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**Inventory of the
James J. Morrison fonds**

Inventory #F0360

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0360

Title: James J. Morrison fonds

Dates: [Photocopied 1973? (originally created 1916-1933)]

Extent: 0.03 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** James J. Morrison (generally known as "J. J.") was farm leader, salesman, and a prominent agrarian organizer and politician. Morrison was born in 1861 on his family's homestead in Peel Township, Wellington County. After working for twelve years for a manufacturer in Toronto, he returned home to work his family's farm in 1900. In the following years he also served in various administrative capacities in local government and interests. In 1914, he helped to found and served as the secretary for the United Farmers of Ontario (UFO), a farm advocacy organization, and he was also secretary of its sister body, United Farmers Co-operative Company Ltd. (UFCC), a co-operative purchasing body for its members, from 1914 to 1935. The United Farmers of Ontario also formed a political party which became the government (1920-1923) through an alliance with labour and progressive political organizations. Morrison declined the invitation to take over leadership of the political party and his opposition to alliance with urban elements and non-farm issues played a part in undermining the UFO government in 1923. James J. Morrison died in 1936.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of correspondence, memoranda and notes, by James Morrison and others, concerning the activities of the UFO and the UFCC. There is also an unsigned biographical sketch of Morrison.

Location of originals: Originals from which the material in the fonds has been copied are in the possession of C. A. Morrison.

**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-f0000360.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1973-006. No further accruals are expected.

Associated Material: There are related records in the James J. Morrison fonds at the National Archives of Canada. New reference number: R4673-0-4-E; old reference number: MG27-IIIID3.

Provenance Access Points: Morrison, James J., 1861-1936.

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