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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Adele and Dr. J. Harry Ebbs fonds
Reference code:	80-014
Date:	1909-1978 (creation)
Physical description:	45 cm of textual records 31 photographs

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Dr. J. Harry Ebbs was born in 1906, Worksop, England and moved to Peterborough, Ontario with his family in 1912. He became interested in camping through the Y.M.C.A., and, later, at the age of 17, became more involved in camping as a counsellor, in 1924, at Camp Ahmek in Algonquin Park. Throughout his university career, he continued to work as a camp counsellor at Camp Ahmek, and later at Camp Wapameo, both Taylor Statten Camps. He graduated from the faculty of medicine, University of Toronto in 1931 and his medical career led him to remote settlements in northern Canada and to hospitals in India and Malaysia. He was later the senior staff physician at the Hospital for Sick Children, a professor of pediatrics and a director of the school of physical and health education at the University of Toronto. From 1938 to 1975 he was the medical director of the Taylor Statten Camps. It was while working as a counsellor at the Taylor Statten Camps that he met his future wife Adele Statten, daughter of Taylor Statten. They were married in 1935 and together had three children: Barbara Adele, Alice Susan, and John William. Throughout their lives, the Ebbs have been involved in organized camping in Canada and the United States, as well as in India. Both were honorary life members of the Canadian Camping Association and Dr. Ebbs was a governor of Trent University, where the Ebbs Camping Archives were established in 1979 to honor the Ebbs' contributions to the children's camping movement in Canada. Dr. John Henry Ebbs died June 1, 1990 after suffering a stroke the previous year.

Custodial history

The fonds was created by and in the custody of Adele and Dr. J. Harry Ebbs.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of the personal records of Adele and Harry Ebbs relating to Camp Ahmek, Camp Wapameo, Algonquin Park Advisory Committee, Camp Tonakela (Madras, India) and camps in North Carolina, U.S.A. Also included are photographs as well as textual records which relate to the Ontario and Canadian Camping Associations.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the creators of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by Dr. Harry and Adele Ebbs.

Restrictions on access

None.

Related material

For related records see the Ontario Camping Association fonds) and Canadian Camping Association fonds.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Physical description:** 30 of the 31 photographs are 5 X 8 cm b&w negatives.
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Access points

- Canadian Camping Association
 - Ontario Camps Association
 - Textual records (documentary form)
 - Photographs (documentary form)
 - Sports and Recreation (subject)
 - Parks (subject)
 - Camps and Camping (subject)
 - Algonquin Provincial Park (place)
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Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
80-014/001(01)	File - Canadian Camping Association: minutes, correspondence, Hedley Dimock article for Canadian Camping Magazine "Coeducational Camping in Brother-Sister Camps", with letter to Mary S. Edgar, 1952. Main creator is Taylor Statten	1947-1952, 1978	1 folder of textual records
80-014/001(02)	File - Adele Ebbs' file on the 1974 Conference of the Ontario Camping Association	1974	1 folder of textual records

80-014/001(03)	File - Society of Camp Directors - miscellaneous articles and notes, and the P.S. Ross and Partners report: "The Results of a Questionnaire Concerning the Evaluation of Private, Non-Agency Youth Camps"	1975	1 folder of textual records
80-014/001(04)	File - Taylor Statten Memorial Fund and Lecture; Taylor Statten Camps Alumni Reunions		1 folder of textual records
80-014/001(05)	File - Taylor Statten Camps: camp brochures, staff kits, training programs and other administrative records, 1947, 1966 to 1975; tributes to Taylor Statten; Canoe Lake Oldtimers Reunion Dinner, 1955; Camp Tonakela items	1947-1975	1 folder of textual records
80-014/001(06)	File - Taylor Statten Camps: song books, clippings, miscellaneous		1 folder of textual records
80-014/001(07)	File - Taylor Statten Camps: "Wap Proceedings" - Camp administrative materials, 1957 to 1962; Resource Rangers Summer Camp, 1965	1957-1965	1 folder of textual records
80-014/001(08)	File - Taylor Statten Camps: miscellaneous, including objectives and program of camping in wartime, 1942, and memorials of Tonakela	1942	1 folder of textual records
80-014/002(01)	File - Algonquin Park Leaseholders Association: lists, newsletters, minutes, correspondence, "Wildlands News", the newsletter of the Algonquin Wildlands League	1968-1972	1 folder of textual records
80-014/002(02)	File - Algonquin Park Advisory Committee (APAC): Ontario Camping Association briefs and related materials, correspondence	1968-1971	1 folder of textual records
80-014/002(03)-(04)	File - Algonquin Park Advisory Committee (APAC): Minutes, documents, terms of reference, background papers, etc.		2 folders of textual records
80-014/002(05)	File - Algonquin Park Advisory Committee (APAC): assorted briefs to the Committee		1 folder of textual records
80-014/003(01)	File - Algonquin Park Advisory Committee (APAC): Taylor Statten Camps - Ontario Government: correspondence, briefs	1971	1 folder of textual records
80-014/003(02)	File - Algonquin Park Advisory Committee (APAC): miscellaneous briefs, reports, etc. Taylor Statten Camps statistical data on camp operations	1968-1973	1 folder of textual records
80-014/003(03)	File - Algonquin Park Advisory Committee (APAC): background materials, briefs, submissions, newsletters; 1971	1971	1 folder of textual records

	Confidential Summary of Planning and Policy Recommendations		
80-014/003(04)	File - Algonquin Park Advisory Committee (APAC): Dr J.H. Ebbs' file on the master plan for Algonquin Park. Includes Bernadette Ferry's paper "A Descriptive Study of the Beneficial Aspects of a Month Long Camp for Children with Cystic Fibrosis"	1973-1974	1 folder of textual records
80-014/004(01)	File - Camp Tonakela - list of contributors	n.d.	1 folder of textual records
80-014/004(02)	File - Camp Tonakela: brochures, clippings, publicity and fundraising materials. Adele Ebbs' ms (pencil) "Camping in One World"; Chick Hendry's 1952 typescript "Observations on a Visit to Camp Tonakela near Madras, India"; newspaper articles		1 folder of textual records
80-014/004(03)	File - Camps Sequoyah and Tsali (North Caroline, U.S.A); papers, briefs, correspondence, newsletters, administration items, brochures; publications by the Director, C. Walton Johnson. (Provenance: John Ebbs)		1 folder of textual records
80-014/004(04)	File - Camps Sequoyah and Tsali, continued: similar materials		1 folder of textual records
80-014/004(05)	File - Copy negatives prepared from originals in the Ebbs photograph collection. Scenes from: Camp Couchiching, n.d., 1909 to 1910, 21 negatives; Camp Ahmek, 1922, 1924, 2 negatives; Camp Wapomeo, 1924 to 1925, 2 negatives; YMCA Camp Kenora, n.d., 1 negative (Young Taylor Statten); Camp Wawanda, n.d., 2 negatives; Camp Elphinstone (earliest YMCA camp in British Columbia), n.d., 4 negatives	1909-1925	21 photographic negatives