

Fonds Level Description

In order to improve access to more of the existing holdings of Western Archives copies of a number of preliminary finding aids are being made available. These preliminary finding aids, some of which were prepared many years ago, vary in degrees of completeness, detail and accuracy. Some provide only basic box listings of the contents of a fonds or a collection, while others provide additional background material. All are intended to be the starting point for access to the records and they should not be considered a definitive source of information on the full nature and contents of the fonds or collection. Questions about the information provided in the preliminary finding aids should be directed to archives.services@uwo.ca

Title: Allan Rush fonds.
Dates: 1929-1967.
Extent: 20cm of textual records and other material (2 boxes).

Biographical

Sketch: Allan Johnson Rush served as a detective for the London Police Force for 16 years before being dismissed by Mayor George Wenige. After the unexplained dismissal, Rush worked as a steelfitter but then ran as a candidate in the 1950 London municipal election. Elected on December 4, 1950, Rush initiated an inquiry into his dismissal but was unsuccessful in learning why he was removed. Rush served as Mayor until March 29, 1955, at which time he resigned and became appointed as superintendent at the Dr. John Dearnness Home for Elder Citizens. He died suddenly shortly afterward on July 9, 1955.

Scope Note: The fonds consists of congratulatory letters, personal correspondence, civic event brochures, photographs, election campaign paraphernalia, newspaper clippings, and various records and objects belonging to Rush. Several records related to London's Coronation Day celebration of Queen Elizabeth II are included.

Source of Supplied

Title: Based on contents of the fonds.

Custodial

History: Donated to the University of Western Ontario Archives.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Series and File Level Descriptions

Title: Civic Events Pamphlets.
 Date: 1951-1954.
 Extent: 7.5 cm of textual records. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 17.5 cm.
 Scope and
 Content: Various materials on civic events in which Rush was involved during his tenure as mayor.

Title: Civic Events Pamphlets - File 1.
 Date: 1951-1953.
 Extent: 4.5 cm of textual records.
 Scope and
 Content: Several programmes for banquets, conferences, and church services attended by Rush.

Title: Civic Events Pamphlets - File 2.
 Date: 1940, 1951-1954.
 Extent: 1.5 cm of textual records.
 Scope and
 Content: Assorted programmes for various associations and institutions including the Dearness Home and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Title: Civic Events Pamphlets - File 3.
 Date: 1951-1954.
 Extent: 1.5 cm of textual records. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 13 x 17.5 cm.
 Scope and
 Content: Records pertaining to civic events honouring the British monarchy.

Title: Correspondence - Congratulatory Letters.
 Date: 1950-1955.
 Extent: 5.5 cm of textual records.
 Scope and
 Content: Series consists of two files featuring letters sent to Rush during his mayoral career.

Title: Correspondence - Congratulatory Letters File 1.
 Date: 1950.
 Extent: 3.5 cm of textual records.
 Scope and
 Content: File contains greeting cards, letters, and telegrams sent to Rush shortly after his first electoral victory.

Title: Correspondence - Congratulatory Letters File 2.
Date: 1950-1955.
Extent: 2 cm of textual records.
Scope and
Content: File consists primarily of letters sent to Rush after his first electoral victory and his resignation as Mayor.

Title: Correspondence - Personal.
Date: 1955.
Extent: 1 cm of textual records.
Scope and
Content: This series consists of reproductions of letters Rush sent to various individuals regarding his resignation as Mayor and his subsequent appointment at the Dearness Home, along with letters received in response.

Title: Election Stickers.
Date: [1950, 1951?]
Extent: ca. 30 election stickers.
Scope and
Content: Series contains one election sticker with a portrait of Rush and the phrase "Vote Rush for Mayor," and a collection of stickers with the slogan "Re-Elect Rush."

Title: Newspaper.
Date: 1980.
Extent: 1.5 cm of textual records.
Scope and
Content: Series contains an 80 page section from the May 16, 1980 issue of the London Free Press commemorating London's 125th anniversary.

Title: Seasonal Greeting Cards.
Date: 1951-1952.
Extent: 3.5 cm of textual records.
Scope and
Content: Series features an assortment of Christmas and New Year's cards received by Rush.

Title: Photographs.
Date: 195-
Extent: 3 photographs : b&w ; 25 x 20.5 cm.
Scope and

Content: Series consists of photographs of Rush at a special ceremony, the front exterior of the municipal offices, and in the presence of colleagues.

Title: Printed Material - Personal.

Date: 1929, 1952.

Extent: 3 sheets.

Scope and

Content: Series includes a copy of the Optimist's Creed presented to Rush by the London Optimist Club and Rush's Senior Life Saver certificate granted by the National Council Young Men's Christian Associations of Canada on June 27, 1929.

Title: Talks.

Date: 1952-1955.

Extent: 1 cm of textual records.

Scope and

Content: Includes copies of speeches delivered by Rush to citizens and various organizations. Series also contains a transcript of a Good Luck Margarine radio broadcast which mentions Rush, and a collection of telegrams sent to his family after his death.

Title: Scrapbooks.

Date: 1950-1955.

Extent: 8 cm of textual records and other material.

Scope and

Content: Series contains four scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings from the London Free Press documenting Rush's mayoral career. Various letters and photographs are enclosed within the pages of the scrapbooks.

Title: Journals.

Date: 1951-1954.

Extent: 8 cm of textual records (4 hardcover journals).

Scope and

Content: Series contains journals that feature recorded information on Rush's daily activities.

Title: Personal Belongings.

Date: n.d.

Extent: ca. 10 pins and other material.

Scope and

Content: Series consists of several of Rush's personal belongings acquired during his life including various pins, medals, and badges, a fingerprint diagram, personalized leather paper case, box of

business cards, printing plates bearing the image of Rush, a matchbook, and two plastic pipes.

- Title: Diplomas.
 Date: 1931.
 Extent: 2 diplomas.
 Scope and Content: Series consists of two diplomas granted to Rush by the Stratford Collegiate-Vocational Institute for completion of courses in sheet metal and mechanical drawing.
- Title: Municipal yearbooks.
 Date: 1950-1952, 1954.
 Extent: 5 cm of textual records (5 yearbooks).
 Scope and Content: Series contains municipal yearbooks for the city of London. Personalized copies of the 1951, 1952, and 1954 yearbook are included.
- Title: Promotional Material.
 Date: 19--.
 Extent: 2 brochures.
 Scope and Content: Series consists of brochures marketing the city of London as a tourist destination and commercial centre.
- Title: Mementos.
 Date: 1923, 1953, 1954, 1967.
 Extent: 3 books. -- 12 photographs : b&w ; 25.5 x 20 cm.
 Scope and Content: Series consists of the 1923 London Old Boys Reunion programme, a copy of the Illustrated London News commemorating the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, and the 1967 Centennial Memento produced by the University Women's Club. Also included is a photograph album souvenir from the Second National English-speaking Catholic Social Life Conference held in London.

File List

Allan Rush Fonds

Location: Box B5651 (Box 1 of 2)

Civic Events Pamphlets - 1951-1953.
Civic Events Pamphlets - 1940, 1951-1954.
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Correspondence - Congratulatory Letters - 1950.
Correspondence - Congratulatory Letters - 1950-1955.

Correspondence - Personal - 1955.

Election Stickers - [1950-1951?]

Newspaper - 1980.

Seasonal Greeting Cards - 1951-1952.

Photographs - 195-.

Printed Material - Personal - 1929-1952.

Talks - 1952-1955.

Location: Box B5652 (Box 2 of 2)

Scrapbooks - 1950-1955.

Journals - 1951-1954.

Personal Belongings - n.d.

Diplomas - 1931.

Municipal Yearbooks - 1950-1952, 1954.

Promotional Material - 19--.

Mementos - 1923, 1953, 1954, 1967.