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**Inventory of the
H. Roy Merrens fonds**

Inventory #F0356

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0356

Title: H. Roy Merrens fonds

Dates: 1969-1999

Extent: 3.75 m of textual records
457 maps
44 photographs
30 slides
1 postcard

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** H. Roy Merrens (1931-) is a Professor of Geography at York University, where he has taught since 1968. He was educated at University College, London (BA (Hons.) 1954), University of Maryland (M.A.1957), and University of Wisconsin (Ph.D.1962). Merrens is the author of a number of articles and books, including *Regions of the United States* (1974) and *Urban Waterfront Redevelopment in North America* (1980). He served as a member of the Toronto Harbour Commission from 1973-1978 and was Chairman for one year. In addition, he is a founding member of both Forward 9, a citizen's association in Ward 9 and Citizens for a Better Waterfront and has been Chairman of the Waterfront Task Force. As a concerned citizen, he has a special interest in the use and development of Toronto's waterfront and as a geographer has directed students in field studies and tutorials on waterfront land use. As a member of Forward 9, he led a research team that produced and distributed copies of novel maps entitled *People's Guide to the Toronto Waterfront* and *People's Guide to Ward 9*. He is also involved in numerous waterfront issues and has distinguished himself in the role of watchdog and spokesperson on matters affecting the waterfront. In recognition of his achievements, Merrens was awarded a Medal of Service from the City of Toronto in 1980.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of records accumulated by Roy Merrens as a result of his activities as a geographer, professor, and member of various associations, authorities, and boards. The records have been physically arranged by the creator by subject; the original order has been maintained. They include maps, correspondence, minutes and agenda of meetings, mailing lists, reports, drafts, notes, press releases, proposals, copies of legislation, affidavits, telegrams, statistical data tables, newspaper clippings, journal articles, photographs, slides and a postcard. Also included is a file containing articles and reports about the geography, landscape and architecture of York University.

**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-f0000356.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1981-001, 1981-002, 1981-003, 2000-074. Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** The records are a gift of Roy Merrens.

Provenance Access Points: Merrens, Roy.