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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Jim Douglas fonds
ID:	MSC-192
Date:	1968-2006 (date of creation)
Physical description:	83.5 cm of textual records 9 photographs : col. slide
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Entry created 24 April, 2018. JMH
Note [sourcesDescription]:	https://bcbooklook.com/2016/10/15/remembering-jim-douglas/ https://publishers.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/160926-release-JimDouglas.pdf

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

James Jardine (Jim) Douglas was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1924 and immigrated to Canada in 1954. After working as a book peddler and sales representative off and on since he was 15, Jim founded first Douglas Agencies in 1964, then J.J. Douglas Ltd. in 1966 and established himself as one of the first major book publishers and distributors in British Columbia to generate significant sales outside of the province. He had an interest in representing Canadian authors and content, especially books about Indigenous peoples and culture, guidebooks and histories. This later grew into the internationally renowned publishing firm Douglas & McIntyre in 1979, from which he retired in 1982 when he sold his shares to partner Scott McIntyre.

Aside from his entrepreneurial endeavors, Jim was heavily involved with the Association of Canadian Publishers, serving as President from 1975-1977 and again from 1983-1984. He was also one of the founding officers of the Association of Book Publishers of B.C., and a key figure in the genesis and design of the publishing program at Simon Fraser University. Jim sought to professionalize and create standards for the publishing industry and has since been acknowledged as one of the founding fathers of BC publishing. He was named a Companion to the Order of Canada in 2008 in recognition of his profound influence on the book publishing industry.

Jim Douglas died in North Vancouver on September 24, 2016.

Custodial history

This fonds was donated to Simon Fraser University by Heather Douglas in 2017.

Scope and content

This fonds contains textual and photographic materials compiled by Jim Douglas, primarily relating to his various business and professional work in the field of book publishing. There is also printed material he compiled while researching legal topics relevant to publishing such as libel, copyright, contract and professional standards.

The series contained in this fonds are as follows: Series 1: Business records (1968-2006), Series 2: Records pertaining to legal topics (1982-1990), and Series 3: Project files (1970-1985).

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title is based on the name of the creator.

Arrangement

Arrangement of the files was primarily imposed by the archivist, with files assigned to one of three common identifiable themes. Contents within each file were left undisturbed. Most file-level titles were assigned by the creator. Where these titles were not assigned or illegible, they were assigned by the archivist based on the contents of the file. Such titles are indicated by the presence of square brackets.

Restrictions on access

No known restrictions

Finding aids

A file list is available in addition to a series-level description.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Status description:** Published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Series MSC-192-0-1: Business records

Date: 1968-2006 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series is comprised of records related to the administration of several of Jim's business ventures such as J.J. Douglas Ltd., Douglas & McIntyre, and consulting work conducted following his retirement from those companies.

Physical description: 55 cm of textual records
9 photographs : col. slide

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-1	File - [Loose papers, some Douglas & McIntyre]	1972-2001		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 1
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-2	File - [General - insurance, examples of contracts]	[ca. 1982-1988?]		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 2
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-3	File - [Canadian writer's union proposed standard contract]	[ca. 1970-1988?]		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 3
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-4	File - [Joan Ward-Harris suit]	1974-1976		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 4
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-5	File - China	1986-1987		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 5
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-6	File - China	1985-1987		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 6
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-7	File - Trade missions	1987-1995		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 7
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-8	File - Contracts & forms	1985-1989		MSC 192 - Box 1 folder 8
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-9	File - [J.J.] Douglas - Bank receipts/ statements	1968-1970		MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 1
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-10	File - Interoffice memo - RDT	1973-1974		MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 2

MSC-192-0-1-0-0-11	File - Financial - [correspondence] with accountants	1976-2010	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 3
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-12	File - IPA correspondence	1973-1975	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 4
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-13	File - List of accounts	1971-1972	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 5
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-14	File - IPA	1973-1975	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 6
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-15	File - J.J. Douglas, Richards-Norris	1972-1974	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 7
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-16	File - Book specs	[1970s?]	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 8
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-17	File - Budgets	[1970s?]	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 9
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-18	File - Designers	1974-1975	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 10
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-19	File - Hunter Rose	1972-1974	MSC 192 - Box 2 folder 11
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-20	File - Illustrators/maps	1974-1976	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 1
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-21	File - Photographers & camera work	1972-1974	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 2
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-22	File - Printers & binders	1972-1975	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 3
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-23	File - Production memos	1973-1974	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 4
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-24	File - Production - quotations	1972-1975	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 5
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-25	File - Quotes	1974	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 6
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-26	File - Production schedules	1972-1974	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 7
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-27	File - Schedules	1975	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 8
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-28	File - Typesetters & camera work	1972-1974	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 9
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-29	File - J.J.D. Ltd. catalog - fall 1974	1974	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 10
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-30	File - 1975 fall catalog JJD	1975	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 11
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-31	File - Promotion correspondence 1973	1973	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 12
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-32	File - Promotion correspondence, publicity representatives	1974-1975	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 13
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-33	File - Review copy - distribution	1975	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 14

MSC-192-0-1-0-0-34	File - Promo [correspondence] to reviews pre-1975	1973-1974	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 15
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-35	File - [Correspondence, review requests]	1974-1975	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 16
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-36	File - Reviewers - [correspondence]	1976	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 17
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-37	File - [J.J.] Douglas private & confidential	1973-1976	MSC 192 - Box 3 folder 18
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-38	File - [Correspondence, business records, publishing proposals]	2002-2006	MSC 192 - Box 4 folders 1-3
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-39	File - Authors	2005	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 4
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-40	File - Publishing topics [books about books]	2003-2005	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 5
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-41	File - Meetings [books about books]	2004-2006	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 6
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-42	File - Business plan [books about books]	2005	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 7
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-43	File - Management and staff [books about books]	2004	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 8
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-44	File - Competition [books about books]	2002-2005	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 9
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-45	File - Three-year publishing program [books about books]	2004-2005	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 10
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-46	File - Student essays	2004-2005	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 11
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-47	File - Possible reprints	2005	MSC 192 - Box 4 folder 12
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-48	File - The study	2004-2005	MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 1
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-49	File - [Correspondence, business records]	2005-2006	MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 2
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-50	File - General correspondence	2003-2005	MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 3
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-51	File - Editing - house style	2006	MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 4
MSC-192-0-1-0-0-52	File - Markets sought [books about books]	2003-2005	MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 5

Series MSC-192-0-2: Records pertaining to legal topics

Date: 1982-1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series is comprised of records related to research Jim compiled while researching legal topics relevant to publishing such as libel, copyright, contract and professional standards.

<u>Physical description</u> : 6.5 cm of textual records				
<u>Publication status</u> :				
published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MSC-192-0-2-0-0-1	File - Libel	1983-1988		MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 6
MSC-192-0-2-0-0-2	File - 12C contracts	[ca. 1986?]		MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 7
MSC-192-0-2-0-0-3	File - Legal topics	1988-1990		MSC 192 - Box 5 folder 8
MSC-192-0-2-0-0-4	File - Copyright/contract	1984-1994		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 1
MSC-192-0-2-0-0-5	File - [General - copyright, legal, contracts]	1983-1997		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 2
MSC-192-0-2-0-0-6	File - Canadian legislation - Bill C60	1987		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 3
MSC-192-0-2-0-0-7	File - Copyright/PLR	1982-1990		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 4
Series MSC-192-0-3: Project files				
<u>Date</u> : 1970-1985 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content</u> :				
This series is comprised of records related to various authors and publishing projects undertaken by Jim.				
<u>Physical description</u> : 11.5 cm of textual records				
<u>Publication status</u> :				
published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-1	File - Bruce Hutchison, revised	1984-1985		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 5
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-2	File - J.J. Douglas, Lepage, architectural book on older homes	1972-1976		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 6
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-3	File - [Meilleur, Helen Port Simpson]	1974		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 7
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-4	File - Moore, Barnard gardening opus	1974-1975		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 8
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-5	File - Keziere/Moore	1972-1973		MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 9

MSC-192-0-3-0-0-6	File - [M. Parker Kootenay Centre for the Gifted]	1974	MSC 192 - Box 6 folder 10
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-7	File - Price (Christie)	[ca. 1970-1979?]	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 1
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-8	File - Ramsay: It Happened in BC	1972-1973	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 2
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-9	File - Richards-Norris, Johann's gift to xmas -- recording	1973-1974	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 3
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-10	File - Soules: Vancouver at your feet	1970	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 4
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-11	File - Stainsby, Mary	1972	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 5
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-12	File - G.W. Taylor: Forest Industry in British Columbia	1974-1976	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 6
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-13	File - Touchie, Rodger History of Vancouver Island	1972-1977	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 7
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-14	File - Tully, Brock Coming Together	1972-1973	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 8
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-15	File - Robert Turner - Princess Line	1975	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 9
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-16	File - David Waltner-Toews poetry	1975-1977	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 10
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-17	File - Webster: Growth of the NDP in BC	1971	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 11
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-18	File - Winter, Keith -- Shananditti	1973-1984	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 12
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-19	File - Davis, Chuck -- Chuck Davis' Guide to Vancouver, revised	1974-1975	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 13
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-20	File - Drabek - Blackboard Odyssey	1973-1976	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 14
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-21	File - Koshevoy-Himie, A Treasure Jest of Puns	1974	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 15
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-22	File - Paterson, Cranberry Portage	1973-1976	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 16
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-23	File - Mel Rothenburger - Chicoltin War	1974-1976	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 17
MSC-192-0-3-0-0-24	File - Robertson Davies (S.C.L.)	1976	MSC 192 - Box 7 folder 18