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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Camp Richildaca fonds
Reference code:	02-005
Date:	1957-1999 (creation)
Physical description:	60 cm of textual records ca. 500 photographs ca. 130 slides

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Camp Richildaca was founded by William J. Babcock and Al Bathurst as a day camp in Kettleby, Ontario, in 1957. It grew to accommodate resident campers and was an outdoor education facility for various school boards. It was also a teacher training centre for the University of Toronto Faculty of Education and offered a heated pool, canoeing instruction, archery, snow-shoeing and tobogganing, as well as instruction in wildlife study, ornithology, insect ecology, forest ecology, survival skills, etc. Camp Richildaca was operated by the Babcock family until they sold it in 1989. William J. Babcock was head of the Physical Education Department of Richmond Hill High School and Chairman of the Richmond Hill Ontario Teachers' Federation Outdoor Education Committee. He wrote many articles pertaining to outdoor education.

Custodial history

This fonds was created by and in the custody of William J. Babcock and Jean Babcock before it was donated to Trent University Archives in 2002.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of photographs and slides, staff manuals, outdoor education manuals, and resource material related to Camp Richildaca.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Fonds acquired in 2002 from William J. Babcock and Jean Babcock.

Restrictions on access

None.

Related material

For related records see the Ontario Camps Association fonds.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Camps and Camping (subject)

Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
02-005/001(01)	File - Ontario Teachers' Federation Outdoors Education Manual: two variant versions <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes one variant with parts one and two of the Ontario Teachers' Federation Outdoors Education Manual, and the other variant includes outdoor science activity booklets.	1970-1971	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(02)	File - Draft of the Ontario Teachers' Federation Outdoors Education Manual	1970	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(03)	File - Outdoor Education Today compiled by the Outdoor Education Committee of the Ontario Teachers' Federation <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes an article by William J. Babcock and a Christmas paper napkin.	1968-1969	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(04)	File - Curriculum Development in Outdoor Education: An interim report on a pilot project in a vocational school written by W.J. Babcock	[ca. 1970s]	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(05)	File - Outdoor Education manuals and conference notes <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes the following manuals: - Outdoor Education: Richildaca Camp and Outdoor Education Centre (1976) - Code of Recommended practices for Outdoor Education in Ontario (prepared by William J. Babcock et al., 1974) - Final Report: Outdoor Recreation & Outdoor Education Workshop (1970)	1969-1976	1 folder of textual records

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proceedings of the Canadian Camping Association Outdoor Education Conference (contributors: Jean and Bill Babcock, 1974) - 200 Outdoor Science Activities by Ontario Teachers' Federation (1969) - Day Camp Workshop, Bark Lake (1975) 		
02-005/001(06)	File - Miscellaneous papers by William J. Babcock and other papers relating to Outdoor Education and camp Richildaca <i>Scope and content:</i> File also includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two photocopied pages about Babcock from "Richmond Hill: A History of the Community from 1930 to 1999" by M.B. Robinson and J.M. Clark - Map brochure for camp Richildaca - Mockup of brochure with three original photographs for camp Richildaca (1974) 	1969-1978	1 folder of textual records 3 photographs
02-005/001(07)	File - Issues of Smoke Signal: Camp Richildaca newsletter	1965-1975	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(08)	File - Issues of Smoke Signal, Flaming Torch, and Northern Lights: Camp Richildaca newsletters	1976-1985	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(09)	File - Newspaper articles relating to William J. and Jean Babcock, and Camp Richildaca	1960-1982	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(10)	File - Camp records: brochures, correspondence, newsletters, camp history, camp forms, and other material	1957-1975	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(11)	File - Camp records: brochures, correspondence, newsletters, camp history, camp forms, and other material	1976-1984	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(12)	File - Camp Richildaca brochures, forms, staff letters, first aid, outdoor education, awards, and programs	1985	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(13)	File - Early minutes for the Ontario Camping Association Day Camp Committee	1968-1971	1 folder of textual records
02-005/001(14)	File - Camp Richildaca staff manuals	1965	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(01)	File - Camp Richildaca counselor in training manual	1973	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(02)	File - Day camp manuals (books 1 and 3-5)	1965	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(03)	File - Revised day camp manuals published by the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Recreation	1983	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(04)	File - Overnight recipes by the food prep person	[ca. 1960s – 1980s]	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(05)	File - “Richildaca Indian Lore” booklet and other resources on Indigenous culture and language <i>Scope and content:</i>	1979, [ca. 1970s-1980s]	1 folder of textual records

	File includes a booklet explaining costumes, living habits, stories, songs, dances, games, and ceremonies. File also includes a newspaper clipping on "the art of Indian dance," handouts on bark canoes, cradle boards, the "Indian" calendar, lacrosse, and the beothuk, as well as a page explaining the 'Daca' Nation language.		
02-005/002(06)	File - Richildaca camp song book	[ca. 1960s-1980s]	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(07)	File - Camp Richildaca arts and crafts	1965-1974	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(08)	File - Camp games	1979	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(09)	File - Camp Richildaca canoe program	[ca. 1960s-1980s]	1 folder of textual records
02-005/002(10)	File - Algonquin Park canoe trip: journal, clippings, and form	1959	1 folder of textual records1 volume
02-005/002(11)	File - Richildaca camp slides 1957-1971 41 slides : colour <i>Scope and content:</i> Slides include images of the following: - Our first teepee, 1957 - Our first teepee, 1957 - Our first totem pole, 1957 - "German Pool", 1958 - In the stocks, 1958 - Fort York, Richildaca trip, 1958 - Swimming German pool, 1958 - Cookout, 1959 - Air photo, 1961 - Air photo – site, 1961 - 4-5 year – Nature art – teepee, 1965 - Fort York, 1968 - Riflery – J. Lethbridge. Thornlea S.S., June 1969 - Swamp survey. Thornlea S.S., June 1969 - Dowe Eat. Thornlea S.S. Work Crew, June 1969 - Staff training, June 1969 - L.S.S. Swim fun. Richildaca pool, 1969 - Langstaff train for trip, June 1969 - Swim lessons in pool, August 1969 - Cabin, May 1969 - Maison Francaise. French immersion camp, June 1969 - Jane Jr. H.S., Stream Survey, 1969 - Jane Jr. H.S., Nature arts and crafts, 1969 - Art - Jane Jr. H.S., March 1969 - Jane Jr. High use a transit for surveying - Surveying – Jane Jr., March 1969 - Bird study, Jane Jr. H.S., 1969 - Jane Jr. High erect a tent - Thorlea S.S. Winter studies, 1970 - Archery, 1970 - Campfire parents' night, 1971 - Parents' night council, 1971 - Richildaca - Canoe lessons, 1971 - Cook-out, August 1971 - "Indian" council ring. Parents' night, 1971 - Richildaca Pool, 1971 - Council ring, August 1971 - Parents' night council ring, August 1971		

	- "The Chief" at council ring, August 1971		
02-005/002(12)	File - Richildaca camp slides	1971-1983	9 slides : colour
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Slides include images of the following: - "Indian" stories. Council ring, August 1971 - Council ring, August 1971 - New cabins, January 1972 - Dam, bridge, falls, stream, April 1972 - Canoes, July 1983 - Riding, July 1983 - Berry-picking, August 1983 - Main lodge, August 1983 - Hand-feeding chickadee, September 1983		
02-005/002(13)	File - Canoe instruction series Richildaca slides	33 slides : colour	
02-005/002(14)	File - Richildaca canoe instruction slides	July 1973	32 slides: colour
02-005/003(01)	File - Booklet with writings of camp memories and photographs produced by grades two and three in Mrs. Ostick's class at Camp Richildaca	June 1972	1 folder of textual records 20 photographs
02-005/003(02)	File - Photographs entered into photo contest	1984	7 photographs : colour
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes seven colour photographs on pieces of cardstock each with a Ontario Camping Association photo contest entry form with the name, address, camp affiliation, category, and class associated with each photo.		
02-005/003(03)	File - Photo album: "different pictures"	1960s-1970s	1 photograph album (24 photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers, tree planting, hockey on the pond at Richildaca, stones for the gabions, interior and exterior of cabins, Richildaca float parade, and buildings in Kettleby Village.		
02-005/003(04)	File - Camp Richildaca photo album	1971-1973	1 photograph album (50 photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers, overnight community dinner, interior and exterior of cabins, the construction of cabins, kittens, swimming, and the construction of the barn. Individuals photographed and identified include Judy McCutcheon, Jim Campbell's Sr. Boys, Marion's Group, Sue Church, Cindy, Jeannie Marion, Jim Grey, Dorien, Dave [Rye?] Hack, Dorien, and Bea Williams.		
02-005/003(05)	File - Photo album labelled "Camp pictures": variety of years, not in order	1971-1985	1 photograph album (approx. 283 photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers, play day, games, pirate day, cooking on a fire, tourist day, campers dressed up, waterslide at Richildaca, swimming, "Indian" dance, Kettleby Village trail, trees and nature, archery, parents' night, fair games, costume contests, staff winter party, and exterior of cabin and main lodge. Individuals photographed and identified include John Stoner, Mary Molyneaux and Crystral, Chris, Julie Hardman, J.T., Dr. Bryce Taylor, Michelle LcFebvre, Bill and Shelly Gabel, Cathy and Ann Bullen, Kim Waterson, Pam Church, Cathy Griffith, Nancy Kerr, Chris Skinner, Allison Skinner, Liz		

	Wilson, Aprille Jenson, John Paul, Doug Case, Jean-Paul Flys, Kate Dobbin, Cathy Gorenkoff, Joslynne Fertile, Angela Peake, Andrea Church, among others.		
02-005/003(06)	File - Camp Richildaca photo album	1972	1 photograph album (44 colour photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers, campers canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, braiding hair, climbing, sleeping, and a kitten.		
02-005/003(07)	File - Photo album: 1976 to early years Olympic year, day camp directors, workshop, outdoor ed. workshop	1965, 1976	1 photograph album (approx. 99 photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers, Olympic celebrations, medal ceremony, summer cookout, swim lessons, corn husking, play day, Camp Richildaca sign, camper group photographs, royal life training, canoeing, "Indian" dancing, totem poles, cooking on a fire, archery, exterior of cabin, campers on the bus, arts and crafts, parents' night, tree house, teepee, campers on sail boat, trap shooting, riding the ponies, rope bridge, and special needs campers. File also includes Ontario Camping Association senior day camp staff weekend workshop schedule with photographs from that event. Individuals photographed and identified include Doug, Bonnie, Peter, Rene�, Hugh, Don, Erin, Scott, "Chief" and "Mrs. B", Paul Murray, Marilyn Walker, and Dave Sale.		
02-005/003(08)	File - Photo album: Richildaca new games day	August 1979	1 photograph album (24 photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers playing, bobbing for apples, and canoeing.		
02-005/003(09)	File - Photo album: new games play day	[1979?]	1 photograph album (19 photographs : colour)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of campers and counselors playing.		
02-005/003(10)	File - Camp Richildaca photo album	1984	1 photograph album (approx. 71 colour photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of groups of campers and counselors, campers singing, and cooking on the fire. The individuals photographed are identified under each photograph.		
02-005/003(11)	File - Camp Richildaca photo album, taken by J.T.	1984	1 photograph album (approx. 80 colour photographs)
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of photographs of staff training, group lectures inside the main lodge, cookout, campers in the Daca stream, marshmallow roast, tree house, tenting, campers playing, swimming, canoeing, learning in nature, archery, arts and crafts, riding lessons, totem pole, "Indian" lore, feeding the chickadees, forest, cooking on the fire, camp awards, playing in the stream, water balloon toss, bobbing for apples, make-up day, parents' night, Richildaca staff, pirate day, and the exterior of J.T. cabin. Individuals photographed and identified include Bev Craig, Melissa Lieberman, Christine Cooper "Tribe", Kim Gardiner, Nicole Faisoux, John Stoner, Stuart MacKay, Sue Browne, Jan, Ken, Lynn Busby, Jody Loyd, Elizabeth Montieth, Paul Henry, and Susan Slipacoff.		
02-005/003(12)	File - Scrapbook: letters and cards regarding the selling of Camp Richildaca, and Camp Richildaca reunion	1985-1999	1 scrapbook