

Margison Brothers Printers Fonds – MsC 114

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Fonds description

Title: Margison Brothers Printers fonds

Dates: 1910-1999, predominant 1959-1999

Extent: 24.5 cm of graphic materials and textual records. – 2 photographs.

Administrative History:

Margison Brothers Printers was founded in 1907 by three brothers, Oswald, John and Arthur Margison. It is the oldest surviving printing company in Victoria, British Columbia.

The company continues to operate in Victoria.

Scope and Content:

Fonds primarily contains examples of printed material created by the Margison Brothers Printers from 1959-1999. The fonds also contains some business records, including a cash book and sales tax information, as well as various printing-related publications. The fonds is divided into two series: Series 1. Printing Examples and Business Records, and Series 2. Miscellaneous Publications.

Source of Title:

Title based on the content of the fonds.

Immediate Source of Acquisition:

The fonds was donated by Jennifer Margison.

Terms Governing Access:

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Series description

Series 1. Printing Examples and Business Records

Dates: 1959-1999, predominant 1984-1999

Extent: 20 cm of graphic materials and textual records. – 2 photographs.

Scope and Content: Series consists of examples of printing done by the Margison Brothers Printers, as well as a small amount of business records and other miscellaneous items created by the family. Items include stationary, greeting cards, calling cards, business cards, invitations, announcements, posters, cash books, sales tax info and other fiscal records, clip art, newspaper clippings, a publication entitled “Be Tolerant”, and information about a platen printing press.

Note: Title based on the content of the series

Series 2. Miscellaneous Publications

Dates: 1910-1978

Extent: 4.5 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: Series consists of publications which were not printed by the Margison Brothers Printers. Publications include printing-related journals.

Note: Title based on the content of the series

File List

Series 1. Printing Examples and Business Records

Box	File	Description
1	1	Stationary. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
1	2	Greeting Cards. – 1984, [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
1	3	Calling Cards. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
1	4	Business Cards. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
1	5	Business Cards – Margison Brothers. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
1	6	Invitations and Announcements. – 1971, 1984-1999. <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
1	7	Posters. – 1991, 1995-1997. <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
1	8	Cash Book. – August 1959–June 1962. <i>Note:</i> Title transcribed directly from item.
1	9	Sales Taxes. – June 1962-Dec 1962, August 1965. <i>Note:</i> Title transcribed directly from item.
1	10	Records. – 1959-1962. <i>Note:</i> Title transcribed directly from item.
1	11	Notebook with Newspaper Clippings. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
2	1	Planten Printing Press Information. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Includes one colour photograph of the printing press. <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
2	2	Book of Clip Art. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
2	3	Be tolerant / by Oswald Margison. – Victoria: Margison Bros. Printers, 1961. <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
2	4	Miscellaneous. – 1982-1990, [19?] <i>Note:</i> Includes one colour photograph of a violin. <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.
3	N/A	Book of Printing Examples. – [19?] <i>Note:</i> Title based on the contents of the file.

Series 2. Miscellaneous Publications

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- 2 5 The Inland Printer, vol. 45 no. 4. – July 1910.
- 2 6 Trajan Group/Miller and Richards, Letter Founders. – 1928.
- 2 7 Copy preparation for letterpress and offset / by Stan Engel. – [195-?]
- 2 8 Photograph / by Herbert Hosie. – Westcoast Review, vol. 12 no. 3, January 1978.