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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	George Farquhar fonds
<b>ID:</b>	MS-2-237, Box 1
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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

George Farquhar was born 17 July 1880 in Wetherby, England, to James and Margaret Ann MacDonald Farquhar. He came to Canada in 1883 and attended public school in Windsor and then Dalhousie University where he earned a B.A. (1907), M.A. (1910), and L.L.B. (1927). He also studied at Pine Hill in Halifax, Edinburgh, and Halle a Salle, Germany. Farquhar married Ruby M. Duffus in 1917 with whom he had three children: Margaret, Mary and Ian.

Farquhar's career varied from working as a pastor, a newspaper editor, and a civil servant. He was ordained as a minister in 1910 and served as a pastor in Hampton, New Brunswick, (1910-1912) and assistant pastor in Winnipeg (1913-1914) before enlisting to serve in World War I in 1915. He then traveled to England (1916), France (1917-1918), and Russia (1918-1919). Following the war, Farquhar returned to Nova Scotia and worked as a pastor in New Glasgow from 1919-1925.

In 1927 Farquhar was admitted to the Nova Scotia bar but only two years later became editor-in-chief of the Halifax Chronicle. He remained with the paper until 1938 and between 1926 and 1927 wrote a column called "Men and Things." From 1938 until he retired in 1953, Farquhar served as a member of the Nova Scotia Public Utilities Board.

In addition to these activities, Farquhar was involved with local community organizations, including the Nova Scotia Historical Society and the North British Society. He also sat on Dalhousie's Board of Governors from about 1941 to 1953.

## Custodial history

The materials in this fonds were received in two accessions. The documents related to the board of governors were donated in 1975 by Farquhar's daughter, Mrs. Donald A. Cameron. The other items in the fonds were donated by Mary Hamilton in 1997.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds consists primarily of records related to the Board of Governors collected by Farquhar during his time on the board, including minutes; the report A Survey and Plan of Fund-raising for Dalhousie University; and a file of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and publications related to President Stanley Carleton's resignation.

The fonds also includes some other miscellaneous materials collected by Farquhar related to the history of Dalhousie or the province, and associations/events with which he was involved. These records include pamphlets, song books, biographical sketches of some notable Nova Scotians, and a number of event programs and invitations.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on this fonds. Materials are open for research.

### Conditions governing use

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### Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

### Other notes

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

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- Dalhousie University. Board of Governors.

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Clippings (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Pamphlets (documentary form)
- Minutes (Records) (documentary form)
- Business correspondence (subject)
- College administrators--Canada (subject)
- Education--Nova Scotia (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (subject)
- Universities and colleges (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

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## Bibliography

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Canadian Who's Who. 1967 ed. Blauvelde, Robert B. Leaders of Nova Scotia 1936. Yarmouth, N.S.: Loyalist Press, 1936.

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## Collection holdings

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