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**Inventory of the
Sheldon Esbin collection**

Inventory #F0618

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0618

Title: Sheldon Esbin collection

Dates: [18--]-2010

Extent: 3.67 m of textual records
 1,419 photographs
 358 postcards
 ca. 880 stamps
 27 posters
 1 etching
 1 print
 1 architectural drawing
 1 compact disc
 1 videocassette
 Artifacts
 ca. 1700 published items

Biographical Sketch/ Administrative History: Sheldon Esbin, a Toronto-born lawyer and property developer, was educated at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School, where he graduated in 1964. He was called to the Bar of Ontario in 1966. After joining real estate law firm Spencer Romberg in 1966, Esbin and his colleague Arthur Resnick founded an adjunct mortgage lending business for the firm, which became Rompsen Investment Corporation, focusing on commercial and industrial mortgages. Esbin practised law with Spencer Romberg for 26 years before working exclusively as managing general partner of Rompsen. Esbin is a collector of Toronto-related rare books, archival materials and ephemera.

Scope and Content: Collection consists of newspapers, artifacts, ephemera, photographs, postcards, flyers and brochures, stamps, correspondence, posters, business records, and commercial and residential property promotional materials, collected and maintained by Sheldon Esbin between the 1980s and 2000s. These items predominantly pertain to pre- and post-amalgamation Toronto and the history of its neighbourhoods, architecture, religious and educational institutions, organizations, publications, cultural and arts-related events, tourism, real estate and building developments, commercial trade, and special events. Also included in this collection are pieces of original correspondence and legal documents dating from 1842 to 1874, written by or pertaining to the activities of prominent Toronto citizens including Adam Wilson, Christopher Widmer, John Davis, Frederic Cumberland, Allan Maclean Howard, Hugh Richardson, James Scott Howard, and John Hillyard Cameron.

S00579	Business advertising cards
S00580	Business accounting and banking documents
S00581	Business correspondence and letterhead
S00582	Business promotional items
S00583	Correspondence
S00584	Flyers and brochures
S00585	Invitations : fundraisers
S00586	Legal documents
S00588	Newspapers and other publications
S00589	Notices and signs
S00590	Photographs : portraits
S00591	Photographs : stereographs
S00592	Photographs : streetscapes
S00593	Pins, ribbons and commemorative tokens
S00594	Postcards and greeting cards
S00595	Posters, prints and drawings
S00596	Property development and real estate, commercial : brochures and flyers
S00597	Property development and real estate, residential : brochures and flyers
S00598	Property development and real estate : corporate

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	publications
S00599	School certificates and reports
S00600	Stamps
S00601	Tickets, passes and membership cards

Restrictions on Access and Use: No restrictions on access.

Finding Aid: A finding aid is available for this collection.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000618.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2012-031. No further accruals are expected.

Immediate source of acquisition: Collection donated by Sheldon Esbin in 2012.

Other Notes: The collection includes ca. 1700 published items. To improve access, these items have been catalogued as part of York University Libraries Special Collections, and can be located using using the online catalogue by performing a keyword search using the phrase, "Sheldon Esbin Collection."

Provenance Access Points: Esbin, Sheldon

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