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**Inventory of the  
Beer family fonds**

**Inventory #F0375**

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## F0375 - Beer family fonds

**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0375

**Title:** Beer family fonds

**Dates:** 1914-1919

**Extent:** 0.06 m of textual records  
38 photographs

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** The Beer family was established in Ontario by Christopher Beer, a retired commander in the British navy, who was granted several hundred acres of land in Metcalfe Township in the early 1800's. In the early 1900's, Jacob Beer, a descendent of Christopher Beer, lived in Strathroy, Ontario, and had five children: Christopher, Joan, Walter, Vivien and Winlow. Private Walter Beer was a soldier with the 48th Regiment (Highlanders) during World War I and was killed in action in France. Vivien Beer was engaged to Captain James R. Allan, who was also killed in action in France in 1916.

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of correspondence between Captain James R. Allan and Vivien Beer of Strathroy, Ontario before Captain Allan, was killed; press clippings and photographs of Captain Allan and Private Walter Beer while serving in World War I and scenes of various members of the Beer family.

**Custodial History:** Mrs. Hazel Moses of Strathroy inherited the possessions of Joan Beer including documents relating to World War I which she (Moses) collected together and sent to Prof. Jack Granatstein in 1994 for deposit in the archives.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

**Finding Aid:** Fonds level description only.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000375.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accession: 1994-031. No further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Records received from Hazel Moses via Professor Jack Granatstein in September, 1994.

**Virtual Exhibit:** Selected photographs and letters available in "First World War Love Story", part of a virtual exhibit within ARCHEION, Ontario's Archival Information Network.

**URL of Virtual Exhibit:** <http://archeion-aao.fis.utoronto.ca/ArcheionVirtualExhibit/love.html>

**Provenance Access Points:** Beer (family)  
Allan, James R., d. 1916  
Beer, Vivien

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