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ACADIA UNIVERSITY

**Gerald Porter Fonds
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Gerald Porter fonds. – [textual records, graphic material, and objects]. – [19-?], 1915-2008. – 48cm of records.

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1. Acadia. – 1938-2008 – 47 files of textual records.

Series contains information about class reunions and graduations, newspaper clippings, photographs, assignments, and material related to the Associated Alumni of Acadia University

Note:

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File list included below.

File List

- 2009.050/1 engineering essay (1938)
- 2009.050/2 Acadia University Class Day (1938)
- 2009.050/3 Acadia Hockey Team (1939) includes Intercollegiate Champions of Nova Scotia, pictures of Archie Ray, Neil G. Price, Fred Kelly, Doug Smith, Cail Vinnicome, John Johnson, Abe Cohen, Jack Murdock, Starr Patillo, Carl Bruce, Don Fiske, Justin Jordan, Frank Theakston, Don Eaton, Avard Foshay, Graham Miller
- 2009.050/4 Acadia's Men's Basketball Team [19-?] notation on back reads "[C.M] Mackenzie, YMCA/ No.6 [-] depot"
- 2009.050/5 photo – Acadia Basketball Game [19-?] includes original photo and large print of photo
- 2009.050/6 Acadia Varsity Hockey certificate (1940)
- 2009.050/7 Acadia 1940 Yearbook (1940)
- 2009.050/8 Acadia Graduation 1940 (1940) includes event programs, invitations, convocation, class day
- 2009.050/9 photo – Acadia Hockey Team (1940)
- 2009.050/13 Acadia University Installation Exercises (1964–1991) includes induction of William Howard Feindel as Chancellor, Millard Ross Cherry and Abner James Langley, James Russell Conway Perkin, James MacDonald Richardson Beveridge, Henry Pode Mackeen
- 2009.050/14 opening of the War Memorial Gymnasium, Acadia University (1967)
- 2009.050/15 newspaper clippings ([19-?], 1968–1992) about Acadia
- 2009.050/16 Acadia University informational brochure [197-?]
- 2009.050/17 Acadia University reception and dinner in honour of Dr. Harvey E. Crowell (1973) includes program and menu
- 2009.050/19 Associated Alumni of Acadia University (1979–1984) includes financial statements, annual meeting minutes, correspondence
- 2009.050/21 Acadia class of 1940 40th anniversary reunion (1980) includes program, schedule, photograph (people identified) and correspondence
- 2009.050/22 scrapbook – Acadia class of 1940 40th anniversary (1980) includes photos, anniversary programme, convocation program
- 2009.050/23 Class of 1940 Memorial Scholarship (1981–2008) includes correspondence, financial information

- 2009.050/24 Discussion Paper on the Academic and Administrative Structure of the Univeristy. A Green Paper Entitled "Into The Fourth Quarter" (1982)
- 2009.050/25 Acadia Associated Alumni (1982–2002) includes newspaper clippings, correspondence
- 2009.050/26 Acadia class of 1940 45th anniversary reunion (1985) includes programmes, schedules and correspondence
- 2009.050/27 Fall Convocation (1987)
- 2009.050/28 The Acadia Contribution (1987) includes campaign information, and correspondence
- 2009.050/29 Acadia Campaign [19-?]
- 2009.050/30 invitation to 1988 Spring Convocation Exercises (1988)
- 2009.050/31 Acadia Baccalaureate and Cap and Gown Service (1988)
- 2009.050/32 Annual Alumni Banquet (1988) includes menu and program
- 2009.050/33 Acadia sports hall of fame 1940 men's hockey team honoured inductee certificate (1988)
- 2009.050/34 Acadia sports hall of fame (1988–2006) includes invitations, induction dinner programs, tickets, newspaper clippings, correspondence
- 2009.050/35 Centennial Events Programme 1838–1988 (1988)
- 2009.050/36 Class of 1939 Golden Anniversary (1989)
- 2009.050/37 Acadia class of 1940 50th anniversary reunion (1990) includes 1 photo, Golden Anniversary booklet, thank you notes/letters.
- 2009.050/38 scrapbook – Acadia class of 1940 50th anniversary (1990) includes photos, news clippings and anniversary programme
- 2009.050/40 official opening of Alumni Hall (1994)
- 2009.050/41 lists of fellow graduates (1994–2007) includes obituaries and notes about deaths and name changes, funeral service bulletins
- 2009.050/42 Acadia Remembers WWII veterans 50th and 60th anniversary of war end (1995–2005) includes photographs, event programs, Acadia cenotaph information, correspondence, newspaper clippings, memorabilia from Mr. Porters time spent during the war. Removed from scrapbook format for preservation
- 2009.050/43 scrapbook – Acadia class of 1940 55th anniversary (1995) includes Acadia Remembers WWII veterans, 50th anniversary of war end 1945, photos, news clippings, invitations
- 2009.050/44 "C.A.U.C Remembers 70 of Acadia's finest men 1943 – 1998" booklet (1998)
- 2009.050/45 Acadia class of 1940 60th anniversary reunion (2000) includes photos, thank you letters/notes, anniversary invitation
- 2009.050/46 newspaper clippings (2000) regarding proposed changes to Acadia's Board of Governors
- 2009.050/47 Class of 1940 65th anniversary reunion (2005) includes newspapers clippings, photos, schedule of events, classmate information, correspondence
- 2009.050/48 Acadia class of 1940 65th anniversary reunion (2007–2008) includes photos, thank you letter, follow up letter on the outcome of the anniversary

2009.050/11 Horton Academy of Acadia University closing exercises (1954–1959) includes closing exercises program for 1959 and speech written for closing exercises of 1954

2009.050/12 Manning Memorial Chapel informational brochure [after 1963]

2009.050/18 “A Tribute to Francis Maud McNally 1876–1945” (1976) By Esther Clark Wright

2009.050/20 Healing And Celebrating Art [19-?] Introduction to Alex Coleville

2. War Service. – 1914-2005 – 15 files of textual records.

Series contains photographs, certificates and scrapbooks about Acadia veterans and YMCA war service

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2009.050/42 Acadia remembers WWII veterans 50th and 60th anniversary of war end (1995–2005) includes photographs, event programs, Acadia cenotaph information, correspondence, newspaper clippings, memorabilia for Mr. Porter's time spent during the war. Removed from scrapbook format for preservation

2009.050/43 scrapbook – Acadia class of 1940 55th anniversary (1995) includes Acadia remembers WWII veterans, 50th anniversary of war end 1945 (1995) includes – photos, news clippings, invitations

2011.048-POR/1 YMCA War Service (1945-1946) lose documents containing correspondence, reports and travel information from Gerald Porter's service with the YMCA

2011.048-POR/2 Autobiographical Information – Y.M.C.A. War Services (1940-1947) scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, travel documents, correspondence, discharge certificate, and copy of radio broadcast. All relating to Gerald Porter's service with the YMCA

2009.050/53 YMCA Certificate of War Service (1946)

2009.050/58 photo – YMCA War Services Conference [19-?]

2009.050/59 photo – soldiers reading and relaxing Inside YMCA [19-?]

2009.050/60 photo - YMCA Group Photo outside University Hall, Quote on back “Area Office” [19-?]

2009.050/61 photo – Public Address [19-?]

2009.050/70 photo – No.3 Platoon 40th Bn.C.E.F [between 1914–1918]

2009.050/71 photo – Signalling Section 40th Bn.C.E.F [between 1914–1918]

2009.050/72 o/s photo – Valcartier Training Camp, Montreal, (1915)

2009.050-POR/73 14 Wing Greenwood 60th anniversary celebrations (2002)

2009.050-POR/74 wartime Yarmouth (1947-[199-?]) includes station information and newspaper clipping

2009.050-POR/75 YMCA war service postings [19-?] list of posting for Gerald Porter

3. Personal Records. – 1931-2000 – 16 files of textual records

Series contains marriage license, passport photos, certificates, grades, and diplomas. Items relate to Gerald Porter and his wife and children.

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- 2009.050/10 program for event honouring Dr. Frederick W. Patterson on his 25th anniversary (1948)
- 2009.050/49 radio operating license (1931–1932) includes license and copy of license
- 2009.050/50 Certificate of Confirmation (1931) For Gerald Porter
- 2009.050/51 Nova Scotia Guides Meet official programme (1937) includes camp rules and regulations, camp programme, group photo (unidentified), notes
- 2009.050/52 Certificate of Public Recognition (1945)
- 2009.050/54 Wolfville High School (1948–2000) includes opening and closing exercises, 1962 yearbook.
- 2009.050/55 Marriage License (1949)
- 2009.050/62 Sanisteam Laundry Ltd. invoice (1959)
- 2011.048-POR/5 speech: “Fabric and Fabric Care” (1967) probably by Gerald Porter
- 2009.050/63 Godparent Certificate (1965)
- 2009.050/64 architectural plot plans (1956)
- 2009.050/65 architectural plans – floor plans, fire place details (1963)
- 2011.048-POR/6 property documentation [19-?] list of property documents for Annapolis Valley Cranberries Limited, and Chipman’s Apple Products Limited
- 2009.050/68 passport photos – Mr. & Mrs. Porter (1992)
- 2009.050/69 school marks, diplomas and certificates (1931–1946) Mary Elizabeth Robinson
- 2011.048-POR/4 The Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada (1992) awarded to May Porter. Includes correspondence and event information

4. Boards & Committees. – 1957-1995 – 6 files of textual records

Series contains certificates and meeting minutes for various boards and committees that Gerald Porter participated in

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- 2009.050/39 Wolfville Centennial Chambers Memorial Library (1993–1994) includes Town of Wolfville minutes, centennial contents (1893–1993), Chambers biography

2009.050/56 correspondence pertaining to Board of Commissioners (1957–1959)

2009.050/57 Letters of Appointment – Eastern Kings Memorial, Regional Vocational (1957–1974)

2009.050/66 Rotary Foundation letter of appreciation (1985)

2011.048-POR/3 Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital (1981-1987) includes reports, correspondence, and reports

2009.050/67 Eastern Kings Memorial Annual report (1994–1995) and accompanying information

Biographical Sketch

Gerald Porter was born January 3, 1918 to parents Otto and Vera (Garrison) Porter, in Black River, Nova Scotia. Porter was a member of the Acadia Class of 1940 and served with the YMCA War Services during WWII. In 1948, Porter and his business partner, Alfred B. Balcom, established Sanisteam Laundry Limited in Wolfville. In later years, Porter partnered with his son in the same business.

Gerald Porter was involved with many local organizations. He was a long standing member of the Rotary Club of Wolfville, and served as President 1959-1960. He received the Paul Harris Fellowship from Rotary in 1985 and 2008. Porter also served as Chairman of the Board of Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital, Treasurer of the Wolfville Scout Association, and served as Warden, Treasurer, and a member of Vestry at St. Johns Anglican Church, Wolfville. He was very active as a member of the Associated Alumni of Acadia University.

Gerald Porter was predeceased by his wife, Mary (Robinson) Porter. Together they had three children. Gerald Porter passed away after a short illness on March 16, 2009.

Scope and Content

The fonds consist of 4 series:

1. Acadia (1938-2008)
2. War Service (1914-2005)
3. Personal Records (1931-2000)
4. Boards & Committees (1957-1995)

Notes

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See Appendix A for list of artefacts included in accession

See Appendix B for list of deaccessioned items

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Access Points

Porter, Gerald (1918-2009)

Acadia University—Alumni and alumnae

Acadia University—Students

Associated Alumni of Acadia University

Eastern Kings Memorial Hospital (Wolfville, N.S.)

Student activities (Wolfville, N.S.)

Young Men's Christian Association (Wolfville, N.S.)

World War, 1939-1945—War work—Young Men's Christian Associations

Appendix A

Artefacts

G2001.172 St John's Church of England Sunday School pin

G2001.173 Acadia Alumni pin

G2001.174 Acadia University red and blue hockey sweater

G2001.175 2 Paul Harris medals from the Rotary Club of Wolfville, awarded to Gerald Porter

G2001.176 2 christening gowns

Appendix B

Items removed from accession

Spring Convocation (May 6, 1996)

Acadia Bulletin (Summer 1999)

Acadia Bulletin (Winter 1999-2000)

Acadia Bulletin (Fall 2000)

Acadia Bulletin (Spring 1933)

Acadia University Golden Anniversary (1924-1974)

Acadia Year Book (1937)

Acadia Year Book (1939)

Acadia Year Book (1936)

The Axe (1950)

Acadia Year Book Supplement (1936)

Acadia Year Book Supplement (1937)

The Axe Supplement (1938)

Acadia Year Book (1931)

The Axe (1838-1938)

The Acadia Record (1838-1953)

Photo/poster – Canada's Call to Battle (1914)

Map of British Columbia [19-?]