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## Finding Aid - Camp Kawabi fonds (85-004)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Trent University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Camp Kawabi fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	85-004
<b>Date:</b>	1947-1977 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	30.5 cm of textual materials (2 boxes, 16 folders) 3 maps 2 architectural drawings 2 objects (plastic flag and embossing press) 1 volume

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Camp Kawabi is located 209 km north of Toronto on Big Hawk Lake, which is 32 km north of Minden, Ontario. The camp was a residential boys' camp, operating in the summer, for children between the ages of seven and fifteen.

### Custodial history

This fonds was created by Ron Perry and in his custody until he donated it to the Trent University Archives.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds consists of books, correspondence, invoices, receipts and legal papers relating to Camp Kawabi on Big Hawk Lake, Ontario.

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## Notes

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### Immediate source of acquisition

This fonds was donated by Ron Perry.

### Restrictions on access

None.

## Related material

The following books and pamphlets, also donated with this accession, are located in the Camping Collection, which is part of Special Collections

1. Wildwood Wisdom, Ellsworth Jaegar New York: Macmillian Co. 1946.
2. At Home in the Woods, Vena and Bradford Angier New York: Sheridan House, 1951.
3. Wilderness Wife, Katherine Pinkerton New York: Corrick and Evans Inc., 1939.
4. A Complete Guide to Canoeing, Carl Monk and Jerome Knap Toronto: Pagurian Press, 1976.
5. The Canoe and Whitewater, C.E.S. Franks Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1977.
6. Early Canadian Sketches, Mrs. Jameson Toronto: Burns and MacEachern Ltd., 1958.
7. Buckskin Cookery, Gwen Lewis Quesnell: Gwen Lewis, 1957.
8. The Castle Buck, Phil H. Moore Toronto: Longmans, Green and Co., 1945.
9. The Call of Algonquin, Mary G. Hamilton Toronto: Ryerson Press, 1958.
10. Under Open Skies, Mary S. Edgar Toronto: Clarke, Irwin and Co., 1955.
11. On The Beam, Toronto: 1952.
12. Memory's Wall, Flora McCrea Eaton Toronto: Clarke, Irwin and Co., 1956.
13. History of the Sheas and Birth of a Township, Bert Shea.
14. Goodtimes Around the Campfire, La Rue A. Thurston New York: Association Press, 1967.
15. Canoe Country, Florence Page Jaques Minneapolis: University University of Minnesota Press, 1938.
16. Notes and Sketches on the History of Parry Sound, ed: Stan Brunton 1970.
17. Bolger Bound.

## Note [General]

Special thanks to volunteer Claire Stewart, who rehoused and re-described this accession in 2026.

## Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

## Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Maps and atlases (documentary form)
- Architectural plans and drawings (documentary form)
- Objects (documentary form)
- Books and pamphlets (documentary form)
- Camps and Camping (subject)

## Series descriptions

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
85-004/001(01)	<b>File - R.H. Perry Camps, Ltd: stockholder, by laws, and minutes records (bound)</b>	1956-1974	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i>		

	None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(02)	<b>File - Correspondence with shareholders in R.H. Perry Camps, Ltd. and shareholder certificates</b>	1957-1973	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(03)	<b>File - Correspondence and documents relating to the sale of Camp Kawabi and adjacent lots</b>	1965-1977	* 1 folder of textual records * 2 maps
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(04)	<b>File - Correspondence and documents relating to the sale of Camp Kawabi and adjacent lots (continued)</b>	1955-1974	* 1 folder of textual records * 2 architectural drawings
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(05)	<b>File - Financial records: tax data, year-end financial statements, and loan payments</b>	1962-1976	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(06)	<b>File - Financial records, financial ledger, and share book</b>	1963-1974	* 1 folder of textual records* 1 map
	<i>Scope and content:</i> Share book includes blank shareholder certificates and completed certificate stubs.		
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(07)	<b>File - Financial records: shareholder certificates, tax records, bank records, and receipt book</b>	1956-1976	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(08)	<b>File - Bank and tax records</b>	1959-1975	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(09)	<b>File - Financial, insurance, and tax records</b>	1963-1974	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(10)	<b>File - Legal records</b>	1956-1969	1 folder of textual records
	<i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.		
85-004/001(11)	<b>File - Correspondence and documents regarding the final wrap-up of R.H. Perry Camps Ltd</b>	1966, 1972-1977	1 folder of textual records

	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> File also contains year-end financial statements from 1974.</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		
85-004/001(12)	<b>File - Staff and camper address list, staff contracts, transportation lists, and camper application forms</b>	1959-1965	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		
85-004/002(01)	<b>File - Staff and camper correspondence, expenses receipts, staff lists, and staff applications</b>	1964-1965	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		
85-004/002(02)	<b>File - Camper accommodation records, camp and camper expenses receipts, and correspondence</b>	1965	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		
85-004/002(03)	<b>File - Staff and camper expenses and transportation (continued)</b>	1965	1 folder of textual records
	<p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		
85-004/002(04)	<b>File - Camp Kawabi brochures, camping related magazines, correspondence, and blank Camp Kawabi stationary</b>	1947, 1948-1980	* 1 folder of textual records* 1 object (plastic flag)
	<p><i>Scope and content:</i> File also includes a plastic triangle flag presented to Nancy Perry and John McCurdy (handwritten).</p> <p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		
85-004/002(05)	<b>File - The Muskoka Lake Association year book</b>	1974	1 volume
	<p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		
85-004/002(06)	<b>File - Embossing press (file folder includes paper with impression; press is on shelf in Archivist's Office)</b>	[between 1955 and 1985]	1 object
	<p><i>Restrictions on access:</i> None. Contact the archives to arrange access.</p>		