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Personal papers of William Andrew MacKay

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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Personal papers of William Andrew MacKay
Reference code:	MS-2-541.1990-014
Date:	1949-1967 (date of creation)
Physical description:	9 cm of textual records

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

William Andrew MacKay was born on March 20, 1929 in Halifax, Nova Scotia to Robert Alexander MacKay and Mary Kathleen M. MacKay. He started his schooling in Halifax and received his high school diploma in Ottawa, Ontario. He went on to Dalhousie University receiving his B. A. (1950), law degree (1953), and his Masters of Law (1954). He was awarded a Ford Foundation Graduate Fellowship to Harvard University for the 1960-61 academic year. W. Andrew MacKay was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1954 and was created Queen's Council in 1973.

Andrew married Alexa Eaton Wright in July 1954. He has one daughter, Margaret Kathleen.

MacKay began his career with the Canadian Department of External Affairs from 1954 to 1957. Three of those four years he was seconded to the Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects secretariat. In 1957, he shifted his path to the teaching of law at Dalhousie University at the rank of assistant professor. By 1959 he was promoted to an associate professor and in 1961 attained the position of a full professor. W. Andrew MacKay served as Dean of the Law from 1964-1969. He took on a full administrative position as Vice-President in 1969, under President Henry D. Hicks's administration. Upon Hicks's retirement William Andrew MacKay became the eighth president of Dalhousie University, a position he held until 1986. Though out all of his administration positions he continued to teach constitutional and international law. He served as the Ombudsman for Nova Scotia from 1986 to 1988. MacKay was appointed a Judge in the Federal Court of Canada (Trial Division) in 1988, a shift to Federal Court of Canada from 2001 to 2004, followed by an appointment as a Deputy Judge in the Federal Court for the period 2004-2007.

William Andrew MacKay was involved with numerous organizations and boards over his career. He served as: Chairman of the Association of Atlantic Universities (1981-1983); President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (1983-1985); Chairman of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission (1967-1986); Chairman of the Nova Scotia Commission of Inquiry on Remuneration of Elected Provincial Officials (1974-1985) Chairman of the Nova Scotia Task Force on AIDS (1987-1988); director of the Bank of Nova Scotia (1984-1986); Advisory Board of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation (1978-1986); and on the Board of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (1981-1986). He held memberships in: Canadian Officer Training Corps (COTC) with the rank of Lieutenant; The Canadian Institute of International Affairs; Canadian Bar Association; Association of the Conference of

Governing Bodies, Legal Profession in Canada (1964-1969); Director of the Halifax YMCA (1961-1964); and sat on the Board of Governors of Ambrae Academy (1976-1982).

William Andrew MacKay died January 12, 2013.

Scope and content

Accession consists of: correspondence; Harvard University class notes; reports; and certificates of William Andrew MacKay. Includes correspondence with the Canadian Bar Association, Canadian National Commission for Unesco, and the University of Toronto Press.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by William Andrew MacKay in 1990.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Level of detail:** Full
 - **Status description:** Final
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Dalhousie University--People (subject)
- Law schools (subject)
- Lawyers (subject)
- Professors (subject)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 1 - Correspondence and other textual material regarding the African Students Foundation

Title: Correspondence and other textual material regarding the African Students Foundation

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1961-1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of: correspondence; two brochures; an African Students Foundation newsletter (vol.1, no.3, May 1961); and three reports. The reports include: a biographic sketch of Rev. James H. Robison, D.S, L.H.D., (unknown author); "Rhodesia" by Hugh Sellon; and "Rhodesia and Christian Principles" by A. R. Lewis.

Physical description: .10 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 2 - Two Canadian Army certifications of William Andrew MacKay

Title: Two Canadian Army certifications of William Andrew MacKay

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: 1949, 1952 (date of creation)

Physical description: 2 pages

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 3 - Letter between Gordon S. Cowan, International Law Committee, Canadian Bar Association, and William Andrew MacKay

Title: Letter between Gordon S. Cowan, International Law Committee, Canadian Bar Association, and William Andrew MacKay

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: 1957-1958 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes four reports given at the Annual meeting of the Canada Bar Association, 1957, regarding the Columbia River Development.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 4 - Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Title: Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1962-1963 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes two drafts and a final version of a report by W. Andrew MacKay, for presentation to the Annual Meeting of Canadian Bar Association, 1963. Also includes the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association programme, for 1963.

Physical description: .5 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 5 - Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Title: Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1963-1964 (date of creation)

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 6 - Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Title: Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1964-1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes a "A survey of library resources supporting legal education and research in Canada" by Eunice W. Beeson, Chairman, Survey Committee, Canadian Association of Law Libraries.

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 7 - Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Title: Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes the annual report of the Legal Education and Training Section, Canadian Bar Association for 1966.

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 8 - Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Title: Correspondence regarding the Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education and Training Section

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 8

Date: 1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes a topical report on what courses law schools should teach.

Physical description: .10 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 9 - Correspondence and reports regarding the Canadian National Commission for Unesco's Symposium on Friendly Relations, 1964

Title: Correspondence and reports regarding the Canadian National Commission for Unesco's Symposium on Friendly Relations, 1964

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 9

Date: 1963-1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes hand-written notes of Andrew MacKay on the topic of international law.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 10 - Letters between William Andrew MacKay and Hilary S. Marshall, University of Toronto Press

Title: Letters between William Andrew MacKay and Hilary S. Marshall, University of Toronto Press

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 10

Date: 1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of letters between William Andrew MacKay and Hilary S. Marshall, University of Toronto Press, regarding J. G. Castel's book "International law chiefly as interpreted and applied in Canada: cases, notes, and materials". Includes a letter from William Andrew MacKay to J. G. Castel.

Physical description: 5 pages

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 11 - General correspondence of William Andrew MacKay

Title: General correspondence of William Andrew MacKay

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 11

Date: 1963-1964 (date of creation)

Physical description: 10 pages

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 12 - Note on the Ford Foundation Graduate Fellowship awarded to William Andrew MacKay

Title: Note on the Ford Foundation Graduate Fellowship awarded to William Andrew MacKay

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 12

Date: [1960] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of a note on the Ford Foundation Graduate Fellowship awarded to William Andrew MacKay, for research at Harvard University, during the 1960-1961 academic year.

Physical description: 1 page

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 13 - Letters of William Andrew MacKay regarding The Society of Public Teachers of Law

Title: Letters of William Andrew MacKay regarding The Society of Public Teachers of Law

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 13

Date: 1958-1964 (date of creation)

Physical description: .10 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 14 - Letters of William Andrew MacKay on athletics matters.

Title: Letters of William Andrew MacKay on athletics matters.

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 14

Date: 1964 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of letters regarding the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association (M.I.A.A.) and a progress report on state of athletics at Dalhousie University. Includes a copy of the minutes of a meeting of the Maritime Intercollegiate Athletic Association, dated 20th September, 1964.

Physical description: 4 pages

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 15 - Letters of William Andrew MacKay regarding miscellaneous student affairs.

Title: Letters of William Andrew MacKay regarding miscellaneous student affairs.

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 15

Date: 1956-1964 (date of creation)

Physical description: 7 pages

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 16 - "Regional Interests and Policy in the Federal Structure" by W. A. MacKay

Title: "Regional Interests and Policy in the Federal Structure" by W. A. MacKay

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 16

Date: [1965] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of two copies of the essay "Regional Interests and Policy in the Federal Structure" by William Andrew MacKay.

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 17 - Harvard University Law School class notes of William Andrew MacKay

Title: Harvard University Law School class notes of William Andrew MacKay

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 17

Date: 1960-1961 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of hand-written class notes of William Andrew MacKay, during his Ford Foundation fellowship at Harvard University Law School. The notes were on the topic of constitutional law as taught by Professor Freund.

Physical description: 1.5 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 18 - Harvard University Law School class notes of William Andrew MacKay

Title: Harvard University Law School class notes of William Andrew MacKay

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 18

Date: 1960-1961 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of class notes of William Andrew MacKay, during his Ford Foundation fellowship at Harvard University Law School. The notes were on the topic of legal education as taught by Professor David F. Cavers.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 19 - Letter from William Andrew MacKay to Carole Harris, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Title: Letter from William Andrew MacKay to Carole Harris, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Reference code: MS-2-541.1990-014, Box 1, Folder 19

Date: March 25, 1958 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consist of a photocopy of a letter from William Andrew MacKay to Carole Harris, Faculty of Law, giving biographical information for inclusion in the Law Teachers' Directory.

Physical description: 2 pages
