



## Dalhousie University Archives

### **Finding Aid - Archival formats collection (UA-999)**

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# Archival formats collection

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Archival formats collection
<b>Reference code:</b>	UA-999
<b>Date:</b>	1970-2012 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	0.5 m of multiple media (1 box)

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Prior to July 1970 the University Archives existed only as a small collection of manuscripts (including some of the early records of the Board of Governors) in the Special Collections department of the University Library. While these records were available to researchers, they had not been properly catalogued.

In July 1970 the first University Archivist, Dr. Charles Armour, was appointed and was placed in charge of the Archives as part of the Special Collections department. The Archivist's responsibilities included acquiring and organizing the extensive university records, which were scattered throughout the many administrative and faculty offices on campus. In addition, the Archivist was to set up a new Theatre Archives and a Business Archives; to catalogue the private manuscripts which had been donated to the University, and to solicit papers from former Dalhousie administrative and Academic staff. Within a year a Music Archives was added.

In the early 1970s the Archives moved to its current location on the fifth floor of the Killam Library, and in the fall of 1975 the Archives became a separate department within the University Library. New collections were added over the next few years including the Nova Scotia Labour History Archives, a Medical Archives section, a collection of papers of Citizen Action Groups, and an expanded collection of Canadian and British shipping records. The Archives' collection of private manuscripts also grew to include the papers of both Dalhousie and local individuals, including professors, historians, and writers. In addition to the above archival collections the Archives has also acquired an extensive collection of Dalhousie memorabilia, a large collection of theatre and music programmes, business brochures and catalogues (including an excellent collection of Eaton's and Simpson's catalogues from 1894 onward), and copies of Dunn and Bradstreet's business ratings (1882-1950). The Archives has also compiled extensive reference files related to its major acquisitions areas, a huge collection of photographs relating to both Dalhousie and Nova Scotia, and numerous video and audio tapes.

In October 2000, Michael Moosberger was appointed the second University Archivist of Dalhousie University. Since that time the Archives has made a number of acquisitions, including the literary papers of Donna Morrissey, theatre company records from Two Planks and a Passion, Jest in Time, Upstart,

and records from the Eye Level Gallery and the Centre for Art Tapes, two of Canada's oldest artist-run centres.

## Custodial history

The materials in this collection have been deaccessioned from various fonds held by the Dalhousie University Archives. In most cases, the origin of the item is noted in the item's description. Additional custodial history information can be found in the finding aid for the fonds or collection from which the item was deaccessioned.

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## Scope and content

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The Archival Formats Collection is a collection of deaccessioned archival materials that have been retained for teaching and training purposes. It contains samples of various formats found in archives, including glass plate negatives, slides, textual records, magnetic tapes and disks, and other formats.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials.

### Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room.

### Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Cartographic material (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)

- Object (documentary form)
  - Sound recording (documentary form)
  - Textual record (documentary form)
  - Textual record (electronic) (documentary form)
  - Textual record (microform) (documentary form)
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## Collection holdings

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### Series: Graphic material

Title: Graphic material

Scope and content:

Series contains graphic material deaccessioned from archival fonds and retained for teaching and training purposes.

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### File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 1 - Glass plate negative

Title: Glass plate negative

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: April 9, 1918 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a glass plate negative of telephone equipment in Pugwash, Nova Scotia. The negative was deaccessioned from the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company fonds (MS-4-180).

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w, glass plate negative ; 10 x 11.3 cm

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### File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 2 - Nitrate negatives

Title: Nitrate negatives

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: [ca. 1923] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains two nitrate negatives deaccessioned from the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company fonds (MS-4-180).

Physical description: 2 photographs : b&w, nitrate ; 10.5 x 8 cm or smaller

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**File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 3 - Acetate negative**

Title: Acetate negative

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: [19--] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an acetate safety negative deaccessioned from the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company fonds (MS-4-180). The negative is a picture of a "subscriber desk telephone set."

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w, negative ; 8 x 10 in

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**File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 4 - Photographic prints**

Title: Photographic prints

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 4

Scope and content:

File contains photographic prints that were deaccessioned from the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company fonds (MS-4-180).

Physical description: 9 photographs

Physical condition:

8 x 10 photographs are warped.

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**File: UA-999, Box 1, Photographs 1-5 - Curled photographic prints**

Title: Curled photographic prints

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Photographs 1-5

Scope and content:

File contains 5 panoramic photographs. Source unknown.

Physical description: 5 photographs

Physical condition:

Photographs are rolled together and stiff.

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**Series: Magnetic media**

Title: Magnetic media

Scope and content:

Series contains magnetic media deaccessioned from archival fonds and retained for teaching and training purposes.

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**Subseries: Magnetic disks**

Title: Magnetic disks

Date: 1979-[2010?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series contains magnetic floppy disks.

Physical description: 16 computer disks

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**File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 5 - 5.25 inch floppy disks**

Title: 5.25 inch floppy disks

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: January, 1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains two 5 1/4 inch computer floppy disks. Source unknown.

Physical description: 2 computer disks

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**File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 6 - 8 inch floppy disks**

Title: 8 inch floppy disks

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains two 8 inch computer floppy disks. Source unknown.

Physical description: 2 computer disks

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**File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 7 - 3.5 inch floppy disks**

Title: 3.5 inch floppy disks

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: [between 1990 and 2010] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains 12 3.5 inch computer floppy disks deaccessioned from the Ecology Action Centre fonds (MS-11-13).

Physical description: 12 computer disks

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**Subseries: Magnetic tapes**

Title: Magnetic tapes

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**File: UA-999, Videocassettes 1-2 - Videocassettes deaccessioned from the Ecology Action Centre fonds**

Title: Videocassettes deaccessioned from the Ecology Action Centre fonds

Reference code: UA-999, Videocassettes 1-2

Date: [2000?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains two VHS cassettes deaccessioned from the Ecology Action Centre fonds.

Physical description: 2 videocassettes

Immediate source of acquisition:

Ecology Action Centre

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**File: UA-999, Box 1, Reels 1-3 - Magnetic audio tapes**

Title: Magnetic audio tapes

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Reels 1-3

Scope and content:



File contains three audio reels deaccessioned from the Neptune Theatre fonds (MS-3-1).

Physical description: 3 audio reels : 1.5 mm poylester, 7.5 in/sec. ; 1/4 in on 5 in reels

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### **Series: Microform**

Title: Microform

Scope and content:

Series contains microform deaccessioned from archival fonds and retained for teaching and training purposes.

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### **File: UA-999, Box 1, Microfilm Container 1 - Microfilm reel**

Title: Microfilm reel

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Microfilm Container 1

Scope and content:

File contains one reel of microfilm, discarded from the John E. Garrett Limited fonds (MS-4-140). The reel contains miscellaneous record books (1908-1925) and ledgers (1896-1927).

Physical description: 1 microfilm reel : positive

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### **Series: Optical media**

Title: Optical media

Scope and content:

Series contains optical media deaccessioned from archival fonds and retained for teaching and training purposes.

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### **File: UA-999, Box 1, Disk 1 - DVD-R**

Title: DVD-R

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Disk 1

Scope and content:

File contains a DVD-R. Source unknown.

Physical description: 1 DVD-R (120 minutes [4.7 GB]) : 16x speed up to 16x compatible, cyanin or azo type dye

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### **Series: Textual records**

Title: Textual records

Scope and content:

Series contains textual records deaccessioned from archival fonds and retained for teaching and training purposes.

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### **File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 8 - Halifax : your personal guide**

Title: Halifax : your personal guide

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 8

Scope and content:

File contains a folded map of Halifax with a guidebook that highlights various landmarks and sites in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Source unknown.

Physical description: 1 map

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### **File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 9 - A.P. Farnsley letters to Miss Bettie Thurman**

Title: A.P. Farnsley letters to Miss Bettie Thurman

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 9

Date: 1962 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains ten facsimile letters of courtship from A.P. Farnsley to Mary E.E. Thurman, and one reply, before their marriage. Alexander Farnsley of Fernlea writes to Mary Elizabeth Thurman of Louisville, Ky., whom he addressed as "Dear Bettie;" 1856-1860, discussing his prospects as a husband, sending her presents of produce, and, in the last letter, commenting on the impending Civil War; accompanying envelopes; one letter from Bettie to Alexander. Reproduced on the occasion of the weddings of two of their great granddaughters, Sally Burrell Farnsley, married at Louisville, July 28, 1962, and Anne Peaslee Farnsley, married at Hamburg, Germany, Aug. 5, 1962. Also in the collection is a reproduction of an article (Courier-Journal Magazine, 17 June 1962) by Sally Farnsley entitled: "Dear Miss Bettie" in which she quotes some of the letters with amusing headings and comments, with illustrations and pictures of young Alexander Farnsley and "Miss Bettie," and one of Miss Isa Mary Lowe modelling "Miss Bettie's" wedding gown.

Physical description: 15 items

Note [sourcesDescription]:

Some descriptive information came from the WorldCat catalogue record from facsimiles held in the Historical Collections and Labor Archives, University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. (#1992-0049H/HCVF).

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### **Series: Objects**

Title: Objects

Scope and content:

Series contains objects and realia deaccessioned from archival fonds and retained for teaching and training purposes.

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### **File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 9 - Harriet's needles**

Title: Harriet's needles

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 9

Scope and content:

File contains a pack of 109 assorted needles and one threader. Source unknown.

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### **File: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 10 - Pitcairn Island leaf**

Title: Pitcairn Island leaf

Reference code: UA-999, Box 1, Folder 10

Scope and content:

File contains a dried leaf with a painting of flowers. "Pitcairn Island" is painted underneath the flowers. Source unknown.

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### **File: Theatre mask**

Title: Theatre mask

Scope and content:

File contains one plastic theatre mask mounted on a wooden stick. Source unknown.

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