

# **Finding Aid - Jack McClelland fonds (RC0012)**

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## Summary information

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<b>Title:</b>	Jack McClelland fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	RC0012
<b>Date:</b>	1904-2004 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	26.37 m of textual records, graphic material, and realia.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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John G. ("Jack") McClelland, publisher, was born in Toronto, Ont. in 1922 and educated at the University of Toronto. He joined McClelland and Stewart in 1946. He sold the company in 1987 and established a literary agency, Jack McClelland and Associates. It was incorporated in January 1989 and operated until 1993. His selected letters, *Imagining Canadian Literature*, were published in 1998. He died on 14 June, 2004.

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## Scope and content

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There have been twelve accruals. The first accrual (1987 acc.) consists of correspondence, arranged alphabetically, 1983-84; appointment books and day files, 1952-1986; private files, 1951-1964; administration, 1963-1985; editorial (includes author files), 1966-1982; finance, 1965-1984; marketing, 1961-1984; business files, 1963-1978. Boxes A-I, followed by Boxes 1-23, 23a and 23b.

The second accrual (09-1988) consists of materials which had been kept in McClelland's home in Kleinburg, Ont. It has been arranged as follows: personal, 1957-1987 (includes day files for 1967 and 1986-1987, correspondence, photographs, vacations); general business correspondence, 1954-1986 (includes author files); administration, 1904-1985; editorial, 1922-1986 (includes author files); financial, 1910-1986; marketing, 1940-1986; subsidiaries and agencies, 1921-1985; news clippings; awards, plaques and memorabilia, 1939-1985. Boxes 24-41.

The third accrual (03-1991) partly contains materials relating to Jack McClelland and Associates. It was arranged as follows: literary agency client files, 1987-1990; literary agent day books, 1987-1989; correspondence concerning projected anthology, 1989; speeches and organizations, 1984-1990; Seal/Bantam correspondence, 1983-1989; Roloff Beny estate, 1978-1990; McClelland and Stewart material (includes photographs, correspondence and a manuscript), 1921-1989; personal--school, war service and family, ca. 1920-1989; personal--correspondence; personal--financial, 1952-1989; personal--realia. Boxes 42-57.

The fourth accrual (45-1992) concerns his agency and the Roloff Beny Foundation. It has been arranged as follows: administrative, 1988-1991; business; correspondence, general and author, arranged alphabetically; Roloff Beny, 1987-1992. Boxes 58-65.

The fifth accrual (20-1993 acc.) concerns his agency. It has been arranged as follows: speeches, manuscripts and personal materials, 1989-1993; personal correspondence (includes day books for 1990-1992), 1990-1993; financial and correspondence, 1989-1992; Roloff Beny Foundation, 1984-1993; author and publishing correspondence, 1988-1992. Boxes 66-74.

The sixth accrual (15-1994). Only a small amount of this material concerns the agency. It has been arranged as follows: personal files arranged alphabetically by subject (includes day books for 1992 and 1993 and manuscripts), 1992-1994; correspondence, arranged alphabetically, 1992-1994; Roloff Beny Foundation/Estate, 1984-1994. Boxes 75-78.

The seventh accrual (56-1995) has been arranged as follows: general and family correspondence, 1991-1995; book manuscripts received; writings (includes day book entries and manuscripts), 1989-1995; Roloff Beny Foundation/Estate, 1991-1995; financial, 1977-1995. Boxes 79-84.

The eighth accrual (35-1996) has been arranged as follows: literary and general correspondence, 1994-1996; writings, day book, memoirs; Roloff Beny Foundation/Estate, 1994-1996; financial, 1987-1996. Box 85.

The ninth accrual (38-1997) has been arranged as follows: correspondence, 1995-1997; news clippings, 1996; Roloff Beny Estate/Foundation,; day calendar sheets, 1996-1997; household accounts book, 1981-1985. Box 86.

The tenth accrual (09-2006) consists of correspondence, writings, financial, legal and personal documents, writing by others and printed materials (catalogues). Boxes 87-88.

The eleventh accrual (41-2007) consists of writings (mainly his memoir), correspondence, legal and personal documents, royalties, writings by others and printed materials.

The twelfth accrual (29-2008) is the Coat of Many Authors.

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## Notes

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### Immediate source of acquisition

The first nine accruals were acquired from Jack McClelland. The first accrual was acquired in 1987, second in 1988, third in 1991, fourth in 1992, fifth in 1993, sixth in 1994, seventh in 1995, eighth in 1996, ninth in 1997. The tenth accrual was acquired in January 2006, eleventh accrual in November 2007, the twelfth in June 2008, all from Suzanne Drinkwater.

### Restrictions on access

Access restrictions to the 1st to 9th accruals (boxes A to I and 1 to 86) have expired. Accrual 12 (Coat of Many Authors) is also open.

Access to the 10th to 11th accruals is restricted to end of year indicated:

10th (boxes 87-88) – 2031

11th (boxes 89-91) – 2032

### Finding aids

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### Related material

Researchers may also wish to consult Series A, president's files (Boxes 1-115 ) in the McClelland and Stewart Ltd. fonds.

### Accruals

Further accruals are expected

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

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## Access points

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- Canadian Publishing (subject)