

William McFarland fonds

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Fonds Description

William McFarland fonds. – 1951-1999.

6 cm of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

William McFarland was born in Alberta in 1921, but was raised in British Columbia. After serving overseas in the Second World War, McFarland came to UBC. He earned a BA in 1947, a Bachelor of Social Work degree in 1948, and a Master's degree in Social Work in 1949. Working initially for the British Columbia Department of Welfare, McFarland went on to appointments as superintendent of Child Welfare, first in Alberta and then Saskatchewan, after which he became Manitoba's director of welfare. He returned to B.C. as assistant director of the Children's Aid Society. McFarland also founded the Alberta Foster Parents' Association and the B.C. Parents in Crisis Society, and served with both the Berger Royal Commission on Family and Children's Law and the Gove Inquiry into Child Protection. He died in 1999.

Custodial History

Materials were originally stored with Koerner Library's vertical file reference collections, before being transferred to the University Archives.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of textual records, and includes correspondence, reports, published materials, and transcripts of addresses by William McFarland, together with copies of obituaries published after his death. The materials document McFarland's career and his professional views and opinions regarding child and family welfare.

Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Transferred to University Archives by Koerner Library in 2010.