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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	John Ball fonds
Reference code:	24-015
Date:	1940-2020 (creation)
Physical description:	1.85 m of textual records 16 photographs 1 folder of architectural records 1 folder of microfiche 2 volumes 1 CD

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

John Ball was an employee at General Electric in Peterborough, and an activist who fought for workers' rights, improved occupational health and safety, and fair compensation for sick and injured workers. Ball was in the Navy in the 1950s and worked at General Electric from 1963-1997. He began documenting toxic chemicals and hazardous working conditions at the plant and became a member of GE's Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) in 1997. As an advocate for improved working conditions, Ball struggled against both GE and the union. Later, he organized to seek compensation for GE workers who were sick and dying, working with Peterborough's Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW), the first of which was held in 2004. From the OHCOW recommendations came the creation of the Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition - Peterborough (OEHCP), with whom Ball worked until his death on May 14, 2018.

Custodial history

Fonds was originally created and accumulated by John Ball, but was also reviewed and used over time by others, for various research purposes. Before arriving at the Trent University Archives, it was in the custody and care of Marion Burton, one of the trustees of the papers. Burton lent the records to Leigh Doughty, a Trent University student who processed the records for a project through the Trent Community Research Centre (TCRC). The records were then donated to the Trent University Archives by Marion Burton.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records documenting the career and advocacy of John Ball, including his work at General Electric in Peterborough, his documentation of health and safety conditions at the plant, and his advocacy for sick and injured workers.

Records include correspondence, memos, notes, forms, material safety data sheets, health and safety minutes, diagrams, maps and floor plans, inventory records, and organizing records. Fonds also includes resource material on various topics related to occupational and environmental health and safety, including reports, journal articles, newspaper clippings, pamphlets, booklets, magazines, fact sheets, training materials, newsletters, and brochures. Restricted case files include WSIB forms, medical records, personnel forms, employee lists, affidavits, accident/incident reports, grievances, payroll records, correspondence, and case notes.

Fonds is organized into 6 series: Personal records; General Electric - health and safety and related files; Reports and subject files; Advocacy files - organizations and individuals; WSIB and employee case files; and Redacted employee and case information.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Donated to the Trent University Archives by Marion Burton, Dr. Noel Kerin, and Don McConnell, trustees of the John Ball GE papers, in August 2024.

Arrangement

Records were organized as part of a student project in 2020. Before their organization, they were found in binders, duotangs, file folders, envelopes, and loose in large rubber tubs and a bag, with no discernible original order. The student foldered the documents and listed the files. That file list is retained in the accession file but restricted due to the presence of personal information. Once they arrived at the Trent University Archives, folders were further arranged into series, but only rarely were folders combined or items moved between folders. Researchers are advised to consult the files broadly, as many of the files contain materials from a wide range of activities, often spanning decades.

Restrictions on access

Files in series 5 and 6 are restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of the claimant, whichever comes first.

Conditions governing use

All reasonable efforts have been made to isolate and restrict records containing personal information. If researchers encounter personal information of employees, claimants, or others, this information must be kept confidential, not published, and not used to contact individuals.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Architectural plans and drawings (documentary form)
- Labour (subject)
- Environment, Ecology, and Conservation (subject)
- City of Peterborough (place)

Series descriptions

Series 1: Personal records

Date: 1979-[200-?] (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of records relating to John Ball's life and education, including photographs, a short biography, a family tree, certificates and other recognitions, Ball's employment equity questionnaire from Canadian General Electric (CGE), and a manual and workbook for health and safety training that Ball received through the Ontario Federation of Labour. Also included are materials relating to Ball's instruction of a course on occupational health and safety as part of the Fleming College Certificate in Labour Studies.

Physical description: 7 folders of textual records
6 photographs

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)

Restrictions on access: None.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
24-015/001(01)	File - John Ball: autobiographical	[200-?]	1 folder of textual records and 6 photographs
	<i>Scope and content</i> : File includes a short biography, photographs printed from a computer, and notes. <i>Restrictions on access</i> : None		
24-015/001(02)	File - John Ball: genealogy	[19--?]	1 folder of textual records

	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(03)	File - John Ball: personal	1979-1998	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes training certificates, house plans, and flyers. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(04)	File - Ontario Federation of Labour manual and workbook from health and safety training attended by John Ball [1 of 2]	[ca. 1979]	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(05)	File - Ontario Federation of Labour manual and workbook from health and safety training attended by John Ball [2 of 2]	[ca. 1979]	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(06)	File - John Ball employment equity questionnaire	1986	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(07)	File - John Ball: teaching	1987-1993	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		

Series 2: General Electric: health and safety and related files

Date: 1959-2011 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of various files relating to General Electric Canada, its Peterborough plant, and its health and safety conditions. A chronology of health and safety issues and collection of press clippings and obituaries of GE workers is located at the beginning of the series. Other records include minutes of the health and safety committee, incident reports, reports and assessments of conditions, correspondence, notes, training materials, memos and correspondence from GE, resource materials gathered from various sources, and other materials. Records also document efforts of the UE health and safety committee and other union activities.

Physical description: 46 folders of textual records

1 folder of architectural drawings

1 folder of microfiche

1 volume

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Architectural plans and drawings (documentary form)

Arrangement: The series begins with general files relating to health and safety at CGE Peterborough, followed by files on specific issues, in alphabetical order.

Items have not been rearranged within or between folders, but folders have been organized to aid the researcher. Researchers should note that some files contain a wide range of material, including records not well represented by the file title. Many files are titled according to an issue or hazardous substance, but may also contain more general records, such as health and safety minutes, blank forms, and records related to other issues/materials.

Restrictions on access: None.

Conditions governing use: All reasonable efforts have been made to isolate and restrict records containing personal information. If researchers encounter personal information of employees, claimants, or others, this information must be kept confidential, not published, and not used to contact individuals.

Related material: Material relating to General Electric will be found in other series in this fonds. In particular, series 4 contains advocacy files that often include photocopies and original records from earlier years in the Peterborough CGE plant, many similar to those found in this series. Records containing personal information were removed to a separate file, placed in series 6, and restricted. Instances where this has occurred is noted at the file level, and associated files in series 6 are labelled by their file of origin.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
24-015/001(08)	File - Integrity: the spirit and the letter of our commitment: overview of our policies / General Electric publication <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1993	1 volume
24-015/001(09)	File - Microfiche: RTECS quarterly [Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health] <i>Note [General] :</i> Folder was labelled CGE. UE524 microfiche. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	April 1979	1 folder of microfiche
24-015/001(10)	File - Chronology of health and safety issues at CGE from 1965-2011 <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2011	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(11)	File - Newspaper clippings regarding CGE <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2005-2017	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(12)	File - Obituaries, CGE related	2005-2016	1 folder of textual records

	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(13)	File - CGE newsletters and photocopies <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1959-2017	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(14)	File - CGE union: newsletters, cartoons, letters <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1991-1996	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(15)	File - Union Executive meetings and Occupational Health and Safety legislation reform (Ministry of Labour) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1988-1990	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(16)	File - Union Executive Committee: report to executive from John Ball and response <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1994-1995	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(17)	File - CGE negotiations <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1998-2003	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(18)	File - CGE/UE: Ontario survey of joint health and safety committees <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1985	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(19)	File - CGE and WSIB <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes a letter from CGE regarding occupational disease and survivor benefits program and brochures. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2017	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(20)	File - CGE: operator worksheets <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1966	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(21)	File - CGE: MSDS (material safety data sheets) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1975-1986, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(22)	File - CGE: health and safety <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes a special meeting report, information on the appointment of Dr. Cowell, newspaper clippings, and memos.	1978	1 folder of textual records

	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(23)	File - CGE: health and safety minutes	1979-1985	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes handwritten notes, minutes, clippings, correspondence and memos on toxic materials, water quality, PCB inquiry, and other matters. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(24)	File - CGE: health and safety	1979-2007	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(25)	File - CGE: health and safety	1986-1995	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(26)	File - CGE: Ministry of Labour inspections, John Ball claims, and other health and safety materials	1983-1995	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(27)	File - UE health and safety: 2 letters and blank training forms	1983	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(28)	File - Grievances: SNAGS, UE, CGE	1967-1985	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(29)	File - CGE: various issues and advocacy materials	1981-1985	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Note [General] :</i> File originally titled "PCG, SNAGS, CGE, Building 10." Records in this file relating to specific cases containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(30)	File - CGE floor plan, addresses, toxic chemicals, individual excellence training, waste issues	1980-2001	1 folder of textual records and architectural drawings
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes handwritten lists, handwritten notes, CGE memo, waste issues public notice, PLC labour list, CGE phone list, and CGE newsletters. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/001(31)	File - Asbestos	1971-2002	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Note [General] :</i>		

	<p>Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6.</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of records relating to an explosion in the GE Armature in 1971 and other information relating to asbestos exposure and GE. Records include correspondence, memos, reports, air quality reports, asbestos assessments, minutes, articles and other resources, and other materials. Also includes asbestos sample in a sealed plastic bag.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>		
24-015/001(32)	<p>File - Babbit shop, lead, dry tin, soldering: material data sheets, CGE memos</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1980-1985	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(33)	<p>File - Building #8, asbestos, beryllium, firefighters</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1986-2005	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(34)	<p>File - Building 10C: accidents, dust</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes CGE memos and handwritten notes.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1980-1982	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(35)	<p>File - Diesel, noise, dust, copper dust, mica dust, asbestos dust</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes CGE memos, noise level measurements, meeting notes, and handwritten notes.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1977-1984	1 folder of textual records
24-015/001(36)	<p>File - Hazardous materials control</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes hazardous materials inventory project, CGE memos, articles, and materials relating to dust control, chemical inventories, maintenance routines, and safety meetings.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1978-1984	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(01)	<p>File - Lead (1 of 3): memos, minutes, inspection reports, and other records</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1980-1987	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(02)	<p>File - Lead (2 of 3): resources, assessments, correspondence, minutes, and other records</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1985-1987	1 folder of textual records

24-015/002(03)	File - Lead (3 of 3): resources, health and safety minutes, notes, correspondence, and other records <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1980-1986	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(04)	File - Noise: resources, correspondence, testing results, and other records <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1970-1981	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(05)	File - Poly vinyl chloride: correspondence and resources <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1978-1980, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(06)	File - Powder paint dust: MSDS, analysis, correspondence, memos <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1977-1985	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(07)	File - Punch press, induction motors: memos, clippings <i>Note [General] :</i> Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1977-1982	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(08)	File - Structural steel, compressed air: reports, minutes, correspondence and other records <i>Note [General] :</i> Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1977-1983	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(09)	File - Switch gear relays: correspondence, minutes, reports, and other records <i>Note [General] :</i> Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1977-1982	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(10)	File - Test floor safety concerns <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes notes, memos, legislation, and other records relating to buildings, CGE Policy wage administration, test floor safety, and the Occupational Health and Safety Act. <i>Restrictions on access:</i>	1983-1993	1 folder of textual records

	None		
24-015/002(11)	File - Tool room, cadmium: analysis results <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1981	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(12)	File - Toxins, cancer <i>Note [General] :</i> Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979-2004	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(13)	File - Uranium, radiation, beryllium, hearing (1 of 3): reports, memos, minutes, notes and other records <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1971-2011	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(14)	File - Uranium, radiation, beryllium, hearing (2 of 3): resources, notes, memos and other materials [also includes material for crane operators] <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1978-2007	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(15)	File - Uranium, radiation, beryllium, hearing (3 of 3) <i>Note [General] :</i> Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1975-1998	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(16)	File - Wire and cable: correspondence and memos <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1978	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(17)	File - Wire and cable, dust control, toxic fumes <i>Note [General] :</i> Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1978-1979	1 folder of textual records
Series 3: Reports and subject files <u>Date:</u> 1940-2020 (creation)			

Scope and content: Series includes reports, subject files, clippings, notes and other material documenting issues relating to occupational health and safety and environmental conditions, especially at General Electric, and other matters relevant to the Peterborough region.

Physical description: 28 folders of textual records

1 volume (magazine)

1 CD

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Arrangement: Series begins with major reports, in chronological order, followed by subject files on various topics. Files have been organized for ease of use, but items have not been moved between folders.

Restrictions on access: None.

Conditions governing use: All reasonable efforts have been made to isolate and restrict records containing personal information. If researchers encounter personal information of employees, claimants, or others, this information must be kept confidential, not published, and not used to contact individuals.

Related material: Subject files on topics specifically related to issues at Canadian General Electric are located in series 2.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
24-015/002(18)	File - "The Effects of Polychlorinated Biphenyls on the Human Body with Particular Attention to Children" / Dr. M.A. McGuigan <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	March 11, 1985	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(19)	File - Facility Wide Retrospective Exposure Profile - Ventra Plastics Limited / Prepared by Sonia Lal for Dr. P. Jungnundan, OHCOW physician <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	September 14, 2004	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(20)	File - General Electric Peterborough Armature Department #7 - Department Wide Retrospective Exposure Profile, Binder 1 / Sonia Lal, occupational hygienist, submitted to Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2006	1 folder of textual records

24-015/002(21)	File - General Electric Peterborough Armature Department #7 - Department Wide Retrospective Exposure Profile, Binder 2 - Appendices / Sonia Lal, occupational hygienist, submitted to Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	January 30, 2006	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(22)	File - Peterborough Gas Works: Development of Remediation Objectives and a Remedial Action Plan. Draft summary / Dillon Consulting Limited <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	September 2011	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(23)	File - Sediment and biological monitoring of Little Lake, Otonabee River, and Rice Lake, 2010 \ Prepared for Peterborough District Office, Ministry of the Environment, by Emily Awad, Saloni Clerk, and Steve Petro <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2012	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(24)	File - "Go to Work on Monday One More Time": An Analysis of the compensation process for occupational disease at General Electric in Peterborough / by Natasha Luckhardt, for Masters in Work and Society, McMaster University <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2014-2015	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(25)	File - Draft: Report of the Advisory Committee on Retrospective Exposure Profiling of the Production Processes at the Canadian General Electric Production Facility in Peterborough, Ontario, 1945 – 2000 / by Dale and Robert DeMatteo, prepared with CGE Retiree Members of the Advisory Committee, John Ball, Linda Brown, Jim Dufresne, Roger Fowler, Marilyn Harding, Sue James, Carl Jenson, Don McConnell, Gordon Terry, Bill Woodbeck, and Jim Gill <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2018	1 folder of textual records
24-015/002(26)	File - Draft: Report of the Advisory Committee on Retrospective Exposure Profiling of the Production Processes at the Canadian General Electric Production Facility in Peterborough, Ontario, 1945	2018	1 folder of textual records

	<p>– 2000 / by Dale and Robert DeMatteo, prepared with CGE Retiree Members of the Advisory Committee, John Ball, Linda Brown, Jim Dufresne, Roger Fowler, Marilyn Harding, Sue James, Carl Jenson, Don McConnell, Gordon Terry, Bill Woodbeck, and Jim Gill</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>		
24-015/003(01)	<p>File - We Can't Breathe, A Retrospective Exposure Profile of the Pebra Inc. Plastics Plant in Peterborough, Ontario. Report / by DeMatteo, Dale and Robert, prepared with UNIFOR Local 1987 Exposure Advisory Committee, for The Occupational Health Clinic for Ontario Workers</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2020	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(02)	<p>File - Apprenticeships</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	[19--?]	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(03)	<p>File - Asbestos, WSIB, UE</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2003-2011	* 1 folder of textual records * 1 CD
24-015/003(04)	<p>File - Carcinogens</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2004-2016	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(05)	<p>File - Fair practices</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2009	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(06)	<p>File - Ground water</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes Barringer Laboratories, Rocky Ridge Drinking Water Quality Report, analysis, Environment Canada Groundwater information, and Ontario Region Conservation Authority watershed plan</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	[ca. 1978], 1997-2000	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(07)	<p>File - Human rights</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1977-1988, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(08)	<p>File - Lead exposure release from American Academy of Neurology</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p>	2000	1 folder of textual records

	None		
24-015/003(09)	File - Medical monitoring <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	[199-?]	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(10)	File - Methylene chloride [and Benzene] <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979-1987	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(11)	File - MSDS: various materials safety data sheets - Fiberfrax, acetone, Tedlar PVF film, trichloroethane, trichloroethylene, lead, phosgene, and metalworking fluid by SafeTec Ltd. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979-1988, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(12)	File - Noise control: WSIB resources <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2003-2005	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(13)	File - Spine, neck, back: resource material <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2001-2009, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(14)	File - Training: Workers Health and Safety Centre materials and mental stress information <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2006-2008, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(15)	File - Tritium <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	[201-]	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(16)	File - Women's health <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2011-2013	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(17)	File - WSIB fact sheets and resources <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2004-2012	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(18)	File - Resources: various articles <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes articles and other resources on various topics, including cancers, asbestos, benzene, water pollution, aerosols, diesel, biological monitoring, diet, PCBs, beryllium, trichloroethylene, xylene, acetone, vinyl chloride, and other topics relating to occupational health and safety <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1974-2012, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(19)	File - Resources in various publications	1979-2011	1 folder of textual records

	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes the following articles and publications relating to occupational health and safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Noise and you: The ABC's of hearing conservation, 1979 - Occupational health and safety: a training manual, Ontario Federation of Labour, 1982 - Asbestos booklet, Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers Inc., 1999 - Designated substances in the workplace: a guide to the mercury regulation, Ontario Ministry of Labour, 1986 - Toxics in Toronto: you have a right to know, Toronto Environmental Alliance, [200-?] - Chemical exposure and plastics production: issues for women's health, a review of literature, prepared by Robert DeMatteo, December 2011, National Network on Environments and Women's Health, December 2011 - Alternatives magazine issue on Science and technology: survival and well-being, 1986 - Submission by the Canadian Labour Congress on proposals for amendments to the Environmental Contaminants Act, 1985 - Assessing water sources to protect drinking water, Trent Conservation Coalition, [199-?] - At the source, newsletter of Ontario Federation of Labour Occupational Health and Safety Training Centre, scattered issues 1980, 1982, 2009 - Negating noise: some sound advice, Ontario Workers' Occupational Safety and Health Centre [draft] 1986 - Testing our community's air quality: tree lichen manual, Good Neighbour Campaign, Environment Hamilton, [199-?] <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>		
24-015/008-OS	File - Fortune magazine: includes articles on GE	May 1947	1 volume

Series 4: Advocacy files: organizations and individuals

Date: 1957-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of files pertaining to the advocacy of individuals and organizations, largely relating to occupational and environmental health and safety. This includes significant records relating to the Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition - Peterborough (OEHCP) and the Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) and their support for workers from General Electric in Peterborough. Other files relate to workers' health organizations, unions, researchers, and activists. Most files contain a wide range of materials, including correspondence, meeting minutes, notes, public education materials, reports, clippings, and other records relating to occupational health and safety and advocacy for workers.

Physical description: 37 folders of textual records
10 photographs

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)

Arrangement: Files have been organized alphabetically by name of primary organization or surname of individual.

Restrictions on access: None.

<p><u>Conditions governing use:</u> All reasonable efforts have been made to isolate and restrict records containing personal information. If researchers encounter personal information of employees, claimants, or others, this information must be kept confidential, not published, and not used to contact individuals.</p> <p><u>Publication status:</u></p> <p>Published</p>			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
24-015/003(20)	<p>File - CAW health, safety and environment newsletter (scattered issues) and UE and UNIFOR newsletters</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1979-2015 (predominant 1995-1998)	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(21)	<p>File - Hamilton Workers' Occupational Health and Safety Centre (Stan Gray)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1982-1987	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(22)	<p>File - Leal, Jeff: correspondence</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2004	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(23)	<p>File - Leal, Jeff: John Ball submission to</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	[201-]	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(24)	<p>File - Leal, Jeff: regarding Entech-REM and proposed incinerator in Port Hope</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2011-2014	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(25)	<p>File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough</p> <p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>Records in OEHC files relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6.</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes brochures, meeting notes, a backgrounder, newspaper articles, member biographies, and more.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2005-2010, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/003(26)	<p>File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes meeting minutes, notes, public education materials, and resource material on cancer, return to work, and compensation. Some of the material relates to the first public event organized by OEHC - "To Your Health: Planning a Healthy Future" on April 20, 2007.</p>	2001-2007	1 folder of textual records

	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/003(27)	File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough	2007-2014	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes meeting notes, draft reports, presentation slides, strategies, proposals, and resource materials. Topics include asbestos, Rice Lake, Peterborough disposal station, and organizing public events. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/003(28)	File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough	2009-2017	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes meeting notes, correspondence, draft reports, flyers, clippings, presentation notes, and resource material on a range of environmental and occupational health and safety issues. Also includes 2 issues of Unifor's Health, Safety and Environment Newsletter (2015-2016). <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/003(29)	File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough	2010-2016	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes meeting notes, advocacy letters, reports, correspondence, and other records. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/004(01)	File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough	2010-2017	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes correspondence, meeting notes, fact sheets, briefs, event plans, articles, clippings, reports, and other materials. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/004(02)	File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough	2009-2012	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes correspondence, meeting notes, fact sheets, briefs, event plans, articles, clippings, reports, and other materials. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None		
24-015/004(03)	File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC), Peterborough	2011-2016	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes information on plastics and cancer, slides from a presentation at the Fair Compensation Summit Meeting, minutes from a GE Project Advisory Committee meeting, and other records. <i>Restrictions on access:</i>		

	None		
24-015/004(04)	File - Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition (OEHC): contaminated waste, airport development, fair compensation <i>Scope and content:</i> File also includes CGE Health and Safety minutes from the 1980s. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979-2015	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(05)	File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) and CGE research and advocacy: safety data sheets and photocopies of historical records <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1957-2003	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(06)	File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) and CGE research and advocacy: photocopies of photographs, notes, and other records <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979-2005	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(07)	File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW): CAW and GE <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1995-2006	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(08)	File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW): GE, intake clinic, cancer, toxic chemicals <i>Note [General] :</i> Records in this file relating to specific cases and/or containing personal health information have been moved to series 6. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1998-2004	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(09)	File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW) volunteer information and blank CAW consent/ release forms <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2004	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(10)	File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW): CAW, intake clinic, and advocacy <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2005	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(11)	File - OHCOW and OEHC	1980-2017	1 folder of textual records

	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes records documenting the efforts of both the OHCOW (Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers) and OEHC (Occupational and Environmental Health Coalition), including meeting notes, correspondence, presentation notes, resource materials, and photocopies of black and white photographs, presumably of GE facilities and individuals.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>		
24-015/004(12)	<p>File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW): celebration of life and other events</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2015	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(13)	<p>File - Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers (OHCOW)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	2018	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(14)	<p>File - Ontario New Democratic Party (NDP) Caucus Task Force on Occupational Health and Safety: includes submissions from John Ball and Teena Flood about issues at GE</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1980-1986	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(15)	<p>File - OPIRG-Guelph: People and the environment: proceedings of the conference on public participation in environmental assessment, November 4-5, 1977</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1977	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(16)	<p>File - OPIRG-Peterborough: Peterborough toxics profile by Cameron Wright, LeeAnne Mullis, Lori Maynes and other materials</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	1982-1983, n.d.	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(17)	<p>File - OPSEU Local 453 submission to The Standing Committee on Resources Development regarding An Act to Amend the Occupational Health and Safety Act and The Workers' Compensation Act</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None</p>	February 13, 1990	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(18)	<p>File - Peterborough Labour Council (PLC): Executive meeting notes and briefs on Bill 208</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p>	1983-1990	1 folder of textual records

	None		
24-015/004(19)	File - Peterborough Labour Council (PLC): various notes <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	[199-?]	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(20)	File - Peterborough and District Labour Council (PDLCL) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2005	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(21)	File - Peters, Raymond. Freedom of information request 04-00418 re: testing of hazardous substances at CGE <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2005	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(22)	File - Province of Ontario: PCB hearings and protocol <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979-1985	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(23)	File - Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition: Report of the occupational and environmental carcinogens working group <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2004	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(24)	File - Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition: Workers Compensation Conference and "Preventing occupational and environmental cancer, a strategy for Toronto" <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2001, 2004	1 folder of textual records
24-015/004(25)	File - TRCR - Trent studies: Sera Weafer Schiarzza and Patapara Padjngpat <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes reports written by students with the Trent Centre for Community-Based Education: "Review of occupational and environmental health studies in Peterborough, Ontario" and "A view through the eyes of John Ball: why improved occupational health and safety policy failed to make a difference in small-town Ontario." Also included are administrative records relating to the projects, interview questions, and feedback. Folder also includes 9 black and white photographs and 1 colour polaroid of the GE facilities, machinery, and people. Photographs are undated. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1986, 2009-2011, n.d.	* 1 folder of textual records* 10 photographs
24-015/004(27)	File - Unifor press release: GE Peterborough workers exposed to thousands of toxic chemicals <i>Restrictions on access:</i>	2007	1 folder of textual records

	None		
Series 5: WSIB and employee case files			
<u>Date</u> : 1970-2013 (creation)			
<u>Scope and content</u> : Series consists of WSIB and other case files for CGE employees John Ball worked with, as well as their family members. Files include notes, WSIB forms, correspondence, medical records, and information provided by worker support organizations.			
<u>Physical description</u> : 51 folders of textual records			
<u>Note [General]</u> : Boxes in this series are kept in secure storage.			
<u>Access points</u> :			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Textual records (documentary form)			
<u>Restrictions on access</u> : Files are restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of the claimant, whichever comes first.			
<u>Publication status</u> :			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
24-015/005-/006	File - WSIB and employee case files	1970-2013	51 folders of textual records
Series 6: Redacted employee and case information			
<u>Date</u> : 1977-2015 (creation)			
<u>Scope and content</u> : Series includes case and employee health information redacted from series 2 and 3, including lists of employees and illnesses, accident/incident reports, grievance files, correspondence, and John Ball's notes.			
<u>Physical description</u> : 17 folders of textual records			
<u>Note [General]</u> : Boxes in this series are kept in secure storage.			
<u>Access points</u> :			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Textual records (documentary form)			
<u>Restrictions on access</u> : Files are restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of the claimant, whichever comes first.			
<u>Publication status</u> :			
Published			
File / item list			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
24-015/007(01)	File - CGE staff lists	1982-2011	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i>		

	None		
24-015/007(02)	File - CGE: cancer, staff lists <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1999-2011	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(03)	File - Consent: list of cancer deaths <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	2010-2015	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(04)	File - Cancer: OHCOW, CGE plant mapping <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1994-2007	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(05)	File - CGE: plant medical services <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(06)	File - Varsol <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1979	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(07)	File - Wire and cable: accident report <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None	1977-1980	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(08)	File - Personal information removed from CGE: various issues...file <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/001(29) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.	1985-1986	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(09)	File - Case information removed from asbestos file <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/001(31) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.	2002	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(10)	File - Case information removed from punch press, induction motors file <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/002(07) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.	1980	1 folder of textual records

24-015/007(11)	<p>File - Case information removed from structural steel file</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/002(08)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.</p>	1981-1984	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(12)	<p>File - Case information removed from switch gear relays file</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/002(09)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.</p>	1985-1986	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(13)	<p>File - Personal information removed from toxins, cancer file</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/002(12)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.</p>	1980	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(14)	<p>File - Radiation exposure reports and incident reports removed from uranium, radiation, beryllium hearing file</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/002(15)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.</p>	1990-1995	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(15)	<p>File - Incident statements removed from wire and cable, dust control, toxic fumes file</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/002(17)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.</p>	1979	1 folder of textual records
24-015/007(16)	<p>File - Health information removed from OEHC-P files</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/003(25)-/004(03)</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.</p>	2011-2015	1 folder of textual records

24-015/007(17)	File - Personal/case information removed from OHCOW: intake clinic <i>Scope and content:</i> File consists of records redacted from file 24-015/004(08) <i>Restrictions on access:</i> Information is restricted for 120 years or 50 years after the death of individuals whose personal health information is included.	1980-2010	1 folder of textual records
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