

# Kenneth F. Argue fonds

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# Fonds Description

**Kenneth F. Argue fonds.** – 1920-1989.

35 cm of textual records.

23 b&w photographs.

## Biographical Sketch

Dr. Kenneth Argue was a distinguished member of UBC's Faculty of Education and Department of University Extension from 1946 to 1974, specializing in the philosophy and intellectual history of education. Born in Vegreville, Alberta in 1906, he received a B.A. from the University of Alberta in 1931, a teacher's certificate the following year, an M.A. from Oxford in 1936, and a D.Ed. from Columbia University in 1940. Before arriving at UBC, Dr. Argue held a number of teaching positions (elementary, secondary, and post-secondary) in Canada and the United States. He also served several times as a consultant on education matters, notably in commissions of inquiry into the financing of education in Canada (1945) and the reorganization of the education system in Newfoundland (1947-49). He wrote a textbook, *The Development of Education Theory*, which was published in 1951, and was instrumental in developing UBC's B.Ed. curriculum. In addition to his regular teaching duties, he taught summer courses on the history of education, and served as Director of Summer Session from 1954 to 1964. He also served with a number of education commissions and associations. Although he officially retired in 1971, and was named Professor Emeritus of Education in 1972, he continued to work as a sessional lecturer until 1974. Dr. Argue died in 1994.

## Custodial History

The papers of Dr. Kenneth Argue were turned over to Dr. William Bruneau, of the UBC Faculty of Education, by Mrs. Jean Argue, for transfer to the University Archives. They were sent to the Archives by Dr. Bruneau in 1997.

## Scope and Content

Fonds consists of correspondence, reports, teaching materials, notes and manuscripts for speeches, and publications acquired by Kenneth Argue in the course of his professional career, as well as personal papers, clippings, and photographs. The photographs are of family members, and friends and colleagues from outside UBC. The materials are arranged in the following series: Publications and Speeches, Course Materials, Personal Papers, and Photographs.

## Notes

Researchers are strongly advised to check with the University Archives regarding permission to publish or otherwise use materials from this fonds.

Donated to the University Archives by Mrs. Jean Argue in 1997.

File list available.

Photographs are stored separately.

## Series Descriptions

**Publications and Speeches series.** – 1940-1968.

16 cm of textual records.

Series consists of articles and reports (both published and in manuscript form), written notes, and note cards used in speeches by Dr. Argue.

**Course Materials series.** – 1931-1973.

8 cm of textual records.

Series consists of mimeographed course outlines, assignments, and other course materials, and correspondence.

**Personal Papers series.** – 1920-1989.

11 cm of textual records.

Series consists of personal correspondence, newspaper and magazine clippings collected by Dr. Argue, written notes, and CV's and other personal papers.

**Photograph series.** – [190?-1940].

23 b&w photographs.

Series consists of black and white photographic prints of various sizes. The images are of Dr. Argue, members of his family in Alberta, and colleagues in New York and St. Louis.

Photographs are numbered according to the Archives' photograph cataloguing system, and are stored separately from the rest of the fonds with other Archives photographic holdings.

# File List

## Box 1

### PUBLICATIONS AND SPEECHES SERIES

- 1-1 Analyzing Educational Finance for the Layman [doctoral dissertation] 1940
- 1-2 A Framework for Appraising the Financing of Education in the Canadian Provinces 1942
- 1-3 Wealth, Children and Education in Canada 1945
- 1-4 Article File 1942-45
- 1-5 Article File 1945-62
- 1-6 Articles by Dr. Argue 1958-59
- 1-7 Adult Education - Vol. X No. 4 - Summer 1960 [includes review article on "John Dewey: Dictionary of Education", p. 251]
- 1-8 WCOTP 1968
- 1-9 The University of Idaho College of Education "Record" Vol. VII Nos. 1-3 1968-69 [includes article "The Role of Philosophy in a Research Oriented Educational Environment" pp. 59-64]
- 1-10 Articles and Addresses [n.d.]
- 1-11 Papers: Philosophy and Others [n.d.]
- 1-12 School Buildings, Grounds and Equipment - Conference Report [n.d.]
- 1-13 A "Small Fund" Equalization Grant for Alberta Schools [n.d.]

## Box 2

- 2-1 "Some Considerations for Prospective Teachers" - Prepared for Future Teachers Club Conf. [n.d.]
- 2-2 Speeches [n.d.]
- 2-3 Talk - Notes [n.d.]
- 2-4 Talks [n.d.]

### COURSE MATERIALS SERIES

- 2-5 Educ 200 - 1973 1967-73
- 2-6 [Education 520 - course assignments] 1958
- 2-7 [Education] 521 1964
- 2-8 References - 575 1952
- 2-9 Education 575 - (1959 exams) April 1959

- 2-10 [Education] 575 - 1959 1959
- 2-11 Reference Guide to Ed. Lit. - 575 1971
- 2-12 [Education] 575 - 71-2 - Authors Considered 1971-72
- 2-13 [Education] 575 - General Texts and References in the History of Education  
[n.d.]
- 2-14 Ed 575 [n.d.]
- 2-15 [History of education - charts] [1931?]

### Box 3

#### PERSONAL PAPERS SERIES

- 3-1 Certificates & Ips[?] Reports 1920-48
- 3-2 Letters (old), Testimonials, and Applications 1934-68
- 3-3 Letters Received 1938-40
- 3-4 Appointment Letters 1946-52, etc. 1938-46
- 3-5 Scrapbook [clippings, notes, poetry] [194?]
- 3-6 Argue - Curriculum Vitae 1950-70
- 3-7 Personal 1957-70
- 3-8 Leave of Absence - University Policy February-March 1962
- 3-9 U. of London Institute 1962-63
- 3-10 Harvard Papers June-July 1964
- 3-11 Dorothy Lago - nee Argue 1982
- 3-12 Distance Education Courses & Programs - UBC Access 1989
- 3-13 Humour [n.d.]
- 3-14 Poetry? [n.d.]

#### PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES

[Note: p="print", sp="small print"]

- 15.1/1sp Kenneth Farnham Argue (portrait) [1940?]
- 15.1/2sp "To my dear friend - Mr. K.F. Argue - K.C. Juan - 1/8/40" 1940
- 15.1/3sp "Columbia - Al Capone in background" - Argue and colleagues at Columbia  
University, New York [1940?]
- 15.1/4sp "W. Hill" [1940?]
- 15.1/5sp "TC [Teachers' College?] New York - Dr. Willie Hill & Friend" [1940?]
- 15.1/6sp "JK Norton" [1940?]
- 15.1/7sp "My Senior Tutor at TCNY - K Norton & Mrs " [Norton]" [1940?]

- 15.1/8sp "The label on the bottle says Canada Dry - Table mates at Int. House NY" - Kenneth Argue seated second from right [1940?]
- 15.1/9sp "Colleagues - Int. House - New York" - Kenneth Argue third from right [1940?]
- 15.1/10p "Colleagues at International House - New York" - Kenneth Argue seated front centre [1940?]
- 15.1/11sp "Working on report of Survey of St. Louis Schools" [1939?]
- 15.1/12p "The team of those who did the survey of schools in St. Louis" - Kenneth Argue, back row, fourth from left [1939?]
- 15.1/13sp "Ken & Dorothy [Kenneth Argue's sister] at Calgary Mans[?]" [193?]
- 15.1/14sp "Dad - Rev. A.B. Argue" [193?]
- 15.1/15sp "??? of K.F.A. [Kenneth Farnham Argue?]" [190?]
- 15.1/16p [unknown] - b&w photograph in cardboard frame [n.d.]
- 15.1/17sp "Students at International House New York" - Kenneth Argue seated second from right [1940?]
- 15.1/18sp "Student Group at International House New York" - Kenneth Argue seated second from right [1940?]
- 15.1/19sp "Ken, Mother, Dorothy, Dad" - Argue family [192?]
- 15.1/20sp "Mother, Father, & Dorothy at Grad time Univ of Alta." [193?]
- 15.1/21sp "Ken & Dorothy at Eastwood Parsonage Edmonton" [192?]
- 15.1/22sp "Jean Margaret Irwin [Kenneth Argue's future wife?] - Age? - 1 year++?" [n.d.]
- 15.1/23p First Methodist Church, Olds - "Church built under Rev. A.B. Argue Pastorate at Olds" [n.d.]