

William Nicholls fonds

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Fonds Description

William Nicholls fonds. – 1933-2003.

45.5 cm of textual records.

1 photograph: b&w.

1 video tape.

Biographical Sketch

William Nicholls was born on April 12, 1921 in London, Ontario. In 1945, he received his BA Honours in Modern History from the University of Toronto where he also graduated from the Ontario College of Education. He later received his MS degree specializing in Group Work and Community Organization from Springfield College, Massachusetts in 1951. In 1963, he joined the faculty of UBC as a professor and researcher in social planning, community development and community work practice. Over the years, Nicholls conducted detailed research across Canada and has received several research awards and distinctions, notably Research Scholar at the London School of Economics and Political Science (1970) and Molson Research Fellowship at the Vanier Institute of the Family (1977). He also published numerous papers, projects, reports and speeches on a variety of social topics ranging from the family and the economy, rural development, youth unemployment, immigration and population policies and mental health challenges among First Nations people. As an active contributor to the community, Nicholls served on a variety of local, provincial and federal committees and has held several key community leadership roles including past president of the British Columbia Association of Social Workers (1988-1989). After Nicholls death in 2003, his records were donated to the Archives.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of biographical materials, conference proceedings, reports, articles, books, sermons, speeches, talks, committee reports, correspondence, newspaper clippings, a photograph and a video tape.

The fonds consists of nine series: Biographical; Publications; Speeches, Addresses and Talks; Committees; London School of Economics; Vanier Institute of the Family; Subject Files, Miscellaneous and Video Tape.

Notes

File list available.

Series Descriptions

Biographical Series. -- 1969-2003.

3 cm of textual records.

This series consists of Nicholls curriculum vitae, list of publications, newspaper clippings, correspondence and biographical works containing his poetry, drawings, paintings and short stories.

Publications Series. -- 1933-2003.

17 cm of textual records.

This series consists of published reports, conference proceedings, articles, books and book reviews covering a variety of social topics and issues. These topics include rural development, rural families, youth and employment, and social welfare.

Speeches, Addresses and Talks Series. -- 1943-1982.

8 cm of textual records.

This series consists of sermons, addresses, interviews and talks given by Nicholls.

Committees Series. -- 1960-1974.

4.5 cm of textual records.

1 photograph: b&w; 26.5 x 21.8 cm.

This series consists of reports, manuals and correspondence thanking Nicholls for serving on or participating in a variety of local, provincial and federal committees. The photograph in the series is a black & white group picture of the Canadian Funds and Councils Division of the Canadian Welfare Council [1960-1970].

London School of Economics Series. -- 1970-1971.

1 folder.

This series consists of correspondence, research notes and reports pertaining to the year he spent at the London School of Economics and Political Science as a Research Scholar.

Vanier Institute of the Family Series. -- 1976-1981.

5 cm of textual records.

This series consists of research notes, reports, presentations, and correspondence dealing mainly with his work as the institutes Molson Research Fellow (1977).

Subject Files Series. -- 1964-1996.

8 cm of textual records.

This series consists of reports, newspaper clippings and research notes.

Miscellaneous Series. -- 1947-1979.

1 folder.

This series consists of newspaper clippings, Certificate of Social Work, a United Way report and a program from a play produced by Nicholls.

Video Tape Series. -- 1975.

1 video tape.

This series consist of a recorded presentation given by Nicholls on October 29, 1975. The title of the presentation was "Social Policy Perspectives: The Green Paper on Population and Immigration".

Note: the video tape has been removed and is stored with the UBC Video Tape Collection.

File List

Box 1

Biographical Series

- 1-1 CV/Biographical material
- 1-2 Books - Travels with Jeannie: A Selection of Poems, Drawings and Paintings (2003)
- 1-3 Books - Life Writings: A Collection of Short Stories (2003)

Publications Series

- 1-4 Reports - Loon Lake, Saskatchewan (1933-1943)
- 1-5 Reports - views on Rural Development in Canada (1967)
- 1-6 Reports - What Kind of Canada Do We Want? (1975)
- 1-7 Reports - Hikoi- Journey with a Purpose: A Report to Sal'i'shan Institute Society (1995)
- 1-8 Reports - Health and Education of the Hill Tribe People of Northern Thailand (July 2002)
- 1-9 Papers - The Changing Community (1961)
- 1-10 Papers - Migration in Canada: A Background Paper (September 1970)
- 1-11 Papers - L' Indien et la Ville (1974)
- 1-12 Papers - Youth, Employment and Future of Work (1984-1985)
- 1-13 Proceedings - Social Welfare and Human Settlements Symposium, May 30- June 4, 1976 (1977)
- 1-14 Proceedings - the Vanier Institute Studies of the Informal Economy: The View from the Ground Up (1979)
- 1-15 Proceedings - Challenges to Rural Families: Strategies of Self-Reliance, Co-Reliance and Self-Sufficiency and their Meaning for Rural Families in the 1980s (1981)
- 1-16 Proceedings - Seminar Summary - What Have We Accomplished? (1982)
- 1-17 Proceedings - Work of the Informal Economy (1983)
- 1-18 Articles - New goals for Social Welfare (1969)
- 1-19 Articles - How Canadians are Responding to Economic Crisis by Tapping Our Base Economy (1983)
- 1-20 Articles - Current Social Planning Issues (1983)
- 1-21 Articles - Healing as a Learning Experience (August 1, 2003)
- 1-22 Books - The Informal Economy: Where People are the Bottom Line (1983)

- 1-23 Books - Citizens in Action: 25 Years of Social Planning in BC (1991)
- 1-24 Book Reviews (1958-1976)

Speeches, Addresses and Talks Series

- 1-25 Sermon [1943]
- 1-26 Sermon (July 18, 1943)
- 1-27 Sermon (August 1, 1943)
- 1-28 Sermon (August 15, 1943)
- 1-29 Sermon (August 22, 1943)
- 1-30 Sermons - notes [1943]
- 1-31 Speeches and Addresses (1964, 1968 and 1970)
- 1-32 Talks - External Communication (1964)
- 1-33 Talks - Meeting of the BC Indian Advisory Committee (1964)
- 1-34 Talks - Social Planning and Agency Relationships (1968)
- 1-35 Talks - New Goals for Social Welfare (1969)
- 1-36 Talks - Living Cooperatively - Learning Inter-Reliance (1979)
- 1-37 Talks - Human Service Needs in the Year 2000 (1981)
- 1-38 Talks - Self-Help and the Economics of Family Places (May 1983)
- 1-39 Talks - The Vancouver Institute of the Family - Its Origin and Purpose (July 31, 1984)
- 1-40 Talks - The Informal Economy and the Future of Work (November 1984)
- 1-41 Talks - The World conference for Youth in Retrospect (1986)
- 1-42 Talks - Cooperation in Community Services [n.d.]
- 1-43 Transcript of Interview for Community Participation and Social Policy in BC Project (1982)

Committees Series

- 1-44 Council of Community Services of Edmonton and District - Directive Manual (1962)
- 1-45 Canadian Funds and Councils (1960-1972, predominant 1967-1969)
- 1-46 Community Work Publication Committee (1973)
- 1-47 Client Records Committee of British Columbia Association of Social Workers (1973-1974)
- 1-48 Canadian Council on Rural Development - Project Committee on the Views of the Member Organizations - Committee Findings and Recommendations [n.d.]

1-49 Thank-you letters (1964-1966)

London School of Economics Series

1-50 Research Notes, Reports and Correspondence (1970-1971)

Vanier Institute of the Family Series

1-51 Molson Fellow - Notes and Research (1976-1978)

1-52 Molson Fellow (1977)

1-53 Research Notes (1979-1981)

Box 2

Subject Files Series

2-1 A Study of Current Research on the Aging (1964)

2-2 "The Gift Relationship" by R. M. Titmuss (1970-1971)

2-3 Habitat (1976)

2-4 Immigration and Population (1975)

2-5 Accreditation Self-Study Report for the Post-Secondary Education Commission (1996)

Miscellaneous Series

2-6 Newspaper Clippings, certificate of Social Work, etc. (1947-1979)

Video Tape Series

AT 1057 "Social Policy Perspectives: The Green Paper on Population and Immigration"
-- presentation given by William Nicholls on October 29, 1975