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Summary information

Repository:	Trent University Archives
Title:	Mary Louise Northway fonds
Reference code:	80-022
Date:	1889-1979 (creation)
Physical description:	91 cm of textual records 2 audio cassettes 1 audio reel 1 pin 1 tea towel

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Dr. Mary Louise Northway, born in 1909, was the daughter of A. Garfield Northway and Mary McKellar and the granddaughter of John Northway, founder of the Northway Company Limited and John Northway and Son Limited.

Mary was educated in Toronto and graduated from the University of Toronto, (B.A. 1933, M.A. 1934, and Ph.D. 1938). Mary did her graduate work at Cambridge University in England. Dr. Northway taught psychology at the University of Toronto from 1934 to 1968, and the last fifteen years of her tenure were as Supervisor of Research at the Institute of Child Study. She also earned international recognition as a pioneer in the field of Sociometry. From 1950 to 1963, she was the president of the Northway Company Limited.

Among the many honours bestowed upon Dr. Northway were: Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association, Honorary Life Member of the Ontario Camping Association, and an Honorary Degree from Trent University in 1979. Throughout her life, Mary was involved in camping and she believed in the value of Canadian summer camping and tripping. She was the program director of Glen Bernard Camp from 1930 to 1939 and, with Flora Morrison, was co-director of a girls' camp called Windy Pine Point, from 1941 to 1950.

Dr. Mary L. Northway died in 1987. In her will she left to Trent University its largest private benefaction to be known as the Northway Bequest in memory of her father, Garfield Northway. This bequest provided permanent support towards a number of areas: Trent University Archives, Bata Library, and the Canadian Studies Department.

Custodial history

This fonds was created by and in the custody of Dr. Mary L. Northway until it was donated to the Trent University Archives.

Scope and content

This addition to the fonds consists of the records of Dr. Mary L. Northway which include: household records, tape recordings regarding family genealogy, property records, records of her participation in the Ontario Camping and Canadian Camping Associations. There are also miscellaneous records concerning the winding-up of the Northway Company Limited of which Dr. Mary Northway was president.

Fonds is organized into four series: Correspondence, receipts, invoices, and accounts; Camps and camping community; Northway family and company materials; Miscellaneous materials.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by Dr. Mary L. Northway.

Restrictions on access

None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.

Related material

For related records see: Mary Louise Northway fonds (96-006 and 99-1006), Northway Company Ltd fonds (70-003), the Canadian Camping Association fonds, the Society of Camp Directors fonds, and the Ontario Camping Association fonds.

Note [General]

Thanks to Professor Julia Harrison for volunteering her time to improve the description of this fonds in 2025. Fonds was organized into series at this time and renamed from its original title, "Northway family fonds" as its contents were created and accumulated by Mary Louise Northway. Material about the Northway family and business are kept together in series 3.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Objects (documentary form)
- Sound recordings (documentary form)
- Camps and Camping (subject)
- Business and Industry (subject)

Series descriptions

Series 1: Correspondence, receipts, invoices and accounts

Date: 1958 - 1972 (creation)

Scope and content: Series includes correspondence and financial records relating to Mary Northway and her personal and professional associates. Records include letters, receipts, invoices, banking records, donation records, and other material. See file descriptions for more detail.

Physical description: 30 folders of textual records

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Arrangement: Records are primarily organized chronologically. Earlier correspondence is found in box 6.

Restrictions on access: None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
80-022/006(01)	<p>File - Miscellaneous personal correspondence</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Files includes various records, including material about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windy Pine agreement: Mary Northway and Flora Morrison - Nominigan plans, sale, dispersal - sale of the Richmond Hill property - Northway and Son: pensions - Jessie Stewart estate - Dottie James' legacy - death of Mary Northway's father: estate settlement - Orillia store closure; D. Millichamp loan - OCA canoe trip notes - Jean Quinn - Mary Northway UofT, promotion and Institute for Child Study <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>	1958-1961	1 folder of textual records
80-022/006(02)	<p>File - Miscellaneous personal correspondence</p> <p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes correspondence on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caledon property/loan to D. Millichamp - Windy Pine logging 	1959-1962	1 folder of textual records

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - liquidation of Northway and Co. and pension issues at John Northway and Sons - Mary Northway investments, donations, shareholder info - research funding - Mary Northway and Flora Morrison - nursery education - Nominigan and mining <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
80-022/006(03)	File - Miscellaneous personal and professional correspondence	1963	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes correspondence with Alan and Budge Wilson, as well as materials relating to Mary Northway's investments, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Orillia retirees, Sociometric research, professional associations and publications, Neathern Trust, alcohol orders, household accounting, travel plans, Bark Lake, and Mary Northway's salary.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
80-022/006(04)	File - Miscellaneous personal and professional correspondence	1964	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes materials on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Neathern Trust - Windy Pine: Mally Gibson, Dorothy Millichamp - Kirk Wipper - Alan Wilson/research - Mary Northway/ICS/research/resignation - Mary Northway donations - Ontario Nurseries Act review <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/001(01)	File - Christmas lists: cards and flowers	1961-1968	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Note [General] :</i></p> <p>Includes addresses for many listed.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/001(02)	File - Correspondence	January - June 1965	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Files includes personal correspondence and letters concerning donations, employees, and professional memberships.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/001(03)	File - Correspondence	July - December 1965	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of personal correspondence documenting banking, taxes, charitable donations, household employees, and travel arrangements. Also includes Windy Pine correspondence and a letter to Mary Northway from Flora Morrison.</p>		

	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/001(04)	File - Receipts, invoices, household accounts	1965	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Files includes details of the division of household, petty cash and personal expenses between Flora Morrison, Mary Northway and Dore Millichamp.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/001(05)	File - Receipts, invoices, household accounts	1965	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes personal banking records and division of household expenses.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/001(06)	File - Correspondence	January - June 1966	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes royalty reports for Mary Northway's book sales and shareholder reports, as well as records about alcohol orders and charitable donations.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/001(07)	File - Correspondence	July - December 1966	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes personal correspondence, alcohol orders, banking records, professional membership renewals, charitable donation materials, and Scottish banking records.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/001(08)	File - Receipts, invoices, household accounts	1966	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes household petty cash records and alcohol invoices.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/001(09)	File - Receipts, invoices, household accounts	1966	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes banking records tax assessments, and book orders.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/001(10)	File - Receipts, invoices, household accounts: bank books	1966	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i>		

	File includes 3 bank books for Scottish accounts, royalty records, and floral gift invoices. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.
82-022/002(01)	File - Correspondence January - June 1967 1 folder of textual records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes personal correspondence, debt payment records to Mary Northway, book orders, and banking records. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.
82-022/002(02)	File - Correspondence July - December 1967 1 folder of textual records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes tax records, professional association correspondence, payroll information, shareholder letters re Mary Northway visit to Expo, environmental queries, charity information, gift subscriptions, alcohol orders, UK book orders, Glynis and Andrea Wilson letters, and letter from Flora Morrison. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.
82-022/002(03)	File - Receipts, invoices, accounts 1967 1 folder of textual records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes materials relating to University of Toronto payroll, book orders, royalty payments, taxes, and alcohol orders. Records track Mary Northway and Flora Morrison's personal expenses, petty cash, and household repairs. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.
82-022/002(04)	File - Receipts, invoices, accounts 1967 1 folder of textual records <i>Scope and content:</i> File documents book orders, professional associations, house maintenance, Mary Northway and Flora Morrison's accounting, travel, bank deposits, and income/investments. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.
82-022/002(05)	File - Receipts, invoices, accounts 1967 1 folder of textual records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes bank deposits, book-of-the-month records, professional subscriptions, flower orders, and Scottish banking records. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.
82-022/002(06)	File - Correspondence January - June 1968 1 folder of textual records <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes a letter from Mary S. Edgar, tax and income records, employee records, alcohol order, and correspondence relating to royalties, travel issues, and household/personal expenses. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.
82-022/002(07)	File - Correspondence July - December 1968 1 folder of textual records

	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes records about household issues, accounts, complaints, alcohol orders/deliveries, European travel, car rental charges, and tax assessments. Also includes letters from the daughters of Alan and Budge Wilson.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/002(08)	File - Receipts, invoices, accounts	1968	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File documents petty cash accounting, alcohol orders, book orders, salary statements, and 267/265 Rosedale Heights accounting.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/002(09)	File - Receipts, invoices, accounts	1968	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File documents Bahama trip accounting, furrier insurance, travel accounts, book club, household accounts, trust payments, Scottish bank payments, and gifts and donations.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/002(10)	File - Correspondence	January - June 1969	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File documents personal and institutional gifts, Dorothy Millichamp's retirement, alcohol order, and service queries.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/002(11)	File - Correspondence	July - December 1969	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File documents alcohol orders, student support, Wilson girls' letters, and various correspondence.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/003(01)	File - Receipts, invoices, accounts	1969	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File documents medical costs, household accounts of Mary Northway and Flora Morrison, alcohol orders, and taxes.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/003(02)	File - Receipts, invoices, accounts	1969	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File documents book orders, bank deposits, household accounts of Mary Northway and Flora Morrison), the Brora Centre, Scotland banking records, and floral gift orders.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
82-022/003(03)	File - Income tax, Canada Pension	1970-1972	1 folder of textual records

	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/003(04)	File - Household expenses, investments, donations	1971	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File documents financial matters relating to floral gifts, the Architectural Conservancy of Canada, Windy Pine, investment and cash deposits, household bills and taxes, Glen Bernard and other donations.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
82-022/003(05)	File - Household expenses, investments, donations	1972	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File documents financial matters relating to the Brora Centre, investment deposits, University of Toronto pension, and household expenses.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		

Series 2: Camps and camping community

Date: 1948 - 1979 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of records documenting Northway's work with the Canadian Camping Association, Ontario Camping Association, Society of Camp Directors, and Windy Pine. Records include minutes, correspondence, reports, and resources. Also included are draft essays by Mary Northway and Flora Morrison, and information Mary Edgar from Glen Bernard Camp.

Physical description: 6 folders of textual records

Access points:

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

Restrictions on access: None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.

Related material: There is some material relating to Windy Pine and camping in the "Miscellaneous personal correspondence" folders in series 1.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
80-022/003(07)	File - Outdoor education and Canadian Camping Associations	1964-1969	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes meeting minutes and correspondence, various pamphlets, and draft essays by Mary Northway and Flora Morrison.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i>		

	None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
80-022/003(08)	File - Canadian Camping Association Editorial Committee	1968-1970	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Includes minutes, correspondence, and draft essays by Mary Northway and Flora Morrison.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
80-022/004(01)	File - Ontario Camping Association: correspondence, minutes, and budgets	1964-1967	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
80-022/004(02)	File - Ontario Camping Association: minutes, correspondence, reports	1968-1979	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Includes 10 year review reports on Mary Edgar.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
80-022/004(03)	File - Ontario Camping Association/Society of Camp Directors	1953-1978	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes materials on the following topics: - Staff qualifications, young children report (Flora Morrison), camp accreditation, canoe trip safety: (J.H. Ebbs Committee) - Miscellaneous correspondence and reports relating to studies of the young child and camping - Discussion of the multiple drownings in a single accident on Lake Temiskaming in Spring 1978		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		
80-022/004(04)	File - Richmond Hill Property and Windy Pine	1948, 1956-1960	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Scope and content:</i> File includes material related to the purchase and sale by Mary Northway of property at 164 Mill Street Richmond Hill, as well as the Windy Pine land transfer to Kirk Wipper.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.		

Series 3: Northway family and company materials

Creator: Northway family/Northway Company Ltd.

Date: 1889 - 1975 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of various records documenting the Northway family and businesses. Please see file listings for more details.

Physical description: 4 folders of textual records

2 audio cassette tapes

1 reel-to-reel audio tape

1 pin

1 towel

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Sound recordings (documentary form)
- Objects (documentary form)

Restrictions on access: None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.

Related material: There is some material relating to the Northway Company in the "Miscellaneous personal correspondence" folders in series 1.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
80-022/004(05)	File - Miscellaneous family documents <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes several documents relating to the Northway family, including the following - Jessie Stewart Hope birth certificate, 1889 - A.G. Northway and Lucy McKellar marriage certificate, 1908 - Lucy M. Northway letters of administration, 1910 - Last will and testament of John Northway, 1927 - Release regarding the John Northway estate 15 Oct 1936 - Letter relating to funeral expenses of Jessie Northway, 1958 - Releases and indemnity of A.G. Northway estate 22 May 1963 - A.G. Northway Estate release to executors, May 25, 1964 - A. G. Northway: account relating to a house on Roxborough Street <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.	1889-1964	1 folder of textual records
80-022/004(06)	File - Mary Pitts tapes, 25 year pin, tea towel <i>Scope and content:</i> File includes 1 reel-to-reel and 2 audio cassette tapes labelled Mary Vale Pitts. Pitts (Mrs. George Pitts) was likely a relative of John Northway who came to Canada from Cornwall as a young teenager. File also includes a 25 year pin from Northway and Co. and a tea towel that says "Northway's." <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.	1975	2 audio cassette tapes 1 reel-to-reel audio tape 1 pin 1 towel
80-022/005(01)	File - Northway Company: original minute book <i>Scope and content:</i> Includes minutes and bylaws. <i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.	1931-1973	1 folder of textual records
80-022/005(02)	File - Liquidation of Northway Company	1931-1963	1 folder of textual records

	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Folder includes miscellaneous documents relating to the voluntary liquidation of the Northway Company. Includes a company of the company Charter (1931) and supplementary letters patent (1951), the Orillia store deed and lease, and various correspondence, minutes, legal documents, and other records.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
80-022/005(03)	File - Northway family photo/Nominigan	1934	1 photograph : mounted
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File consists of one photograph of Grandma Northway (Catherine McKay), Jessie Northway, and Garfield Northway at their summer place, Nominigan.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		
80-022/006(05)	File - A.G. Northway investment book	1952-1960	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>Includes detailed records of Garfield Northway's investments and expenses.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i></p> <p>None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.</p>		

Series 4: Miscellaneous materials

Date: 1935 - 1964 (creation)

Scope and content: Series includes various documents relating to Northway's academic career, finances, Neathern Trust, Windy Pine, and ownership of 265 Rosedale Heights. See file description for more details.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Restrictions on access: None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
80-022/003(06)	File - Various documents and papers	1935-1964	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i></p> <p>File includes the various documents relating to Northway's academic career, finances, Neathern Trust, Windy Pine, and ownership of 265 Rosedale Heights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mary Northway's academic transcript, University of Toronto - Northway and Co. valuation and reports - Mary Northway's personal reflections on her life - Investment agreements - March Agreement form with Canada Permanent Trust 17 September 1963 		

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Northern Trust indenture 22 July 1968- Deed and survey map of 265 and 267 Rosedale, Toronto,- Windy Pine: Deeds of three Crown Land lots in Stanhope Township, Haliburton County- Grant of Easement for distribution lines to Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. |
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Restrictions on access:

None. Contact the archives to arrange a research appointment or digitization request.