



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
William Kilbourn fonds**

**Inventory #F0338**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0338

**Title:** William Kilbourn fonds

**Dates:** 1948-1994

**Extent:** 19.6 m of textual records and graphic material

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** William Morley Kilbourn (1926-1995), educator, author, and politician, was born in Toronto, and educated there, in Great Britain (Oxford MA 1954), and in the United States (Harvard PhD 1957). He taught at Harvard (1953-1955) and McMaster University (1955-1962), prior to joining York University in 1962 as chair of the Division of Humanities and professor of history. In addition to his academic career, Kilbourn has served on the boards of several community organizations, including the Art Gallery of Ontario (1970-1976), the Young People's Theatre, and the Toronto International Festival. Kilbourn was an alderman in the City of Toronto (1970-1976), and sat on the Metropolitan Toronto Council (1973-1976). He is the author of several books including, "The firebrand: William Lyon Mackenzie and the rebellion in Upper Canada" (1956), "The elements combined: a history of the Steel Company of Canada" (1960), "The making of the nation" (1966), "Canada: a guide to the peaceable kingdom" (1970), "C.D. Howe: a biography" (with Robert Bothwell, 1979), "Toronto remembered" (1984), and "Intimate grandeur: 100 years at Massey Hall" (1993). He was made a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1980), and was named a Member of the Order of Canada (1993). He died on 4 January 1995.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of William Kilbourn's records pertaining to his activities as scholar and researcher, and as alderman in the City of Toronto. The fonds includes his research and subject files, his City Hall files and personal files.

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

**Finding Aid:** File lists available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000338.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1994-019, 1995-005, 1996-030. No further accruals are expected.

**Related Records:** See Jack Granastein fonds (F0316); Roy Merrens fonds (F0356); Irving Paisley fonds (F0373); and Stop Spadina Save Our City Coordinating Committee fonds (F0417), for related records.

**Provenance Access Points:** Kilbourn, William, 1926-1995

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