

Watson Thomson fonds

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Fonds Description

Watson Thomson fonds. – 1910-1969.

1.31 m of textual records and published materials.

12 photographs: b&w; 8 x 15 cm or smaller.

2 scrapbooks.

Biographical Sketch

Watson Thomson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, graduated from Glasgow University with an M.A. in 1923 and tutored in Jamaica for three years. One year after his return to Scotland, where he taught high school and teacher training, he travelled to Nigeria to become a Superintendent of Education. After this job, he returned to London and worked on publicity for the European Federation. During this time, 1931 - 1937, he was actively involved as the co-editor of the important English weekly, *New Britain*.

Thomson travelled across Canada in 1937, lecturing and founding the Workers' Education Association in Calgary. He soon became a staff member of the Alberta Extension and a regular commentator for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation until 1944. In 1941, he was appointed Director of Adult Education at the University of Manitoba, and three years later, held the same post for the Province of Saskatchewan. During the War, Thomson was a strong spokesman for those suffering, and published a pamphlet urging Canada to open its doors to people persecuted by the Nazis. After the War, he became interested in the concept of "intentional community" and began organizing one, while writing *Pioneer in Community*. He lived on a co-op farm from 1948-1950 and also lectured at the University of British Columbia. He continued teaching at UBC from 1950 to 1960, and was internationally known for the specialized English courses he devised for Engineering and Forestry students. In 1960, he retired from his position as Associate Professor because of illness and was awarded Associate Professor Emeritus in 1964. Still writing, he published *Turning Into Tomorrow* in 1966. He died in Vancouver in 1969.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of correspondence (1937-1969), manuscripts and drafts for books and articles, copies of radio talks (1937-1955), speeches (1943-1957), printed material, clippings and scrapbooks (1937-1965).

Notes

File list available.

Related material can be found in the [Watson Thomson Research Collection](#).

Series Descriptions

Correspondence series. – 1937-1969.

19.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of incoming and copies of outgoing correspondence generated and received by Thomson. Series contains eight subseries: Family, Saskatchewan Adult Education Division of the Department of Education, "Contact" Pamphlet, London, CBC Radio Talks, UBC, *Turning Into Tomorrow*, and CHQM Broadcasts.

Manuscripts series. – 1923-1966.

29.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of various manuscripts written by Thomson. Series contains six sub-series: Books, Articles, Radio Talks, Speeches, Dissertations, and Diaries.

Printed Material. – 1932-1959.

52.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of articles in periodicals, pamphlets, reports, proceedings, leaflets, and minutes pertaining to Watson's writings and research. Series contains five sub-series: Works by Watson Thomson, Other Periodicals, Pamphlets, Reports and Proceedings, and Not by Watson Thomson subseries.

Notebooks series. – 1933-1945.

6 cm of textual records.

Series consists of a notebook containing quotations, as well as notebooks pertaining to adult education in Saskatchewan and poverty and war.

News Clippings series. – 1925-1968.

6 cm of textual records.

Series consists of clippings from various publications.

Scrapbooks series. – 1937-1965.

2 scrapbooks.

Series consists of scrapbooks maintained by Thomson pertaining to Canada and his career.

Books by Watson Thomson. – 1949-1966.

2 cm of published materials.

Series consists of two books written by Thomson: *Pioneers in Community: Henri Lasserre's Contribution to the Fully Cooperative Society* and *Turning into Tomorrow*.

Miscellaneous series. – 1910-1969.

15.5 cm of textual records.

12 photographs: b&w; 8 x 15 cm or smaller.

Series consists of correspondence, examination papers, newspaper clippings, photographs, and printed material pertaining to Thomson's personal life and research. Series includes Thomson's memorial order of service (1969).

File List

BOX 1

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

- 1-1 Correspondence: Family, 1937 - 1968
Ryan, Eileen E. to Harriet, Mar. 17 1937
Thomson, Jane (mother), Mar. 28 1937
From Harriet (sister), April 2 1937
From Ryan, Eileen E., Sept. 1 1937
From Thomson, Jane, May 28 1937
From Thomson, Jane, Oct. 24, 1937
From Thomson, Jane, Nov. 4 1937
From Thomson, Jane, Dec. 9 1937
From Harriet, Dec. 19 1937
From Thomson, Jane, Dec. 23 1937
From Eileen, April 16 1938
From Thomson, Jane, April 29 1938
From Thomson, Jane, Oct. 31 1938
From Harriet and Alice, June 12 1938
From Harriet, June 18 1939
From [May], June 21 1939
From Harriet, June 21 1939
From Harriet, July 3 1939
- 1-2 Correspondence: Family, 1937 - 1968
From Harriet, Feb. 1 1942
From Ryan, Eileen E. to Harriet, May 6 1942
From Eileen to Harriet, May 7 1942
From Eileen to Harriet, May 31 1942
From Harriet, June 7 1942
From Harriet to Colin, Jan. 17 1960
From Harriet, May 31 1968
From Harriet, June 4 1968
From Dick Lim, n.d.
From Dick Lim, n.d.
Letter article of tour to Malaya, Sumatra and Java, n.d.

- 1-3 Correspondence: Saskatchewan Adult Education Division of the Department of Education 1945-1947
From Morse, Warren, Jan. 3 1945
From Wright, Jim, Jan. 7 1945
From Colbert, John G. to Mr. Shair, Jan. 17 1945
From Colbert, Alice and Jack, Jan. 17 1945
From Colbert, Alice and Jack, Jan. 25 1945
Newsletter - from WT (two copies), May 1 1945
Newsletter - from WT (two copies), June 1 1945
Newsletter - from WT (two copies), July 1 1945
To Lloyd, W.S., Aug. 20 1945
- 1-4 Newsletter - from WT, Sept. 19 1945
Newsletter - from WT, Oct. 15 1945
Grievances - from WT, Oct. 22 1945
From Lloyd, W.S. to Parker, E., Nov. 5 1945
From Struthers, S.A. to Adult Education Division, Nov. 13 1945
To Struthers, S.A., Nov. 28 1945
From Lloyd, L.L., (two copies), Dec. 12 1945
To Lloyd, L.L., Dec. 12 1945
From Wright, Jim, Dec. 13 1945
From Smith, W. Norman, Dec. 16 1945
From Smith, W. Norman to Mr. Douglas, Dec. 16 1945
From Lloyd, L.L., Dec. 17 1945
From Art - Dept. of Education, Dec. 18 1945
From Lerner, Max to Parker, E. (two copies), Dec. 24 1945
From Wright, Jim, Dec. 28 1945
From Hart, Fred, Dec. 30 1945
From Suter, Alice E., Dec. 31 1945
From Luke, Horatio H., Jan. 2 1946
- 1-5 Correspondence: Saskatchewan Adult Education Division of the Department of Education 1945-1947
From Linder, E., Jan. 2 1946
To Wright, Jim, Jan. 5 1946
From Hagerman, E., Jan. 7 1946
From Hagerman, E. to Lloyd, W.S., Jan. 7 1946
From Hart, G.R., Jan. 7 1946
From McPhail, J., Jan. 8 1946
From Luke, Horatio H., Jan. 8 1946

From Spencer, H.T., Jan. 9 1946
From Clarke, Nelson, Jan. 9 1946
From Jenkins, G., Jan. 9 1946
From Baker, E., Jan. 10 1946
From Brunton, Helen Thompson, Jan. 11 1946
From Loree, Ray, Jan. 12 1946
To Morse, Warren, Jan. 14 1946
To Clarke, Nelson, Jan. 14 1946
From Allen, Glen, Jan. 15 1946
To McPhail, J., Jan. 15 1946
To Luke, H., Jan. 15 1946
To Baker, E., Jan. 15 1946
To Jenkins, G., Jan. 15 1946
From Miller, W.G., Jan. 15 1946
From Fraser J. to Johnson, Al, Jan. 15 1946
From Vlastos, G., Jan. 16 1946
To Loree, Ray, Jan. 20 1946
To Allen, Glen, Jan. 20 1946
To Hagerman, E., Jan. 20 1946
To Spencer, Henry T., Jan. 20 1946
From Lloyd, W.S. to Hart, Fred, Jan. 22 1946
From Penny, Harry L., Jan. 23 1946
To Penny, Harry L., Jan. 28 1946
To Fraser, Jessie, Jan. 28 1946
To Miller, W.G., Jan. 28 1946
To Colbert, J. and A., Jan. 28 1946
To Vlastos, G., Jan. 28 1946
To Brunton, Mrs. H.R., Jan. 28 1946
From Williams, F.C. to LeBeau, M.A., Jan. 29 1946
From Lloyd, W.S. to LeBeau, M.A., Jan. 30 1946
From Vlastos, Gregor, Jan. 31 1946
From Lloyd, W.S. to LeBeau, M.A., Feb. 1 1946
To Lloyd, W.S., Sept. 3 1944
From Vlastos, G., n.d.
From Glen, n.d.
To the Editor, [Hansen, Frank of The Commonwealth], n.d.
Explanation of resignation, n.d.
Form letter - explanation, Dec. 31 1945
Critique of Prairie School resume, n.d.
Newsletter - to Prairie School for Social Action contacts, n.d.

Unidentified, Jan. 11 1945

Unidentified, Jan. 17 1945

- 1-6 Correspondence: "Contact" Pamphlet, 1946-1947
Newsletter - from WT as Co-editor of "Contact", Fall 1946
Newsletter - from WT, Nov. 1946
Newsletter - from WT (three copies), Dec. 1946
Excerpt from Brown, Harrison letter, Dec. 23 1946
Public comments on "Contact", n.d.
Excerpts from letters to co-editors (four copies), n.d.
Newsletter - from WT, Jan. 1947
Newsletter - from WT, Feb. 1947
Newsletter - from WT, March 1947
From Council for Democratic Action, April 1947
Newsletter - from WT (three copies), May 1947
Newsletter - from WT, June 2 1947

- 1-7 Correspondence: London, 1946 - 1966
From Reginald, Jan. 10 1946
From Wallis, Ben, Feb. 22 1946
To Rex, Feb. 23 1946
From Valerie, Nov. 18 1953
From Valerie, Jan. 18 1954
To Valerie, Feb. 14 1954
From Valerie, March 7 1954
To Valerie, March 31 1954
From Valerie (telegram), April 10 1954
From Valerie, Oct. 8 1954
From Purcell, Feb. 29 1956
From Purcell, April 9 1956
From Shillan, David, Nov. 26 1960
From Harry, Nov. 28 1960
To Harry, Jan. 9 1961
From Harry, Jan. 15 1961
From Shillan, David, Nov. 4 1961
From Thomson, Mary to Harry, Dec. 1961
To David, Nov. 11 1965

- 1-8 Correspondence: London, 1946 - 1966
From David, Nov. 21 1965

- To Harry, Dec. 20 1965
From Harry, Dec. 30 1965
From David, Dec. 1965
From Harry, Jan. 31 1966
From Ellen, Nov. 29 -
From Elaine, March 22 -
From Harry, n.d.
Unidentified, Oct. 21 1959
- 1-9 Correspondence: CBC Radio Talks 1955 - 1957
From Mason, Gladys, March 14 1953
From Harries, Llyewelyn, Jan. 14 1954
From Alex, Jan. 30 1954
From Harlow, Robert, Oct. 14 1954
From Fred (telegram), Jan. 25 1955
From Doris and Stan, Jan. 26 1955
From Keith, Jan. 26 1955
From Seltzer, Steve, Jan. 27 1955
From Allen, Glen, Jan. 27 1955
From Prendergast, T.C.M., Jan. 28 1955
From Welld, M. Jan. 28 1955
From Birch, M., Feb. 3 1955
From Will, Feb. 6 1955
From Patchell, Robert, Feb. 15 1955
From Would, Reginald, Feb. 23 1955
From Blakey Smith, Dorothy, Feb. 25 1955
From Cooks, A., Dec. 28 1955
From Colelough, A., Jan. 1 1956
From Haddock, Philip G., Jan. 13 1956
From Marsh, Betty, Jan. 19 1956
From Nalum, Karl, Jan. 1 1957
From Pugsley, Edmund E., Jan. 1 1957
From Chesman, Edith Jan. 6 1957
From Fillmore, T.S., Jan. 7 1957
From Phelps, Arthur L. to N.A.M. MacKenzie, n.d.
From Taylor, Harry G., n.d.
From Ebe, n.d.
- 1-10 Correspondence: UBC 1947 - 1964
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., Sept. 30 1947

From MacKenzie, N.A.M., April 26 1955
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., May 10 1955
To MacKenzie, N.A.M., May 17 1955
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., May 24 1955
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., Jan. 23 1956
From Daniells, Roy to Chant, Dean, Feb. 2 1956
To MacKenzie, N.A.M., March 17 1956
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., May 1 1956
From Gage, W.H., May 28 1957
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., June 3 1957
To MacKenzie, N.A.M., Sept. 3 1957
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., Sept. 3 1957
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., April 29 1958
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., June 24 1958
To MacKenzie, N.A.M., Jan. 5 1959
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., Mar. 31 1959
From Lord, A.E., April 16 1959
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., April 29 1959
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., Oct. 13 1959
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., May 3 1960
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., Feb. 28 1962
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., May 2 1962
To MacKenzie, N.A.M., May 20 1962
From MacKenzie, Norman, June 6 1962
From Macdonald, John, Jan. 30 1963
From Davies, Geoffrey, March 6 1963
From MacKenzie, N.A.M., Sept. 18 1963
From Parnall, J.E.A., May 25 1964

1-11 Correspondence: Turning Into Tomorrow, 1960 - 1966

From Daniells, Roy, Oct. 3 1960
From Strachan, Robin, Dec. 1 1961
From LeBeau, George to Wylie, T.A., March 26 1962
From George, March 29 1962
From Couyers, Will, April 2 1962
From Strachan, Robin, May 8 1962
To Strachan, Robin, May 13 1962
From Strachan, Robin, July 23 1962
From Strachan, Robin, July 31 1962
From Strachan, Robin, Sept. 19 1962

To Strachan, Robin, Sept. 25 1962
From Strachan, Robin, Oct. 1 1962
From Strachan, Robin, Dec. 7 1962
From Bacque, J.W., Jan. 14 1963
From Piggot, Juliet, Jan. 22 1963
From Piggot, Juliet, Feb. 8 1963
From Jack, April 11 1963
To Piggot, Juliet, June 11 1963
From Piggot, Juliet, June 17 1963
From Piggot, Juliet, July 15 1963

1-12 Correspondence: Turning Into Tomorrow, 1960 - 1966

From Harry, Aug. 13 1963
From Chisholm, Brock, Dec. 5 1963
To Anshen, Ruth Nanda, Jan. 29 1964
From Anshen, Ruth Nanda, March 3 1964
From Naegele, Kaspar D., March 10 1964
From Chisholm, Brock, March 13 1964
To Chisholm, Brock, March 14 1964
To Chisholm, Brock, March 14 1964
From Anshen, Ruth Nanda, March 25 1964
To Strauss, Herbert, May 21 1964
To Anshen, Ruth Nanda, May 22 1964
From Strauss, Harold, May 27 1964
From Elsie, July 13 1964
From Baird, Dec. 16 1964
From Baird, Jan. 10 1965
From Seaburg, Carl to Hewett, Rev. A Phillip, June 14 1965
To Seaburg, C., July 17 1965
From Chuck, July 30 1965
From Chisholm, Brock, Aug. 6 1965
To Chisholm, Brock, Aug. 13 1965
From Chisholm, Brock (two copies), Aug. 18 1965
To editors of George Brazilliers Inc., Aug. 30, 1965
To Macdonald, Dwight, Aug. 30 1965
To Geoff, Sept. 28 1965
From Chapman, Alexandra, Oct. 8 1965
From Geoff, Oct. 13 1965
From Estall, H.M. (two copies), Oct. 20 1965
From Estall, H.M., Oct. 24 1965

From Hawthorn, H.B., Nov. 12 1965
From Hawthorn, H.B., Nov. 29 1965
From Hawthorn, H.B., Jan. 20 1966
From Hawthorn, H.B., May 9 1966
To Mowat, W.H., May 12 1966
From [Zedon], n.d.
From [Dori], n.d.
From Rose, 1964
To Robin, n.d.
From Marsh, Leonard, n.d.
Folder also includes readers' comments and outline for autobiography

- 1-13 Correspondence: CHQM Broadcasts 1965
Includes perspectives
From Garner, T.J., June 30 1965
To Bellman, Bill, June 27 1965
"The Real Issue"
"Judicial Humanity"
From Garner, T.J., n.d.
"On Hoodlums"
"On the Mass Media"

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MANUSCRIPTS SERIES

Books

- 1-14 "First Call for the New Revolution", draft, 1940s
- 1-15 Untitled book manuscript, 1950
- 1-16 "Thoughts on War and Peace and Violence and non-violence in the Nuclear Age", 1960
- 1-17 "Passport to the Future", 1960s
- 1-18 "Between Federation and Community", Pre-Turning into Tomorrow, 1960s

1-19 "Canada" section of Turning into Tomorrow (two copies), includes notes, 1960s

BOX 2

2-1 Autobiographical section of Turning Into Tomorrow 1960s

2-2 Turning into Tomorrow, draft version II, 1960s

2-3 Turning into Tomorrow, addenda, 1960s

2-4 Autobiography draft, includes childhood questionnaire and answer by sister May, n.d.

2-5 Autobiography original, n.d.

2-6 Personal Archives, 1945 - 1947

Includes:

Curriculum Vitae

Article on Gutkind, Eric

"A Note on values in the Study of Science"

"Some points of possible interest to a new university and its students and teachers"

"Contact" newsletters, May 1947 and Jan. 1947

Saskatchewan Newsletter, Dec. 3 1945

Telegram from Roberts, Leslie, Dec. 2 1946

Answer from W.T.

Letter from Roberts, Leslie, Dec. 2 1946

"Adult Education Theory and Policy"

Letter from Wells, Austin, Nov. 28

Letter from [Boyen], Raymond, Nov. 29 1946

Letter from Ogilvie, Marjorie, Jan. 2 1945

Unidentified letter, May 21 1947

Letter to Parker, E., March 17 1947

A Humanist Association booklist

Clipping

Dinner invitation with W.T. as speaker, Feb. 20 1947

Letter from Professional and Businessmen's Group, Feb. 4 1947

Letter from [Madelline], Oct. 20 1948

Lasserre, Henri programs (two)

Letter from U.S. Post Office - Joynes, E., Dec. 10 1947

Articles

- 2-7 Travel articles - Skye, West Africa, Jamaica, 1925 - 1930
"Good Old Tom"
"The Treasure Cave"
"This Empire Business"
"Retrenchment and Education in West Africa"
"Westward Ho"
"My African Valet"
"Canoeing in the Creeks"
"Jungle Scene"
"A Scholastic Occasion in Nigeria"
Some Observations of Native Churches in Nigeria
Report on visit to Agege District 1930
Three letters from students 1930 - 1935
- 2-8 Articles, 1940 - 1944
"America's Mission"
"The Relativity of Freedom"
"Meaning of Peace"
"Escapes are Fewer"
"The Anglo-Saxon Leadership Myth"
"Bases for World Order"
"Unlock the Door, Mr. Attlee"
"Beyond 'Race and Nationality"
"Anti-Semitism"
"The British White Paper on Palestine"
"The Significance of Anti-Semitism Today"
"Labor Faces the New Era"
"Prospects for FRATERNITY"
- 2-9 Articles, n.d.
"The Way of Man's Growth"
"Sex Morality"
Includes one fragment and notes
- 2-10 Manuscripts for Articles, 1946 - 1948

- "Speaking at the general meeting of the Emergency Committee for Civil Rights"
 - "Religion-Post Hiroshima"
 - "Man Defends Himself"
 - "Homes and Families in a Restless Age"
 - "Battle for Sanity" (introduction for book)
- 2-11 Excerpts from Between Man and Man by Buber, Martin and articles, 1960s
- "Community: Intentional or Non-intentional"
 - "The New Community"
 - "Personal Group"
 - "Growing Up Confused"
 - "Make Love - Not War"
 - "Some Call it Love"
 - "Our Centennial Selves"
- 2-12 Articles, n.d.
- "The Humanist Image of Man"
 - "Forces Making for War"
 - "Co-national Entity"
 - "Heaven and Hell on Earth"
 - "A Message to the Voice of Women"
 - "The West in Turmoil"
 - "Non-violence"
 - "Violence - Product of the Nation State"
 - "The Absurdly Ultimate"
- BOX 3
- 3-1 Letter from W.T. on Czechoslovakia and articles, 1960s
- "Acceptance"
 - "Revisionism"
 - "Unashamed"
 - "Confessions of a Convert"
 - "Sex and Education in the Age of Cybernation"
 - "Free and Immeasurable"
 - "A Small Stone in a Sling or David and Goliath: America 1966"
 - Clues to a Total Re-orientation
 - Ferment '68

3-2 "War and Peace: 1968"
"Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, Your Huddled Masses"
"Choose Life"
"Thoughts on the Triple Revolution"
"To Philip Hewett and my Fellow Unitarians"

3-3 "Breaking our of the System"
"Four Styles of Life"
"What Price a New America"
"The Fateful Choice"
"The Occidental Mind"
"The Limitations of Occidental Thought"
"Oppositeness and Identity"
"What is Human Nature"

Radio Talks

3-4 Alberta radio: Personally Speaking, n.d.
Learning to be Human, 1940
Calgary Stampede, 1937
Lecture synopsis: Canada, the Empire; and World Leadership, n.d.
Canadian Letter (four talks), n.d.

3-5 The World Today (three talks), 1940
Week-End Review (eighteen talks) 1940 - 1946
Our Special Speaker, 1944

3-6 For the Overseas Service from Canada to War Time London, 1940s
Postscript: by a Scot from Canada, n.d.

3-7 Saskatchewan Adult Education Division (two talks) 1945
The Nature of the New Revolution
Introductory
Rehabilitation of returned men by George LeBeau

3-8/9 CKWX talks, 1946 - 1948

3-10 Living with the H-Bomb (talks 1-3), 1955

3-11 University Talk Series, 1956

Canada, 1956
Year End Summary, 1956
Thoughts on a Male's Experience in Homemaking
The Search for Community
Changing the Social Pattern

- 3-12 Old and discarded broadcast scripts
Christmas (two copies)
Letter from Robert Patchell, Dec. 2 1955
Morality and International Politics I (two copies) II (three copies)
III (two copies)
Prospect for Sanity
Prepare for Peace I, II, III
Our World Again? I, II
Tomorrow I
Notes, misc.

Speeches

- 3-13 Speech for Public Affairs Institute, 1943
"Personal significance in a World of Machines and Masses"
- 3-14 Sermons to the Unitarian Church (two copies), includes notes, 1955 - 1956
- 3-15 UBC Seminar Papers, 1957
"Universities and the Predicament of Western Culture"
"The Aims and Objectives of a University Education"
"Universities or Multiversity"
Letter from Roy Daniells

Dissertations

- 3-16 M.A. Dissertation, 1923
"The Relation Between Form and Content in Poetry"

Diaries

- 3-17 Diary of trip across Canada, 1937, includes diary book and loose papers

BOX 4

PRINTED MATERIAL SERIES

Works by Watson Thomson

- 4-1 Magazine articles
"Ourselves Announced" in New Britain, Oct. 1932
- 4-2 Review of The Renewal of Culture by Lars Ringbom in The New Atlantis,
Oct. 1933
- 4-3 "New Liberalism" in New Albion, April 1934
- 4-4 "To James Maxton: A Call for Cooperation" in New Britain, April 18 1934
- 4-5 "Democracy is not Freedom" in The Eleventh Hour, Dec. 26 1934
"Holding the Baby" in The Eleventh Hour, Dec. 26 1934
- 4-6 "More Study than Group" in Adult Learning, Oct-Nov. 1938
- 4-7 "Education and Propaganda" in The Canadian Forum, Feb. 1942
- 4-8 "Death and Resurrection of Nations" in France-Canada (two copies), Feb/Mar.
1943
- 4-9 "Adult Education and the Crisis of Democracy" in Public Affairs, Spring 1943
- 4-10 "World War II and Then What?" in Canadian Railway Employees Monthly,
Aug. 1943
- 4-11 "Our Inhumanity to Men" in National Home Monthly, Oct. 1943
- 4-12 "Refugees and Minorities" in The Canadian Student, Nov. 1943
- 4-13 "Thought on Post-War Reconstruction" in Queen's Quarterly, offprint, 1943
- 4-14 "Racism is Dangerous" in Canadian Railways Employees' Monthly, Feb. 1944
- 4-15 "Beyond the Melting Pot" in Public Affairs, June 1944

4-16 "Watson Kirkconnell's Journey into Anti-Semitism" in Today: An Anglo-Jewish Monthly, Dec. 1944
"To the Gentlemen at Ottawa: What is a Canadian?" in Today: An Anglo-Jewish Monthly, July-Aug. 1945

4-17 "Speaking Across the Barriers" in Queen's Quarterly, Winter 1959, includes offprint copy

Other Periodicals

New Britain (Watson Thomson: co-editor)

4-18 New Britain, Jan. 1933

4-19 New Britain Vol. I (bound) May 24, June 7, June 14, June 21, June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19, July 26, Aug. 2, Aug. 9, Aug. 16, Aug. 23, Aug. 30, Sept. 6, Sept. 13, Sept.20, Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, Oct. 25, Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15.

4-20 New Britain Vol. II (bound), 1933-1934
1933 - Nov. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, Dec. 27.
1934 - Jan. 3 Jan. 10, Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, Feb. 7, Feb. 14, Feb. 21, Feb.28, March 7, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18*, April 25, May 9*, May 16, May 23

4-21 New Britain Vol III (bound), 1934
May 30*, June 6*, June 13*, June 20, June 27, July 4, July 11*, July 18*, July 25, Aug. 1, Aug. 8*

* articles by Watson Thomson as co-editor or contributor

Separate copies:

4-22 New Britain, March 7, 1934

4-23 March 14, 1934

4-24 March 21, 1934

4-25 March 28, 1934

- 4-26 April 4, 1934
- 4-27 April 11, 1934
- 4-28 May 30, 1934
- 4-29 June 6, 1934
- 4-30 June 13, 1934
- 4-31 June 20, 1934
- 4-32 July 4, 1934
- 4-33 Autumn 1934
- 4-34 The New Atlantis, Jan. 1934
- 4-35 The World Conquest, Instigations and Compulsions Towards New Order", both from New Europe Group, 1934
- 4-36 Eleventh Hour, 1934 (Emergency Bulletin for New Britain)
Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Dec. 19

BOX 5

Pamphlets

- 5-1 "The Jews in Europe" (broadcast), 1934
- 5-2 "I Accuse", 1943
- 5-3 "Contact", 1946 - 1947

Reports and Proceedings

- 5-4 The Northern Plains in a World of Change: "A Study Outline for Adult Groups in the Northern Plains of Canada and the U.S.", includes clippings, 1942

- 5-5 Public Affairs Institute Annual Meeting, 1943
- 5-6 Proceedings for the Prairie School for Social Advance, 1944
- 5-7 Saskatchewan Provincial Study-Action Plan, 1945
- 5-8 Report on Adult Education Theory and Policy, Brief to the Minister of Education, Instructions re Community cards, Handing over notes, 1947
- 5-9 Proceedings for WT Meeting, Central Technical School, 1957
- 5-10 "Report on a Tour of Investigation into the Role of the Humanities in British Training of Technologists", 1959

Not by Watson Thomson

- 5-11 Lasserre Community Cooperative Association, 1946
- 5-12 Commemorative Meeting to Dimitrije Mitrinovic, 1954, Memorial leaflet, speech by Kimitrije Mitrinovic (1950), essay on Dimitrije Mitrinovic, "Aesthetiks", "Credo", "Norfolk Lodge Appeal" and card from Gorden, New Atlantis Medical Foundation program, Renaissance Club programs, The Le Play Annual conference program, unidentified letter to WT
- 5-13 Intentional Communities, 1949 – 1955
Bruderhof: "All Things in Common", "World Events Committee", "Ten Years of Community Living", "The Bruderhof", "The Open "Door Newsletter", "The Community of Correspondence" newsletter, "Intercommunity" newsletter, Intentional Community Conference, Rural Life Conference minutes
- 5-14 "Community Living Bulletin", 1949 – 1952
"Experimental Community Exchange", "Fellowship of Intentional Communities", Proceedings and newsletters, "The Interpreter" monthly commentary, Conference Session on Intercommunity Economics for Coopertive Communities
- 5-15 Leaflet programs for Prairie School, for Social Advance, B'nai B'rith, Student Christian Movement, Contact, 1944 - 1947

BOX 6

NOTEBOOKS SERIES

- 6-1 New Britain quotations, 1933
- 6-2 Saskatchewan Adult Education, 1945
- 6-3 "A Faltering of the Spirit - Hope too long deferred of the abolition of the primal curses: poverty, war"

BOX 7

NEWS CLIPPINGS SERIES

- 7-1 The Scottish Educational Journal, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 1925
The British Weekly, Jan. 21, April 28, 1932
- 7-2 Autobiography clippings, 1939 - 1942
- 7-3 Prairie School for Social Advance clippings, 1944
- 7-4 The United Church Observer article, 1944
The Canadian Zionist article, 1944
- 7-5 Saskatchewan Adult Education clippings, 1945
- 7-6 Radio College articles The Inside Story, 1945
- 7-7 Editorials for The British Columbian, 1953
- 7-8 Voice, 1954, The Ubysey 1958, The Christian Science Monitor card, n.d.
- 7-9 Reviews of Turning into Tomorrow, 1968

BOX 8

SCRAPBOOKS SERIES

- 8-1 Red scrapbook - Canadian clippings, 1937-1939
- 8-2 Black scrapbook re: his career, 1942-1965

BOOKS BY WATSON THOMSON [To be found in Rare Books and Special Collections]

Pioneers in Community: Henri Lasserre's Contribution to the Fully
Cooperative Society, 1949
Turning into Tomorrow, 1966

BOX 9

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES (cont.)

Family

The correspondence is arranged alphabetically in folders (e.g. folder 1 contains all correspondence to or from people whose names begin with A, etc.)

- 9-1 From Ackerman, Mollie and Bill, Sept. 16 1963
From Ackerman, Mollie, Oct. 20 1963
From Ackerman, Mollie and Bill, July 18, ?
From Adamson, Alan, Dec. 10 1963
From Adamson, Alan
From The American Society for Engineering Education (Leighton Collins, W.)
July 29 1960
From Dean Andrew's Office, Oct. 26 1959
To Dean Andrew (Andrew, G.C.), April 13 1960
From Andrew, Geoff, Nov. 25 1960
From Andrew, Geoff, Feb. 1 1966
To Andrew, Geoff, n.d.
From Nanda Ashen, Ruth, Nov. 7 194?
From Ashby, Sir Eric, Feb. 23 1959

- 9-2 From Better, Jack, June 7 1964
From Bourdillon, R.B., Jan. 4 1957, Dec. 13 1957, Aug. 16 1958, Aug. 25, 1958, R.B., Sept. 4 1958, R.B., Sept. 7 1958, Nov. 4 1958, R.B., Feb. 3 1959, April 25 1959, R.B., May 5 1959, R.B., May 27 1959, Sept. 11 1959, Sept. 18 1959, Sept. 28 1959, Dec. 21 1959, Jan. 19 1960, Jan. 28 1960, Mar. 11 1960, Mar. 13 1960, Mar. 28 1960, Aug. 30 1960, Sept. 8 1960, Nov. 30 1960, Dec. 18 1960, Jan. 9 1961, Mar. 9 1961, May 16 1961, May 28 1961, June 14 1961, July 5 1961, July 27 1961, Aug. 14 1961, Aug. 29 1961, Sept. 5 1961, Sept. 25 1961, Sept. 30 1961
To Gibson, Dr. from Bourdillon, R.B., Sept. 30 1961
From Bourdillon, R.B., Nov. 15 1961, Nov. 29 1961, Dec. 6 1961, Dec. 17 1961, Dec. 20 1961, Jan. 1 1962, Jan. 22 1962, May 24 1962.
To Mary from Robbie Bourdillon, Jan. 28 1963
From Bourdillon, R.B., Sept. 14 1963, Jan. 28 1964, June 14 1964, Sept. 16 1965, Sept. 30 1965
- 9-3 From Alex, [Calhoun], Aug. 6 1940, Sept. 25 1960
From Irene [Carter], Jan. 21 1962
From Sylvia [Carter], Oct. 16 1962, Oct. 22 1962
From Stuart [Chapman], Sept. 14 1959
To Stuart Chapman, April 27 1960
From Stuart, Sept. 5 1960, Sept. 15 1960
From Clarke, John & Julia, Dec. 15 1960
From John D.C., July 5 1966
From John (J.D.) Clarke, Nov. 21 1966
From Will [Conyers], Dec. 17 1963
From Will
From Corbett, E.A., Jan. 18 1938
From Corbett, Ned, April 6 1960
From Ned, April 18, 1960
- 9-4 From Dave Dellinger, Sept 8, ?
From Darlyn [Deveny], n.d.
From Dougall, Isabelle and Will
- 9-5 From Olga F., Nov. 1964
To Finch, Roy, Sept. 8 1966
From Roy, Sept. 15 1966
To Roy, Sept. 22 1966
From Roy Finch, Oct. 19 1966
From Gordon [Fraser], June 9 1940

- From Gordon, Feb. 17 1941, Oct. 19 1941, Oct. 8 1942, July 1 1943, [June] 1960
From Gordon (Miss W.G. Fraser) [Dec. 5 1963], [April 4 1964], [Dec. 14 1964],
[1965], Sept. 5 1965, Oct. 27 1965, Jan. 14 1965
- 9-6 To Mr. Geiger, April 8 1967
From Arthur, [Gladstone], Dec. 10 1952, Jan. 22 1959, Sept. 29 1959
From Arthur (letter and copy of manuscript) Dec. 31 1961
From Arthur, May 24 1962, June 2 1963, July 27 1966, Oct. 21 n.d., Oct. 26, n.d.
From Goble, Bill, April 29 1961
To Goodman, Paul, n.d.
From Goodman, Paul, n.d.
- 9-7 From Bill [Harrell],(letter and article), July 19 1967
From Head, Joseph (letter and review, April 11 1968
From Holland, Laurie, Sept. 16 1959
From Lorna [Horwood], n.d.
From Horwood, Lorna, March 22 1958, Aug. 4 1960, Dec. 1960, Mar. 7 [1961],
May 3 1962, Oct. 2 1963
From Lorna (letter, includes letter dated Summer 1964), Sept. 13 1964
From Lorna M. Horwood, 1966-1967
From Hopwood, Vic (article by V. Hopwood), Dec. 1951
From Hughes, Glen (letter and article "Problems of Power"), April 5 1967
To Glen Hughes, April 17 1967
From Glen Hughes, May 2 1967,
From Glen E. Hughes (letter and article), May 31 1967
From Glen, June 30 1967, Sept. 20 1967, June 18 1968, Mar. 18 1969
- 9-8 Inch, R.B., n.d.
From Julian Griggs Foundation (Peter Boothroyd), June 12 1967, July 1 1967,
July 7 1967, July 25 1967
- 9-9 From M.B. Kahn, n.d.
To Mrs. Kahn from Joel Levin, Feb. 16 1963
From Margarete (M.B. Kahn) (letter with enclosures: Feb. 19 letter to Dr. H.L.
Stein from M.B. Kahn; newspaper clipping), Feb. 26 1963
From Margarete (letter with enclosures; further letters to or from M.B. Kahn
and further information about her), March 13 1963
From Margarete (letter with enclosed reports), June 20 1963
From Koinonia Community, Americus, Ga., Sept. 20 1960
From Jack [Kellerman],n.d., March 5 ?, June 10 1958

- From Jack, Chip and Bob, Dec. 12 1960
 From Jack, Sept. 10 1962, May 2 1963, Nov. 16 1964
 From Chip, Aug. 18 1965, Mar. 7 1966
 To Mary from Harry [Kohlberg], June 20 1959
 From Harry (Leo) Kohlberg, Jan. 23 1960, July 29 1960, April 17 1961
 From Leo, Oct. 23 1961
 From Harry with note from Rose, April 22 1964, May 14 1964
 From Harry, May 18 1964, Aug. 29 1965, Sept. 24 1965, Feb. 25 1966
- 9-10 From Elsie Laurence, n.d.
 From Elsie, July 5 ?, June 24 1940, Dec. 11 1963, Jan. 15 1967
 To Mr. Lawson, June 20 1967
 From Jimmy Learmonth, Mar. 16 1969
 From Jimmy, [May] 25 1969
 From George [LeBeau], Oct. 16 1961
 From George and Grete LeBeau, Dec. 15 1963
 To George and Grete, Sept. 3 1966
 From the Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation (G. Welton Marquis, secretary),
 Nov. 8 1967
- 9-11 From R. MacIntyre, Mar. 10 1961
 From Norman Mackenzie (Larry), May 21 1966
 From Robin R. Mackenzie, Mar. 24 1966
 To Mr. Mackenzie, Mar. 31 1966
 From Robin R. Mackenzie, May 3 1966, Aug. 4 1966
 To Robin, Aug. 7 1966
 From David McReynolds, July 29, 1966, Sept. 6 1966, Oct. 1966
 To David, Oct. 18 1966
 From David McReynolds, Oct. 28 1966
 From Philip Mairet, Mar. 8 1937
 From Ellen [E.F. Mayne], Mar. 7 ?, Jan. 26 1960
- 9-12 To the New Statesman (editor), Feb. 6 1966
- 9-13 From Ed [Parker], Dec. 13 1960, June 19 1961
 From Goldie [Penny], Feb. 12 ?, July 27 1962 (letter and enclosed newspaper clipping)
 From Harry [Penny], July 10 1959, July 24 1964, Aug. 29 1968 (with enclosed material on McMaster University School of Social Work)
 To Mary from Harry, Feb. 22 1971

- 9-14 To Reed College, Dec. 8 1959
From Reed College (George A. Hay, Director of Admissions), Dec. 15 1959
From Reed College (Muriel Hardin, Admissions Advisor), May 19 1960
From L.J. Russell, May 14 1961
- 9-15 From John R. Seeley, (Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Santa Barbara, Calif.), Sept. 28 1967
From David [Shillan], Sept. 13 1959, Dec. 21 1959
From Amelia & Norman [Smith], Dec. 18 1959, Nov. 25 1960
From Sons of Scotland Benevolent Association Camp Balmoral No. 177, Regina, Sask. (A.C. McEachen, Financial Secretary), Dec. 19 1962
To Southlands Nursery Gardens, May 8 1964
From Hope Spencer, Spring 1961
- 9-16 Re: Mary Thomson: Accident Oct 12 1964
To Constable R. Sentell from Mary Thomson, Nov. 1 1964
To Globe Indemnity Company of Canada from Mary Thomson, Nov. 1 1964
To W. Thomson from N.C. Mitchell, Adjuster, Dec. 15 1964
- 9-17 From The University of British Columbia, Division of Plant Science, May 9 1968
From The Vista-Bharati Quarterly (India), April 10 1964
To Hirendranath Datta (editor of The Vista-Bharati Quarterly), May 21 1964
- 9-18 From Winifred [Weaver], May 5 [1959]
From Purcell [Weaver], May 6 1959
From Purcell and Winifred, April 9 1961
From Purcell, Nov. 2 1961
From "all of the Weavers", June 12 1963
[From Purcell], May 17 1964
To Purcell, May 22 1964
From Purcell, June 23 1964, July 15 1964
From Baird Whitlock, Dec. 14 1960, Feb. 15 1962, Aug. 18 1962, Jan. 27 1963, Dec. 28 1963, June 24 1964, Sept. 21 1964, April 29 1965, May 21 1965, Mar. 17 1966, Aug. 19 1967
- 9-19 From Steve Ziolkowski, Feb. 12 ?

MISCELLANEOUS SERIES

- 9-20 From Beth, Les, Rod and Roslyn, July 1961, Dec. 1961
From Clif, aug. 9 1965
To "Dearest People" (re: Helen T.) [letterhead]: New Britain Quarterly,
London, n.d.
To Mary from Eldon and Rita, Dec. 2 1960
From Eldon, Dec. 26 1962
From Ellen [re Ellen and Gordon], Aug. 8 1967
[From Ellen] (letter and also separate statement [from] Gordon of 2 leaves),
n.d.
From Elliot and Kay and family, Christmas 1962
From Isabel [re Ted]. Feb. 10 ?
From [Jim?] Lt. Col, R.A., Aug. 28 1940
From Leone, May 28 1961, Dec. 10 1961
From Lee, Aug. 23 1963
From Lori, Aug. 24 ?
From Lysa, n.d.
To Marion, Jan. 16 1967
From Marian, Bob, Geoffrey and Noreen, Jan. 20 1967
From Milt, Bobbie and family, Feb. 3 1961
From Noel, June 14 1962
From Noel, Meg and Alice Adele, June 7 1964
From Peter [letter to Tommy and Naomi re grandmother Elda] with note to
Watson and
Mary, Jan. 1 1967
From Reginald, Aug. 22 1959
From Doris [and Stan], April 23 1961
To Stan and Doris, Sept. 2 1966
From Stan and Doris, Sept. 16 [1966]
Also: included in correspondence with Lt. Col. R.A. letter (above folder 20)
[minutes of meetings?], [1921-1922?]
"Correspondence file" - list of some names and a few identifying notes
1 leaf small notepaper with unidentified address, n.d.

BOX 10

- 10-1 Examination papers, 1910 - 1923
- 10-2 War Records

- 10-3 Records re: Nigerian Teaching, 1927-31
- 10-4 Correspondence, 1936-1952
- 10-5 Newspaper Articles by W.T.
- 10-6 Letters of Reference (testimonials)
Job Opportunities
Career Information
- 10-7 Annual Christmas Letters, photocopies
- 10-8 Divorce petition, 1940
- 10-9 Miscellaneous records
- 10-10 Photographs
- 10-11 "Koinonia Community Newsletter" 1957-1958
- 10-12 Colebrook Co-operative Community - records
- 10-13 Cooperatives - printed material
- 10-14 "Proceedings" Prairie School for Social Advance, 1944
- 10-15 "Contact"
- 10-16 Printed material - "Atomic Future"
- 10-17 Memorial Service, 1969

BOX 11

- 11-1 International Affairs Course 1938-39
- 11-2 139 Roslyn Rd – In The Human Cause 1944-56
- 11-3 Students [Correspondence among members of Roslyn Rd. Group after post-war scattering] 1944-45