



CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES

**Inventory of the
Harry Boyle fonds**

Inventory #F0101

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0101

Title: Harry Boyle fonds

Dates: 1934-2005

Extent: 15.2 m of textual records
156 sound recordings
2 video cassettes
153 photographs
20 graphic materials
219 published items

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Harry J. Boyle, journalist, broadcaster and playwright, was born on 7 October 1915 in St. Augustine, Ontario. His education included high school in Wingham and St. Jerome's College in Kitchener, Ontario. He married Marion McCaffrey in 1937, with whom he had two children. Mr. Boyle had a long career in journalism, having contributed articles to the London Free Press and the Toronto Globe and Mail, and a weekly column for the Toronto Telegram, 1957-1968. He joined the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as Farm Commentator in 1942 and became Director of the National Farm Radio Forum, 1942-1946. Other radio credits include: "CBC Wednesday Night," "Assignment," and "Project" series. Mr. Boyle also served on the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) as the vice-chairman, 1968-1976, and chairman, 1976-1977. He won awards for his contribution to broadcasting, and to Canadian television and radio in particular. Besides journalism, Boyle has written a number of radio plays, a stage play, three books of essays, and several novels. He has been a faculty member at the Banff School of Fine Arts and a member of the Ontario Arts Council, 1979-1982. He was made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1978. Harry Boyle died in Toronto on 22 January 2005.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of records created during Harry Boyle's career as a broadcaster, including: sound recordings of programmes, interviews, and speeches; transcripts of speeches (1968-1973) delivered while working for the CBC and the CRTC; personal and administrative files while chairman of the CRTC and during his tenure at the Banff School of Fine Arts. There are files related to the writing and publishing his books, and articles and stories published during his years as a journalist with the Toronto Telegram. Also included are items from Boyle's library about communications, broadcasting, and advertising. The records accessioned following his death in 2005 also include: files regarding Boyle's involvement with the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour and the Leacock memorial dinner; articles by or about Boyle; scripts for the CBC's Farm Department and articles on Canadian agriculture; manuscripts for "Memories of a Catholic boyhood" and "Dreams stronger than death; correspondence and subject files for the Boyle family, his career as a writer and broadcaster, the work of leading Canadian personalities; honours and awards; research and writing on a wide variety of topics; and internal memoranda from the CBC.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

Finding Aid: File list is available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000101.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1995-008, 2005-020. No further accruals are expected.

Provenance Access Points: Boyle, Harry J. (Harry Joseph), 1915-2005