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**Inventory of the
Paul Sullivan fonds**

Inventory #F0141

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0141

Title: Paul Sullivan fonds

Dates: 1848-1971

Extent: 1.02 m of textual records
ca. 15 photographs

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** John Paul Sullivan was born in Warwick Township, Lambton County, Ontario, in 1895, the son of James Sullivan and Emma Martin. He married Pearl McLean in 1922. Sullivan was a great-grandson of Irish immigrants who settled in Upper Canada in 1832. He died in 1971.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of correspondence to Paul Sullivan from family members, including 22 letters from cousin Vernon Sullivan written between 1911-1915 and describing the daily life, concerns, and opinions of a young man first as a farm worker, and then teacher, on the prairies immediately prior to enlisting to fight in World War I at the age of 16. There are also ca. 40 letters from brother Edgar Sullivan written between 1914-1943 describing the life of a homesteader who has moved to Saskatchewan to homestead and operate a business during difficult economic times. The fonds also includes diaries (1915-1971), municipal tax notices (1886-1961), personal correspondence, family wills, deeds and mortgages (from 1848), some business papers, 4 newspapers, a child's book, ca. 15 photographs and 3 business ledgers (1934-1950). The letters are arranged chronologically.

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

Finding Aid: File list available for accession 1998-025.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000141.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1997-012, 1998-016, 1998-025. Further accruals are expected.

Related Records: Correspondence from Vernon Sullivan to other family members can be found in the Clara Thomas fonds (F0432).

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Donated by Audrey P. Beattie, daughter of Paul Sullivan, in 1997 and 1998.

Provenance Access Points: Sullivan, Paul, 1895-1971
Sullivan, Vernon, 1894-1918
Sullivan, Edgar Alfred, 1887-1984

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