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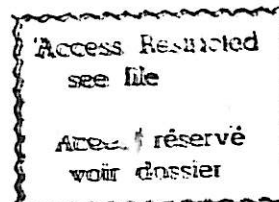
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GRAY, John Morgan (1907-1978). Publisher and Author.

Originals, n.d., 1925-1979. 1.4 m. Finding Aid No. 1322.

John Morgan Gray was born in Toronto and educated at Lakefield College School, Upper Canada College and the University of Toronto. After a period of living abroad, 1928-1929, while freelance writing in London and playing professional hockey with the British National Hockey Team, and a teaching stint at Lakefield College School, Gray began his publishing career with the Macmillan Company of Canada Ltd. in 1930, as an educational representative. After the war, in which Gray served with the Toronto Scottish and Canadian Intelligence Corps, he took over as managing director of Macmillan's 1946-1955. In 1956 he was named president and in 1969, Chairman of the Board, retiring from this position in 1973. Gray was the author of an adventure story, The One-Eyed Trapper, the biography Lord Selkirk of Red River, and his memoirs Fun Tomorrow, as well as other works. Throughout his career Gray received a number of honorary degrees from Canadian universities and the Order of Canada in 1975.

Presented in 1979 and 1981 by Antoinette Gray, Toronto, Ont.

Photographs have been transferred to the National Photography Collection. Some maps have been transferred to the National Map Collection. A poster is in the vertical filing cabinet Manuscript Division.

Finding Aid No. 1322 is a file list of the volumes 1 to 14.

General correspondence, n.d., 1925-1979. 30 cm (volumes 1-3).

Correspondence and memoranda to and from editors and managers at the Macmillan Company of Canada Ltd. and its parent office in London, discussing the business of the company.

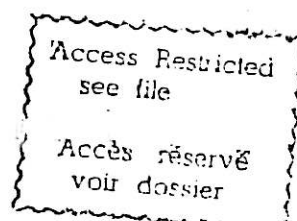
- Correspondence with Canadian authors, including Mazo de la Roche, Hugh MacLennan, Morley Callaghan, Lovat Dickson, Richard Wright, Bruce Hutchison, and Donald Creighton, regarding their work and personal matters. Correspondence with friends and acquaintances on various subjects.

Arranged chronologically.

Correspondence with Ethel Wilson, n.d., 1960-1971. 2 cm (volume 4).

Fifty letters from author Ethel Wilson to John Gray relating literary anecdotes and referring to mutual friends, books, her health, and personal matters. Included is a Christmas card with a photograph of Ethel Wilson and her husband, Wallace.

Twenty-five carbon replies from John Gray to Ethel Wilson.



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Correspondence from Robert H. Blattner, 1975-1978. 3 cm (volume 4).  
Largely correspondence sent by an American friend at Readers' Digest, Robert Blattner, to John Gray, intended to amuse him while he was convalescing from an illness.

Personal material, n.d., 1925-1972. 25 cm (volumes 4-6).  
Including biographical notes, passport, material relating to military service, contracts, programmes, diaries, appointment books and a notebook. See also The One-Eyed Trapper (volume 10) for a diary, 1939-1940.

Manuscripts, n.d., 1935-1979. 69 cm (volumes 7-13).  
Including manuscripts, typescripts and publications of Fun Tomorrow; manuscript of The One-Eyed Trapper; correspondence and notes relating to Lord Selkirk of Red River; speeches and articles; and manuscripts by others.

Subject files, n.d., 1938-1976. 2 cm (volumes 13-14).  
Relating to the Macmillan Company of Canada Ltd., to the Royal Commission on the Publishing Industry and to the Order of Canada.

Clippings and printed material, n.d., 1942-1976. 9 cm (volume 14).  
Including clippings about Gray, miscellaneous clippings, and miscellaneous printed material.

# CORRESPONDENCE

Volume	File Title	Date
1	Correspondence	n.d.
	Correspondence	1925
	Correspondence	1930's
	Correspondence	1940-1949
	Correspondence	1952-1959
	Correspondence	1960
	Correspondence	1961
	Correspondence	1962
	Correspondence	1963
	Correspondence	1964
	Correspondence	1965
	Correspondence	1966
	Correspondence	1967
	Correspondence	1968
	Correspondence	1969
2	Correspondence	1970
	Correspondence	1971
	Correspondence	1972
	Correspondence	1973
	Correspondence	1973
	Correspondence	1973
	Correspondence	1974
	Correspondence	1974
3	Correspondence	1974
	Correspondence	1975
	Correspondence	1975
	Correspondence	1976
	Correspondence	1976
	Correspondence	1977

Volume	File title	Date
3(cont'd)	Correspondence	1977
	Correspondence	1978
	Correspondence	1979
4	Correspondence with Ethel Wilson	n.d., 1965-74
	Correspondence from Robert H. Blattner	1975
	Correspondence from Robert H. Blattner	1975-1978

#### PERSONAL MATERIAL

4	Memorabilia - Biographical notes	n.d.
	Memorabilia	1925
	Memorabilia	n.d., 1934-75
	Memorabilia	1935-1975
	Diary	1953
5	Diary	1957
	Diary	1958
	Appointment book	1960
	Appointment book	1962
	Appointment book	1964
	Appointment book	1965
	Appointment book	1966
6	Appointment book	1968
	Appointment book	1969
	Appointment book	1970
	Appointment book	1971
	Appointment book	1972
	Notebook including programmes and clippings	1926-30, 1973

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BOOKS

Volume	File title	Dates
7	Fun Tomorrow - notes	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 1	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 2	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 2, page proofs	1978
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 3	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 3, typescript with ms annotations	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 3, revised typescript	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 4	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 5	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 6	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 7	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 8	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 9	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 9	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 9, typescript conformed to master copy	n.d.
8	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 10	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 10, typescript	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 11	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 11, typescript	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow-chapters 12-13, manuscripts and typescripts	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapters 13-14	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 14	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapter 14, typescript	n.d.
9	Fun Tomorrow - chapters 1-6 master copy	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapters 7-10 master copy	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - chapters 11-14, master copy	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - second copy	n.d.
	Fun Tomorrow - second copy	n.d.

Volume	File title	Date
	Fun Tomorrow - second copy	n.d.
10	The One - Eyed Trapper bound manuscript of chapter 8-11, 19-20 of The One-Eyed Trapper published in 1941 and diary, 1939-1940	(1938)-1940
	Lord Selkirk of Red River correspondence and notes	1817, 1960-1963 1973

#### SPEECHES AND ARTICLES

	"The Bad and the Lonely" by Martin Robin	n.d.
	The Bill Deacon Testimonial Dinner, The Deacon Papers	n.d.
	The Books Canadians Need	n.d.
	Canadian Publishing	n.d.
	Economics of Book Publishing in Canada	n.d.
	English Language Publishing - The Background	n.d.
	Foundations of Publishing	n.d.
	James Coyne	n.d.
-	Let Them Eat Medals	n.d.
	Let's Bring the U.S. to Her Knees	n.d.
	Publishing: An Act? A Business? or a Guessing Game	n.d.
	(Publishing House)	n.d.
	Quotes on Book Trade	n.d.
11	The Stuff of History	n.d.
	Talk About Commissioning in General	n.d.
	"The Thesis and the Book" edited by Eleanor Harman and Ian Montagnes	n.d.

Volume	File title	Date
11	Two Amateurs Try Super-Tramping	n.d.
	Where the Boys Sup, There Sup I	n.d.
	Who Will Write Our Books?	n.d.
	A New Deal in Poetic Licenses	1935
	The Educationists Are Not All in the Schools'	1936
	Jingles for a Macmillan Party	1939-40
	Quisling in the Dark	c. 1940
	The Students and the Publisher	1949
	Lolling in the Last Lap of Luxury	1952
	Canadian Comment on Canada	1954
	The Life and Death of 'General' William Putnam	1954
	The Canadian Publishing Scene	1955
	Comment on British Publishers' Report on Canadian Book Trade	1955
	English Language Book Publishing in Canada	1955
	How Well Does Your Uncle Write?	1955
	Notes on Copyright	1955
	The System Must be Made to Work	1955
	Book Publishing and Other Media	1955-56
	Book Publishing	1956
	Bookstore Staff Training Course, Questions and Answers-Lecture no. 4	1956
	What Militates Against British Books in Canada	1957
	An Evening With Ethel Wilson	1961
	Remarks on Opening of Mazo de La Roche Exhibit of Books	1962
	Speech at Publisher's Seminar	1962

Volume	File Title	Date
11	Toast to the Faculty of York	1962
	Biography as History	1965
	Biography as History	1965
12	Canadian Books: A Publisher's View	1967
	Libraries and Publishers	1968
	Author and Publisher	1968
	The Book Trade in Ontario	1969
	The House With Three Walls	1969
	Opening Remarks - What do You Hear of Mrs.Mozart?	1969
	The Writers We Need in Canada	1969
	Book Publishing in English and Canadian Copyright	1970
	Gordon Winder Smith	1970
	Introducing Dr. Robertson Davies (Canadian Club)	1970
	Introducing Mr. Richard Needham (Canadian Club)	1970
	Introducing Stephen Lewis (Canadian Club)	1970
	Publisher's Foreword	1970
	Hon. George Hees (Canadian Club)	1971
	The University in Our World	1971
	Trade Publishing in Canada	1971
	Trade Publishing in Canada	1972
	Ontario, Land of Our Fathers	1972
	It Isn't Only Money, It Never Has Been	1973
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	Retirement Speech	1973
13	"The Best of Bob Edwards" by Hugh A. Dempsey	1975
	Popular Biography For Canadian Schools	1975

Volume	File Title	Date
13	Thomas Douglas, Fifth Earl of Selkirk	1975
	Talk on Publishing	1976
	The Greatest Canadian Biography Never Written	1977
	The Greatest Canadian Biography Never Written	1977
	The Grove in the 1920's	1979
	Miscellaneous scripts and notes	n.d.

#### OTHER MANUSCRIPTS

"Problems of American Book Publishers" by T. Waller	n.d.
The Muskoka Club	n.d.
Extract from "Russia Without Stalin "By Edward Crankshaw	n.d.
"Publishing as a Vocation" by G.H. Doran	n.d.
"Reciprocity Indeed" by Alex Jarver	n.d.
Gray Profile by Frank Rasky	(1946)
Address by Nicholas Ignatieff	1952
The History of Canadian-American Relations, a talk by H. MacLennan	1963
A Macmillan becomes Prime Minister, by F.G.M.	1957
Setting up Canadian Heritage, by Hugh M. Wallis	1959

## SUBJECT FILES

14	The Macmillan Company of Canada Limited	n.d., 1849, 1938-65
	The Macmillan Company of Canada Limited	1971, 1973
	Royal Commission on the Publishing Industry	1970
	Order of Canada	1976

## CLIPPINGS AND PRINTED MATERIAL

Clippings	1942-75
Clippings	1942-75
Miscellaneous printed material	1945-46
Miscellaneous printed material	1951-58
Miscellaneous printed material	1960
Miscellaneous printed material	1961-76