



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
William Jaffé fonds**

**Inventory #F0333**

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## F0333 - William Jaffé fonds

**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0333

**Title:** William Jaffé fonds

**Dates:** 1867-1980, predominant 1931-1980

**Extent:** 13.0 m of textual records  
ca. 240 photographs  
25 postcards

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** William Jaffé (1898-1980), educator and author, was associated with York University for the last ten years of his life as a professor in the Economics Department. Prior to his tenure at York, Jaffé had spent the period 1928-1966 at Northwestern University (Illinois), where he began his lifelong work on the French nineteenth-century economist, Leon Walras. He translated Walras' *The elements of pure economics*, and edited three volumes of Walras correspondence. Jaffé was made a Member of the French Legion of Honour, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Science and Letters, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the British Academy.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of correspondence, research notes, financial records, photographs, photocopies of articles and related research material, bibliography, and university materials of William Jaffé, covering his time at Northwestern University, Harvard, the University of British Columbia and York University, and his publishing activity and collecting of Walras' opus, *The elements of pure economics*. There are also reviews of Jaffé's works, and several boxes of research materials. In addition, the fonds hold a good deal of material from Leon Walras, including correspondence with members of his family, an unpublished autobiography, family photographs, essays and other writings, and financial records, 1860-1910.

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

**Finding Aid:** File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000333.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accession: 1983-009. Further accruals may be expected.

**Provenance Access Points:** Jaffé, William, 1898-1980

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