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**Inventory of the  
J. David Wood fonds**

**Inventory #F0215**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0215

**Title:** J. David Wood fonds

**Dates:** [195?]-2000

**Extent:** 0.74 m of textual records  
ca. 106 maps

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** J. David Wood (1942 - ), geography professor at York University, was born in Galt, Ontario in 1934. He received a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Toronto in 1955 and 1958 respectively, and a Ph. D. from Edinburgh University in 1962. Wood began his career as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Toronto. Other major academic positions include: Assistant Lecturer, Edinburgh University; Assistant Professor, University of Alberta; and since 1965 at Atkinson College, York University as Associate Professor (and founding Chairman), Geography Department; Professor, Department of Geography; Director, Graduate Program in Geography; Co-ordinator, Canadian Studies Program; Professor and Chair, Department of Geography and Co-ordinator, Urban Studies Program and Professor, Department of Geography and Urban Studies Program. Wood is the author of "Making Ontario: Agricultural Colonization and Landscape Re-Creation Before the Railway" and numerous articles in prominent journals relating to the study of geography. He has organized, delivered numerous papers and chaired many sessions at geographical conferences and symposia. He was inducted into the York University Founders# Society on March 1, 2000 in recognition of his achievements at York University and in the field of geography.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds mainly documents J. David Wood's activities as a student, research geographer/historian and instructor. Records consist of undergraduate course notes, research notes, correspondence, maps, and photographs relating to his 1958 M.A. thesis, "The Historical Geography of Dumfries Township, Upper Canada, 1816-1852", his 1962 Ph.D. thesis, "The Geography of the Nithsdale-Annandale Region, Dumfriesshire, 1813-1816" and other published articles. Also included are teaching notes from Edinburgh University, 1957-1961 and the University of Alberta, 1964-1965, and records concerning his consultancy work on the external review of the Undergraduate Environmental Studies Program at York University in 2000.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access except for Environmental Studies Program records which are closed until January 2005.

**Finding Aid:** File lists are available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000215.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2000-063, 2001-009, 2001-024. Further accruals may be expected.

**Provenance Access Points:** Wood, J. David (John David), 1942 -

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