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**Inventory of the
John Moss fonds**

Inventory #F0645

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0645

Title: John Moss fonds

Dates: 1971-2012, predominant 1971-1988

Extent: 0.18 m textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** John Moss was born in 1940 in Galt, Ontario. Moss earned a BA from Huron College in 1961, an MA from the University of Western Ontario in 1969, a master of philosophy from the University of Waterloo in 1970, and his PhD from the University of New Brunswick in 1973. While at UNB he co-founded the Journal of Canadian Fiction with David Arnason. After a series of itinerant casual jobs, Moss returned to academia and taught at Concordia University, the University of British Columbia, and Queen's University, before settling at the University of Ottawa from which he retired in 2005 as professor emeritus. He was also elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 2005 for his work in the areas of Canadian literary criticism and the advancement of Canadian literature. Moss is the author of numerous scholarly works including "Patterns of isolation" (1974), "A reader's guide to the Canadian novel" (1981 and 1987), "Enduring dreams" (1994), "The paradox of meaning" (1999), and "Being fiction" (2001). Since retirement, Moss has focused on writing the Quin and Morgan murder mysteries.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of correspondence between Moss and numerous Canadian literary figures including Margaret Atwood, George Bowering, Matt Cohen, Timothy Findley, Northrop Frye, Robert Kroetsch, Hugh MacLennan, John Metcalf, Farley Mowat, Michael Ondaatje, James Reaney, Sinclair Ross, Ruby Wiebe, George Woodcock, among others.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** Access is open.

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000645.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2013-048. Further accruals are expected.

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