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ROBBINS, John Everett (b. 1903). Educator.

Originals, 1929-1980. 1.3 m. F.A. No. 1195.

John E. Robbins was born in 1903 at Hampton, Durham County, Ontario. He was educated in Ontario and Manitoba, receiving a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Manitoba in 1928 and 1929 and a Ph.D. from the University of Ottawa in 1935. He taught school in Saskatchewan from 1922 to 1925. In 1930, he joined the Educational Statistics Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics becoming Chief of the Division in 1936. He resigned in 1951 to become Editor-in-Chief of the Encyclopedia Canadiana from 1952 to 1958. His next post was Executive-Secretary-Treasurer of the Social Science Research Council, 1958-60. Dr. Robbins then was appointed President of Brandon College from 1960 to 1969. In 1969, he was appointed Canada's first Ambassador to the Vatican where he served until his retirement in 1973.

Dr. Robbins served on the executive of many organizations such as the Board of Directors of Carleton University, 1942-61, as Chairman of the Canadian Legion War Services and Educational Services Committee in W.W. II, Charter member of the United Nations Association in Canada from 1945, Vice-Chairman of the National Extension Committee of the Y.M.C.A., 1950-60. Other organizations in which he was actively involved were the Y.M.C.A., the World Federalists of Canada, UNESCO, the Royal Statistical Society and the Canadian Writers Foundation.

Presented in 1979 and 1981 by John E. Robbins of Ottawa. Photographs and publications have been transferred to the appropriate divisions. Two oversized honorary degrees and one poster have been placed in vertical filing cabinets.

Finding Aid No. 1195 is a subject file list with brief description of the types of papers and notable authors in each file.

Biographical Papers, 1929-40, 1973-80. 8 cm (volumes 1 and 7).

Reminiscences, correspondence, memoranda, clippings and some photographs concerning his early days at the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, work for his Ph.D. and his marriage and his family circumstances and activities offer retirement.

Brandon College, 1960-74. 20 cm (volumes 1-2).

Reminiscences, correspondence, memoranda, addresses and reports concerning his administration of the college (now a university).

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ROBBINS, John Everett (b. 1903). Educator.

Carleton College, 1938-69. 12.5 cm (volumes 2-3).

Reminiscences, minutes of meetings, correspondence, memoranda, clippings, financial papers, statistics and reports, largely concerning the establishment and early years of Carleton College (now a university).

Encyclopedia Canadiana, 1952-58. 5 cm (volume 3).

Reminiscences, correspondence, speeches and reviews of the Encyclopedia which largely concern Dr. Robbin's appointment, choice of authors for articles and congratulations.

UNESCO, 1939-55. 10 cm (volumes 3-4).

Reminiscences, correspondence, memoranda and minutes of meetings concerning Middle East refugee camps, the UNESCO secretariat and educational aid to Ethiopia.

Vatican, 1952, 1968-73. 12 cm (volumes 5-6).

Reminiscences, correspondence, speeches, memoranda, appointment book and scrap-book of clippings concerning congratulations on his appointment, his meetings with Vatican officials and other ambassadors and reports on the work of the Embassy.

Other Subject Files, 1935-80. 60 cm (volumes 2-4, 7-8).

Slender files relating to some 20 organizations or subjects in which Dr Robbins was involved. Papers consist of reminiscences, correspondence, memoranda, booklets and certificates.

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BIOGRAPHICAL PAPERS			
1	1	John E. Robbins personal reminiscences, including notes, photographs, correspondence, clippings and printed material relating to McMaster University, 1929-1930; the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, 1930-1933; Scandinavian Folk Schools, 1933; University of Ottawa, 1933-1935; and J.E. Robbins, marriage; family and wife Catherine Saint-Denis. Included in the correspondence are letters from Stephen Leacock.	1929-1940
BRANDON COLLEGE			
	2	Reminiscences, including correspondence, clippings and printed material relating to J.E. Robbins work as the sixth president of Brandon College.	1960-1974
	3	Correspondence concerning congratulations on J.E. Robbins, appointment as President of Brandon College. Including letters from A.W. Trueman, Director of The Canada Council, Gustave Lanctot of The Royal Society of Canada, and R.A. MacKay, Canadian Ambassador to Norway and General H.D.G. Crerar.	1960
	4	Correspondence concerning congratulations on J.E. Robbins, appointment as President of Brandon College. Including a letter from the photographer Yousuf Karsh.	1960
	5	Correspondence of a personal and semi-official nature written or received by J.E. Robbins when president at Brandon College. Including letters from Heath Macquarrie, M.P., and J.R. Smallwood, Premier of Newfoundland; T.C. Douglas and Walter Dinsdale.	1960-1962

<u>Vol.</u>	<u>File No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
1	6	Correspondence of a personal and semi-official nature written or received by J.E. Robbins when president of Brandon College. Including letters from Duff Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, and Donald Creighton.	1963
	7	Correspondence of a personal and semi-official nature written or received by J.E. Robbins when president of Brandon College. Including letters from Maurice Sauvé, Minister of Forestry, and Dr. R.E.G. Davis, Senator.	1964-1966
	8	Correspondence consisting of greetings received by J.E. Robbins on his installation and the opening of Brandon College's Evan's Theatre. Including letters from Olive Diefenbaker, and Gustave Lanctot.	1960-1961
	9	Correspondence received by J.E. Robbins after his resignation from Brandon College. Includes letters from Stanley H. Knowles, M.P., and Walter Weir, Premier of Manitoba.	1969
	10	Correspondence received by J.E. Robbins after his resignation from Brandon College. Including letters from John Gray, publisher.	1969
	11	Correspondence received by J.E. Robbins after his resignation from Brandon College.	1969
	12	Correspondence received by J.E. Robbins after his resignation from Brandon College. Including a letter from The Hon. Walter Dinsdale.	1969
	13	Addresses by J.E. Robbins while President at Brandon College	1963-1967
	14	Charles Wayland Lightbody: file relating to C.W. Lightbody, Professor of History, Head of Department of History, Brandon University, and including correspondence, a memorandum, address by C.W. Lightbody and printed material.	1964-1974
	15	Clippings	1969
	16	President's report	1960-1962

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1	17	President's report	1962-1964
2	1	President's report	1964-1967
	2	President's report	1967-1968
	3	President's report	1968-1969

CANADA COUNCIL

4	Reminiscences including correspondence, clippings, list of members, memorandum, and the text of a lecture by J.E. Robbins. The correspondence is mainly between J.E. Robbins and Dr. A.W. Trueman, director of The Canada Council.	1957-1961
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CANADA FOUNDATION

5	Reminiscences including notes, correspondence, text of an address by Walter B. Herbert and printed material.	1962-1968
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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ADULT EDUCATION

6	Publication with a foreword by J.E. Robbins	1954
	Program of the Twenty-first anniversary of the Association where J.E. Robbins has been presented a Honourary Life Membership	1956

CANADIAN BROADCASTING LEAGUE

7	Reminiscences including opening address by J.E. Robbins, correspondence, and printed material.	1965, 1969
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CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP COUNCIL			
2	8	Publications by the Canadian Citizenship Council, relating to pre-school children and to new immigrants.	1947-1948
CANADIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP			
	9	Reminiscences, including correspondence	1943-1961
	9a	Printed Material	1943-1945
	10	Publications relating to democracy, the problem of race, education, United Nations and Canadian citizenship.	1943-1945
	11	Publications relating to new ways of learning, reading on Canada, Canadian Government and education.	1945
	12	Publications relating to education.	1946
CANADIAN LEGION EDUCATIONAL SERVICES			
	13	Reminiscences including proposals regarding a high school program for the armed forces, minutes, report, correspondence, and printed material.	1940-1943
	14	Publications relating to courses given to the Canadian Legion.	n.d., 1941 1944
CANADIAN SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL			
	15	Reminiscences including correspondence, printed material, address by H.A. Innis on the occasion of J.E. Robbins' retirement from the secretaryship of the Social Science Research Council, clippings, text of presentation of the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences (Honoris Causa) from Laval University and the degree of Doctor in Laws (Honoris Causa) from University of British Columbia.	1938-1973

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CANADIAN TEACHERS' FEDERATION			
2	16	Reminiscences including clippings and a letter	1937-1947
CANADIAN WELFARE COUNCIL			
	17	Publications with J.E. Robbins' article on UNESCO and education.	1944, 1948
CANADIAN YOUTH COMMISSION			
	18	Reminiscences including minutes, report and printed material.	1943-1944
CARLETON COLLEGE			
	19	Reminiscences including correspondence, minutes, clippings, and Carleton College's first annual calendar written by J.E. Robbins 1942-1943.	1938-1943
	20	Reminiscences including correspondence, memorandum reports, minutes, a convocation address at Carleton University by J.E. Robbins and an address by the Honorable Mark R. Drouin.	1947-1969
	21	Correspondence including memos, Carleton College bulletins, agenda and minutes of meetings, material relating to the first annual calendar and application form.	1942-1943
3	1	Correspondence including financial statements, agenda and minutes of meetings, and material relating to the Ottawa Association for the Advanced of Learning.	1942-1944
	2	Correspondence including agenda and minutes of meetings, financial statements and clippings	1944-1947

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3	3	Public administration at Carleton College, including correspondence, minutes of meetings, and calendars.	1943-1947
	4	Dr. Henry M. Tory (President of Carleton College): this file includes an obituary by J.E. Robbins, a few letters from H.M. Tory and clippings.	1947
	5	Clippings.	1942-1943
COMMONWEALTH INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL RESEARCH			
6		Correspondence including letters from D.G. Creighton and Maurice Lamontagne, Secretary of State, W.L. Morton and Bernard Ostry.	1958-1959, 1962-1963
7		Printed material, including a brochure, press releases and clippings.	n.d., 1958-1959
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS			
8		Publication on correspondence courses for military personnel.	1956
DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS			
9		Reminiscences including correspondence, printed material and a certificate accompanying a medal, 1953	1944-1953
10		Publications including an article by J. . Robbins	1958-1975
ENCYCLOPEDIA CANADIANA			
11		Reminiscences including correspondence, program, address by Professor D.G. Creighton, material relating to publishing and a text by J.E. Robbins on subscription books.	1952-1969

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3	12	Speeches and articles including foreword for the <u>Encyclopedia Canadiana</u> by Vincent Massey, addresses by J.E. Robbins and D.G. Creighton, reviews of <u>Encyclopedia Canadiana</u> .	n.d., 1957-
	13	Clippings.	n.d., 1955-1960
FINANCING OF EDUCATION IN CANADA			
	14	A Study	1930's
LIBRARY INTEREST			
	15	Reminiscences including correspondence and printed material.	1944-1945, 1954, 1974
MARKLE FOUNDATION			
	16	Reminiscences including two letters	1969
ROYAL COMMISSION ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARTS, LETTERS AND SCIENCES			
	17	Reminiscences including notes, two letters from Vincent Massey and a clipping.	1949-1951
RAMALLAH HANDICRAFT CO-OPERATIVE			
	18	Publication in which J.E. Robbins is listed as having contributed generously to the project of the co-operative.	1962

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UNESCO			
3	19	Reminiscences including correspondence, clippings and printed material relating to J.E. Robbins' administration position with UNESCO in the Middle East.	1939-1955
4	1	Correspondence with members of the UNESCO secretariat.	1947-1954
	2	Correspondence relating to Ethiopia, including printed material.	1948-1951
	3	Canadian Council for Reconstruction through UNESCO: correspondence, minutes and reports	1947-54
	4	UNESCO Publication Review	1953-1960
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION			
	5	Correspondence between J.E. Robbins and Sir Fred Clarke, director of University of London Institute of Education	1935-1945
Y.M.C.A.			
	6	Reminiscences including and an address by J.E. Robbins to the Annual Conference of the Y.M.C.A.'s in Canada.	1957
VATICAN			
5	1	Diplomatic Relations with the Vatican: photocopy of material relating to the establishment of relations with the Vatican.	1952, 1968
	2	Diplomatic passports of Doctor John Everett Robbins and Mrs. Catherine Robbins, Ambassador of Canada and wife of the Ambassador of Canada to the Vatican.	1969

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5	3	Correspondence concerning congratulations on J.E. Robbins, appointment as Ambassdaor of Canada to the Vatican. Including letters from Walter Dinsdale, M.P., Jules Léger, John Gray and Senator Donald Cameron.	1969
	4	Correspondence concerning congratulations on J.E. Robbins appointment as Ambassador of Canada to the Vatican. Including a letter from John Buchanan.	1969-1970
	5	Reminiscences including correspondence, press releases, addresses by John E. Robbins, memorandum and printed material. Included is a letter from Jules Léger.	1969-1973
	6	Appointment book kept by J.E. Robbins from the 24th of March to the 28th of August.	1969
	7	Clippings	1971-1972
	8	Publications of the Vatican	1963-1965, 1972
6	1	Scrapbook of clippings relating to J.E. Robbins' appointment as Ambassador of Canada to the Vatican	1969-1973

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CANADA

7	1	Reminiscences, correspondence	1973-1976
	2	Bulletins of the Canadian Section	1974-1975
	3	Bulletins of the Canadian Section	1976-1978
	4	Bulletins of the Canadian Section	1979-1980
	5	Correspondence on Formation. Correspondence of Robert B. Inch the National Director on the beginnings of Amnesty International's Canadian Section. The file includes biographies of the members of the International Executive Committee and minutes of the founding meetings in 1973.	1972-1973

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7	6	Correspondence of Robert B. Inch January-April concerning the organization of Amnesty International.	1974
	7	Correspondence of Robert B. Inch May-December concerning nominations for the council, raising of funds.	1974
	8	Correspondence of Robert B. Inch concerning constitutional proposals.	1975
	9	Correspondence of Robert B. Inch concerning the Montreal group which did not wish to be connected with the national organization.	1976
	10	Minutes of Meetings	1973-1975
BIOGRAPHICAL			
	11	Reminiscences of the family circumstances of Dr. Robbins since his retirement.	1973-1980
	12	Scrapbook of Dr. Robbins activities.	1973-1980
CANADIAN COALITION FOR NUCLEAR RESPONSIBILITY			
8	1	Reminiscences, briefs, memoranda and bulletins concerning reprocessing and nuclear safety.	1977-1978
	2	Briefs, circulars, bulletins concerning nuclear wastes, mining on Indian lands and foreign sales of the CANDU reactor.	1979-1980
CANADIAN WRITERS' FOUNDATION			
	3	Reminiscences of his work for the Foundation in which he served as President in 1976-1977.	1950-1978

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ERDSTEIN, ERICH			
8	4	Reminiscences of his friend E. Erdstein who wrote the book <u>Inside the Fourth Reich</u> , 1977. Dr. Robbins reminiscences include a biography of Erdstein who was also involved in the Patty Hearst kidnap case through Amnesty International.	1973-1979
INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMP			
	5	Reminiscences of his work with this camp in the International Peace Gardens.	1980
	6	Correspondence, minutes, brochures and an honorary certificate concerning the activities of the Camp and fund raising.	1971-1978
McLEISH, JOHN A.B.			
	7	Reminiscences, correspondence concerning the arrangements for and the writing of McLeish's biography of John Robbins <u>A Canadian for All Seasons</u> , 1978. The Correspondence discusses a title for the book and that the main source for the book will be interviews with John Robbins. Included in the file are letters commenting on the book from persons such as Donald G. Creighton, Wilfred Eggleston and Travor Lloyd.	1972-1979
MacCALLUM, Elizabeth Pauline			
	8	Correspondence on her work after her retirement from the Department of External Affairs, on education and reforestation in Kemah, Turkey. Discussions of Brandon University and student unrest, Miss MacCallum's Ottawa property and health.	1961-1984

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UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS			
8	9	Reminiscences of his work to provide university scholarships and sponsorship of two savings plans to enable parents to provide for their children's university education the Canadian Scholarship Trust Foundation and University Scholarships of Canada.	n.d.
CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FOUNDATION			
	10	Correspondence, memoranda and brochures	1976-1981
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS OF CANADA			
	11	Correspondence, memoranda and brochures including correspondence concerning the N.S. Bergman loan guarantee for which J.E. Robbins was partially liable	1967-1971