personal Correspondence, 1951-1953.
- 4) Private Letters, 1957.
- 5) Private Letters, 1960.
- 6) Private Letters, 1961.
- 7) Letter to Don A. T. Re: Will, 1961.
- 8) Private Letters, 1963.
- 9) Private Letters, 1965.
- 10) John Andrews: Private Letters, 1966.
- 11) John Andrews: Personal Letters, 1967.
- 12) John Andrews, Personal, 1968.
- 13) Thompson, D. A., 1968. (Re: Will)
- 14) Thank-you Letters, 1969.
- 15) Personal: John Andrews, 1970.
- 16) John Andrews, Personal, 1970.
- 17) J. A.- Personal, 1971.
- 18) Thompson, D. A., 1972-1984
- 19) Misc. Correspondence (re: Arthur Grout and NODC).
- 20) Correspondence Misc.

Series A 90/2/1-9: speeches, toasts, and addresses, 8 cm, 1960-1983

(original).

9 folders of toasts, speeches, and addresses given by John Andrews between 1960 and 1983. Contents include a speech given at the opening of CHFD Television station in 1972, various speeches regarding the Lakehead Harbour Commission, and an address to the Northwestern Ontario Associated Chambers of Commerce. Also included are copies of speeches given by other individuals which were relevant to Mr. Andrews' interests. Organized in a generally chronological manner.

- 1) Misc. Speeches and Bulletins.
- 2) J. Andrews: Toasts, Speeches, 1965.
- 3) Society of Industrial and Cost Accountants: Panel Discussion - J. Andrews, 1966.
- 4) Toasts, Speeches, 1966.
- 5) Toasts, Speeches, etc., 1968.
- 6) John Andrews- Speeches, Addresses, etc.
- 7) John Andrews: Toasts, Speeches etc., 1969.
- 8) Toasts, Speeches etc., 1970-1972.
- 9) John Andrews, Speeches, 1971.

Series A 90/3/1-29: financial papers, 26 cm, 1945-1984 (original).

29 folders of miscellaneous financial papers such as invoices, receipts, and shareholder reports. All are related to personal expenditures and investments on the part of Mr. Andrews, and have little or no bearing on his business interests and Northland Machinery Supply Company. Contents include tax receipts, bank statements, and hospital invoices from treatment received in the United States following a heart attack in 1978. Arranged, generally, in a chronological order.

- 1) Misc. Documents, 1945.
- 2) Tax Receipts and Stocks, 1956-1957.
- 3) Tax Receipts and Misc. Financial Papers, 1957-1958.
- 4) Kam Aggregates Ltd., 1961.
- 5) Kam Aggregates, 1964-1965.
- 6) Kam Aggregates, 1966.
- 7) Twin City Gas Company Limited, 1967.
- 8) Kam Aggregates, 1969.
- 9) Kam Aggregates, 1970.
- 10) Westeel- Rosco, 1970.
- 11) John Andrews - Misc. Receipts, 1971.
- 12) Kam Aggregates, 1971.
- 13) Royal Bank of Canada, Monthly Letter, 1971.
- 14) Summer Camp, 1974. (bills, receipts)
- 15) Westeel- Rosco, 1974.
- 16) Clarkson, Gordon & Co.

- 17) Valley National Bank, Scottsdale, 1977-1978.
- 18) First National Bank, Minneapolis, 1978.
- 19) O.H.I.P. Files - Naeve Hospital.
- 20) Naeve Hospital Etc., April, 1978.
- 21) Ed Post Realty - Scottsdale.
- 22) Ebond Epoxies Inc., 1979.
- 23) Annual Reports.
- 24) Misc. Financial Papers, 1966-1984.
- 25) J. Andrews Personal Income Tax, 1973-1975.
- 26) J. Andrews Personal Income Tax, 1976-1979.
- 27) J. Andrews Two Island Lake Camp, 1980.
- 28) J. Andrews Personal Income Tax, 1980-1983.
- 29) Personal Financial Papers, 1979-1984.

Series A 90/4/1-16: records of organizations & clubs, 23 cm, 1963-1985 (original).

16 folders containing miscellaneous papers relating to John Andrews' involvement with organizations such as the Port Arthur Hunt Club, the Highwater Duck Club, St. John's Ambulance, and the Masonic Order. Also, the contents of several folders pertain to Mr. Andrews' involvement with Lakehead University, first in a capital fundraising capacity, and later as a donor and member of the university senate. Organized, generally, in a chronological order.

- 1) Lakehead College Building Fund, 1963.
- 2) Nor'Wester (Lakehead University Yearbook) 1966.
- 3) Nor'Wester (Lakehead University Yearbook) 1967.
- 4) Lakehead University Development Fund Campaign, 1967.
- 5) Lakehead University Minutes of Meetings, 1968-1969.
- 6) Thunder Bay United Appeal, Special Gifts, 1970.
- 7) Masonic Temple Building Voluntary Fund, 1970-1976.
- 8) Highwater Duck Club, 1977.
- 9) Port Arthur Hunt Club, 1978.
- 10) Professor J. P. Lovekin- L. U., 1980.
- 11) Lakehead University, 1976-1984.
- 12) Order of St. John 1981-1984.
- 13) St. John Ambulance Wintario Capital Grant '82 Application.
- 14) Order of St. John Capital Building Fund 1981-1983.
- 15) Scholarships, Lakehead University and Confederation College, 1984-1985.
- 16) 18th Service Battalion (Regimental Senate Constitution).

Series A 90/5/1-8: photos, 13 cm, c.1925-1972 (original).

7 folders and one scrapbook of miscellaneous photographs. Subjects depicted include employees of Northland Machinery Supply Company, John Andrews himself, a 1952 grain elevator explosion, the

opening of
Premier Davis to the
in excellent

Keefe Terminal, and a 1972 visit by then Ontario
Lakehead harbour. The vast majority of the photos are
condition, but not in a strictly chronological order.

- 1) photographs, 1950-1955.
- 2) photos & staff at Northland Machinery.
- 3) photos- re: Lakehead Harbour Commission ship arrival, 1968.
- 4) John Andrews - Photographs - Lakehead Harbour Commission
Opening of Navigation, 10 April, 1968.
- 5) John Andrews Misc. Photographs, 1960's.
- 6) Misc. Photographs.
- 7) scrapbook - Rheta Andrews (McKellar School of Nursing, c. 1925).
- 8) Valley Camp Coal Official Opening - Photographs.

Series A 90/6/1-12: day planners, 17 cm, 1967-1977 (original).

4 pocket calendar books, 1 address book, and 7 day planners used by
John Andrews, spanning the years 1967 to 1977. Mr. Andrews noted
meetings, events, and other important information on the pages. Many
include a list of contact information for acquaintances.

Organized

chronologically.

- 1) pocket calendar, 1970.
- 2) pocket calendar, 1971.
- 3) pocket calendar, 1972.
- 4) pocket calendar, 1975.
- 5) day planner, 1970.
- 6) day planner, 1971.
- 7) day planner, 1972.
- 8) day planner, 1973.
- 9) day planner, 1975.
- 10) day planner, 1976.
- 11) day planner, 1977.
- 12) address book c. 1967-1970.

Series A 90/7/1-11: miscellaneous, 15 cm, 1942-1996.

Augustine,
8th, 1996, and

through
certificate
Star.

and Dorothy Sutton regarding Rheta Andrews. Dated April
conducted by Roy H. Piovesana.

- 2) 1 large envelope containing certificates earned by John Andrews
his involvement with the Masonic Order. Also contains one
earned by Rheta Andrews from the Order of the Eastern
Star.
- 3) a guest book from the funeral services for Rheta Andrews (1995).
- 4) a guest book from the funeral services for John Andrews (1986).
- 5) Vacation (Africa), 1970.
- 6) John Andrews Vacation, 1975.
- 7) John Andrews Trip to Singapore- Australia, 1975.

8) Misc. (receipts, correspondence, and a hand drawn route map to the Andrews' camp on Two Island Lake. Arranged, as best as can be determined, in a chronological fashion, and compressed from originally 3 folders).

9) Rev. Agnew H. Johnson, Eulogy for John Andrews, 1986.

10) newspaper clippings.

11) Misc., 1971.

Series A 90/8/1-16: Northland records, 14 cm, 1949-1984 (original).

16 folders of records pertaining to Northland Machinery Supply Company kept by John Andrews. Contents include employee reference letters, copies of the sale agreement of Northland Machinery Supply Company to Westeel- Rosco Ltd. in 1968, company donations to the C.D. Howe Memorial Foundation between 1963 and 1967, and papers relating to Mr. Andrews' trip to the 1967 Milan and Hanover Trade Fairs as part of the official Ontario delegation. Organized in a generally chronological manner.

- Machinery
- 1) Supplementary Letters Patent Subdividing Shares, Northland Supply (1968).
 - 2) Dominion Oxygen (New Plant), 1954.
 - 3) Northland Dun & Bradstreet, 1955-1956.
 - 4) Northland Machinery Staff Meetings, 1960-1965.
 - 5) Estate of C. S. Maxwell re: Northland Machinery Shares, 1962.
 - 6) C.D. Howe Memorial Foundation, 1963-1967.
 - 7) Ont. Department of Economics & Development, Milan & Hanover Fairs, 1967.
 - 8) Westeel- Rosco, 1967-1968.
 - 9) K. A. Powell (Canada) Ltd., 1968.
 - 10) Manitoba Pool # 1 Addition.
 - 11) Northland Machinery Supply Co. Ltd., 1970.
 - 12) Office Furniture & Fixtures, 1970.
 - 13) Northland Machinery Supply Company, 1971.
 - 14) Northland: Employee References, Letters of Recommendation, 1965-1984.
 - 15) Northland Audit Reports and Financial Statements 1957-1962.

16) Northland Audit Reports and Financial Statements 1963-1968.

Series A 90/ 9/1-15: records, 23 cm, 1964-1978 (original).

15 files of records pertaining to the Lakehead Harbour Commission kept by John Andrews. Contents include data on grain elevator operations for 1964-1965, proposed improvements to the Kaministiquia River channel and James Street Bridge in 1966, the opening of the Keefer Terminal in 1967, and Mr. Andrews' trip to the Palliser Wheat Growers Convention in 1976 on behalf of the Lakehead Harbour Commission.

Organized,

generally, in a chronological manner.

- 1) Lakehead Harbour Commission Grain Elevator Info, 1964-1965.
- 2) Lakehead Harbour Commission, 1966.
- 3) John Andrews Personal 1967, Lakehead Harbour Commission.
- 4) John Andrews, Personal: Lakehead Harbour Commission, 1969.
- 5) Palliser Wheat Growers.
- 6) LHC Photographs 1969-1976.
- 7) LHC Singapore Trip 1975.
- 8) LHC 1976 May- Aug.
- 9) LHC 1976 Sept.- Dec.
- 10) Lakehead Harbour Commission (1976).
- 11) LHC Reports (1976).
- 12) LHC - Mission Bay Dredge Proposal (1977).
- 13) LHC 1977 Sept.- Dec.
- 14) LHC 1978 Jan.- April.
- 15) LHC Miscellaneous.

Series A 90/10/1-6: miscellaneous records, 5 cm, 1960-1977 (original).

6 folders of records pertaining to commerce organizations, committees, and companies which John Andrews served in varying capacities. Included are papers and aerial views given to Mr. Andrews as a member of the Grounds & Building Committee of the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition in 1960, minutes of meetings and various other papers relating to Northern and Central Gas Corporation Thunder Bay Advisory Board, and correspondence in regards to South core development in Thunder Bay.

- 1) CLE, 1960.
- 2) Northern Central Gas Corp Ltd.
- 3) GR Duncan (south core planning studies, 1975).
- 4) Chambers of Commerce: Northwestern Ontario.
- 5) Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce.
- 6) Guaranty Trust Co. of Canada.

Series A 90/11/1-2: clippings, 2 cm, 1954-1981 (original).

2 folders of printed material kept by John Andrews, and organized chronologically:

- 1) newspaper clippings - 1957-1970. Topics include expansion of Northland to new premises in 1957, John Andrews' retirement and news releases of various contracts awarded to Northland Supply Co.
- 2) 4 magazines and 2 articles pertaining to John Andrews and Machinery Supply Co., 1954-1981.

Series A 90/12/1-10: films, 28 cm, c.1958-1979 (original).

7 16 mm colour movie films and 3 projector films, relating to Northland Machinery Supply Co. and John Andrews. In good condition.

- building.
- 1) construction footage - unloading of beams; site preparation.
 - 2) construction footage - steel/ metal girders and framework of
 - 3) construction footage- roof and exterior work
 - 4) construction footage- finishing interior; start of shop operations
 - 5) shop operations- exterior of building and storage yard
 - 6) company picnic, 1965.
 - 7) company picnic, 1965.
 - 8) company picnic, 1958. (projector film)
 - 9) Northland addition footage, 1965. (projector film)
 - 10) John Andrews on beach vacation at the Buccaneer, c. 1960's. (possibly in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands)

Series A 90/13/1-6: miscellaneous records, 9 cm, 1944-1977 (original).

6 folders of miscellaneous papers relating to John Andrews' involvement with the Northwestern Ontario Development Council. Contents include correspondence, reports, speeches given by Mr Andrews, newspaper clippings, and newsletters. Organized in a generally chronological manner, though several folder overlap the same year span.

- 1) NODC Misc., 1944-1969.
- 2) Northwestern Ontario Development Council, 1968.
- 3) NODC- News clippings 1970-1977.
- 4) Thunder Bay Electronics 1971 (NODC investment).
- 5) NODC- Miscellaneous 1971-1977.
- 6) NODC Resignations, Conflict of Interest 1971-1977.

Series A 90/14/1-4: miscellaneous records, 9.5 cm, 1971-1985 (original).

4 folders of miscellaneous records pertaining to the John Andrews Foundation. Contents include correspondence, tax receipts, bank statements, public information returns, and financial statements for the organization. Organized in a generally chronologically manner, but by record type.

- 1) John Andrews Foundation 1971-1985 (correspondence).
- 2) John Andrews Foundation Tax Returns 1977-1982.
- 3) John Andrews Foundation Financial Statements 1977-1984.
- 4) John Andrews Foundation Tax Receipts and Bank Statements 1978-1985.

Biographical Sketch:

John Andrews was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, on February 17th, 1902. His family moved to Fort William in 1907, and he entered the local public school system. A Graduate of Fort William Collegiate Institute, he first worked for 18 years with the Western Grain Commission. In 1938, he established his own company,

Northland Machinery Supply Company, and it became one of the leading companies in Northwestern Ontario under his direction. The company eventually opened premises in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, and Sault Ste. Marie. Mr. Andrews sold the company to Westeel- Rosco Ltd. in 1968, and officially retired in 1969.

In 1962, John Andrews was appointed to the Lakehead Harbour Commission. He would eventually serve this organization twice as chairman, 1967-1969, and 1975-1977. Mr. Andrews represented the Province of Ontario overseas as a delegate on a Provincial Trade Mission to Italy and Germany in 1967. Many other organizations also benefitted from his expertise.

John Andrews was involved in the capital fundraising campaign to establish Lakehead University, and eventually served on the Board of Governors of that institution. He was a longstanding member of the Freemasons, a serving brother of the Order of St. John, and a parishioner of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Mr. Andrews died in Thunder Bay on May 16th, 1986, survived by his wife of 59 years, Rheta.

Additional Information:

Custodial History: the majority of the collection was originally contained in seven boxes, and was compiled by local historian Roy H. Piovesana; it was donated to the museum by way of Mr. J. Paterson, N. M. Paterson & Sons. However, in addition to the above collection, Mr. J. Paterson also donated 3 other boxes of material relating to John Andrews. This material has been combined with the other Andrews collection to form the John Andrews Fonds (now Series A90/1/19-20; Series A90/3/24-29; Series A 90/4/2-3,12-14,16; Series A90/5/8; Series A90/6/12; Series A90/8/15-16; Series A90/9/6-15; Series A90/12; Series A90/13/1,3-6; Series A90/14). The contents and labels of each folder in the fonds, for the most part, have not been changed, though damaged folders have been changed out. The collection now occupies only 8 boxes and one envelope, and it has been organized into series (chronological where possible).

Related Material: See biography file, "Andrews, John".

Associated Material: see 2004.54.1 (a printing plate for business cards), and 2004.54.2 to 2004.54.8 (several maps originally from box #6). Also see 2004.72.1 to 2004.72.7 (photographs and artifacts).