



CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES

**Inventory of the
David Coombs fonds**

Inventory #F0169

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0169

Title: David Coombs fonds

Dates: [ca. 1899]-2002

Extent: 0.21 m of textual records and other material
0.05 m of photographs : b& w
8 audio cassettes

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** David Coombs was a student at McLaughlin College from 1968 to 1977. He served on the first two college councils and the first presidential search committee to select a successor to Murray Ross, the first president of York University. In 1970, he prepared a history of the early years of the university and interviewed the founding members of the original McLaughlin College council.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of audio recordings of, and notes relating to, interviews conducted by David Coombs with founding members of York University, particularly relating to McLaughlin College, and with K.H.M. (Michael) Creal and Harold I. Schiff regarding their roles on the Search Committee for a President of York University in 1969-1970; correspondence between Coombs and Prof. George Tatham, Master of McLaughlin College; and letters, photographs, ephemera, and a vaudeville script entitled "Inbad the Sailor" performed by Arthur Huston, Coombs's step-grandfather.

Custodial History: The records of accession 2002-048 were acquired from David Coombs via John Warkentin in August 2002.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** Access is open, except for one sealed letter in file 2002-048(01) which is closed until January 1, 2060.

Finding Aid: File lists available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000169.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1978-006, 1978-014, 1998-035, 1999-064, 2002-048. No further accruals are expected.

Related Records: See the Board of Governors fonds (F0035), Search Committee for a new President of York University, and the George Tatham fonds (F0423) for related records.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Accessions 1978-006 (1 audio cassette) and 1978-014 (2 audio cassettes) were acquired from David Coombs in February 1978. Accession 1998-035 was donated by David Coombs in October 1998, and accession 1999-064 was donated by David Coombs in October 1999. Accession 2002-048 was acquired from David Coombs via John Warkentin in August 2002.

Other Notes: Accession 1978-006 was formerly known as the K.H.M. Creal fonds (F0296). Accession 1978-014 was formerly known as the Harold I. Schiff fonds (F0403).

Provenance Access Points: Coombs, David

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