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Donald Alexander MacRae was born on June 13th, 1872, in Canoe Cove, PEI. He received a BA from Dalhousie University in 1898, receiving the University Medal. After completing his degree, MacRae moved to Ithaca, New York, to attend Cornell University where he received an MA in 1899 and a PhD in 1905. As an instructor of Greek, he taught at Cornell University from 1900 to 1905 and at Princeton University in New Jersey from 1905 to 1909. He returned to Canada in 1909 to attend Osgoode Hall Law School, and was called to the Bar in 1913. After briefly practising law in Toronto, he returned to Nova Scotia in 1914 to take the post of Dean of Law at Dalhousie University, where he remained until 1924. MacRae's work at Dalhousie University resulted in reforms to legal curricula taught at Canadian law schools, known as the "MacRae curriculum". He also served as chair of the Canadian Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education from 1921 to 1923 and 1929 to 1931. MacRae returned to Toronto to lecture at Osgoode Hall Law School, where he remained until his retirement. In 1938, he received a honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Dalhousie University. Donald Alexander MacRae died on October 19th, 1955.

Scope and Content
Fonds consists of records created by or pertaining to Donald Alexander MacRae and his work as a legal educator. Included are three volumes of printed lecture notes by MacRae relating to criminal and property law, created for use by students at Osgoode Hall Law School.

Restrictions
No restrictions on access.

Arrangement
Fonds is arranged chronologically.

Title Notes
Title based on contents of the fonds.

Scope and Content
Item is a volume of printed lecture notes pertaining to criminal procedure. It consists of a number of criminal case studies and provides information about the Criminal Code of Canada. Many passages are underlined and annotated in red pencil.

Restrictions
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990008-002 Master copy - notes on real property - Dr. D.A. MacRae. -- [1949?]. -- 149 p.

Scope and Content
Item is a volume of printed lecture notes pertaining to real property. It includes a history of property law and refers to a variety of facets of this area of law, including issues relating to ownership, tenancy, descent of land, conveyances, etc.

Restrictions
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990008-003 Notes on real property by Dr. D.A. MacRae (revised 1949). -- 1949. -- 149 p.

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