



## Dalhousie University Archives

### Finding Aid - J. Linden Best fonds (MS-3-6)

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## J. Linden Best fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Dalhousie University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	J. Linden Best fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MS-3-6
<b>Date:</b>	1846-1972 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	3 cm of textual records. - . -- 103 photographs : b&w
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], J. Linden Best fonds, MS-3-6, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives and Special Collections, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

James Linden Best completed a M.A. degree at the University of New Brunswick in 1972. His thesis was titled The Post-Confederation Theatres of Halifax.

### Custodial history

The materials in this fonds were acquired in 1974 and prior to that were in the custody of Best.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds consists of records related to theatre history in Nova Scotia which were collected by Best while researching his M.A. thesis. The fonds includes photographs and negatives of local theatres (including Neptune, the Orpheus, and the Capitol) and various programs, advertisements, and articles related to them. The fonds also includes photocopies of a series of articles Best wrote for the Halifax Mail Star on the history of theatre in Nova Scotia, as well as some other miscellaneous research notes. Photographic materials include 41 negatives and 62 printed photographs.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Restrictions on access

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

### Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

### Related material

Clippings of articles by Best are scattered throughout the Neptune Theatre scrapbooks, MS-3-1.

### Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Research notes (subject)
- Theaters--Nova Scotia--Halifax (subject)
- Theses (subject)

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## Collection holdings

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### **File: MS-3-6, Microfilm Box 1 - Post-Confederation theatre in Halifax**

Title: Post-Confederation theatre in Halifax

Reference code: MS-3-6, Microfilm Box 1

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

Physical description: 1 microfilm reel

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**File: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 5 - Article written by Best relating to the Neptune theatre and the Strand and Garrick Playhouses**

Title: Article written by Best relating to the Neptune theatre and the Strand and Garrick Playhouses

Reference code: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 5

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records (1 folder)

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**File: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 6 - Correspondence relating to Best's research**

Title: Correspondence relating to Best's research

Reference code: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 6

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.25 cm of textual records (1 folder)

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**File: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 7 - Photographs**

Title: Photographs

Reference code: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 7

Date: [between 1846 - 1897] [between 1928 - 1971] (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.5 cm of graphic material (1 folder)

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**File: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 8 - Photographs**

Title: Photographs

Reference code: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 8

Physical description: 1 cm of graphic material (1 folder)

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**File: MS-3-6, SF Box 72, Folder 5 - Papers relating to Best's research interests**

Title: Papers relating to Best's research interests

Reference code: MS-3-6, SF Box 72, Folder 5

Date: {19--} (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records (1 folder)

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**File: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 9 - Negatives**

Title: Negatives

Reference code: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 9

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

Physical description: 1 cm of graphic material (1 folder)

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**File: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 10 - Photograph of a Strand advertisement from 1915**

Title: Photograph of a Strand advertisement from 1915

Reference code: MS-3-6, SF Box 81, Folder 10

Date: 1915 (date of creation)

Physical description: 0.25 cm of graphic material (1 folder)

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