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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	George Vibert Douglas fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-20, SF Box 14, Folders 3-5
Date:	1929-1956 (date of creation)
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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

George Vibert Douglas was a Canadian geologist and educator. Born in Montreal on July 2, 1892, he was educated in British private schools, graduated from McGill with a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in 1920 and 1921, respectively, and pursued doctoral studies at Harvard University. He married Olga Margaret Chrichton, with whom he had four children.

In the First World War, Douglas fought as a captain with the British Army, serving with the 17th Northumberland Fusiliers from 1915 to 1919 in Flanders and France. He received the Military Cross for his efforts. From 1921 to 1922, he worked as a geologist on a Shackleton-Rowett Antarctic expedition and subsequently spent a year at Cambridge working on the materials he had collected. In 1923, Douglas began a Ph.D. at Harvard, where he also lectured in geology. He ended the program prematurely to become Chief Geologist at the Spanish company Rio Tinto in 1926. From 1930 to 1931, Douglas was a member of the exploration of the Rhodesia-Congo Border Concession.

Douglas came to Dalhousie in the early 1930s. He was the university's first Carnegie Professor of Geology, serving as Head of Geology from 1932 to 1957. He was an active member of the Dalhousie community, helping to establish both the Dalhousie Art Gallery and a university student employment centre to assist students seeking work in mining and related fields. He led Dalhousie expeditions to Labrador in 1946 and 1947 and served as the Provincial Geologist. Douglas retired from Dalhousie in 1957 and died October 8, 1958. The department established the Douglas Prize in Geology in his honour.

Custodial history

The materials were accessioned by Dalhousie University Archives in 1970. The custodial history is unknown.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of two notebooks and a number of Douglas's offprints on geological topics, including findings from the Shackleton expedition and mineral deposits in Nova Scotia.

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Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Accruals

Further accruals are possible, but not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Dalhousie University--People (subject)
- Faculty papers (subject)
- Geology (subject)
- Minerals (subject)
- Notebooks (subject)
- Nova Scotia--History--20th century (subject)
- Offprints (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Professors (subject)
- Universities and colleges--Faculty (subject)
- Universities and colleges--Faculty--Research (subject)

- Halifax (N.S.) (place)
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Collection holdings
