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Stanley Biggs fonds. -- [1935 or 1936]-2003. -- 2 cm of textual records, 63 photographs : b&w and col. ; 20.6 x 24.0 cm or smaller, 3 audio cassettes

Biographical/Sketch/Administrative History

Stanley Champion Biggs was born in Toronto, Ontario, on December 6th, 1913. He was the son of Richard Atkinson Biggs (d. 1948), a Toronto lawyer, and Gertrude Champion. He attended Rosedale Public School and later the University of Toronto Schools. In 1932, he enrolled at the University of Toronto, where he joined the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, played on the intercollegiate golf team, and was involved with the moot court. He graduated from the University of Toronto with a B.A. in June 1936, and in September entered Osgoode Hall Law School. Biggs was called to the Bar of Ontario in June 1939, and joined his father's firm under the name of Biggs & Biggs. He married Barbara Barrett in June of 1940. Biggs joined the Osgoode Canadian Officer Training Corps in January of 1941, and graduated from the course in August of that year. In January of 1942, Biggs was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant with the 3rd Battalion, The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada. He was sent overseas in March of 1943. Biggs was involved with the operations at Juno Beach during the D-Day invasion on June 6th, 1944. After being wounded in August of 1944, Biggs was sent to England where he would serve as an army lawyer for the duration of the war. Shortly after the end of the war, Biggs was one of four lawyers defending William Joyce, more popularly known as "Lord Haw-Haw", at his treason trial. Biggs resumed his legal career in Toronto following his return from overseas in December of 1945. Biggs chaired the Canadian Junior Bar Section of the Canadian Bar Association, and was very active in the Lawyers' Club of Toronto, serving as its President in 1963. Biggs was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1955, and in 1995 was awarded the Law Society Medal. Stanley Biggs died in Toronto on June 8th, 2008.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of records relating to the legal career of Stanley Biggs. Records in the fonds pertain to Biggs' involvement in the Lawyers' Club of Toronto and the Junior Bar Section of the Canadian Bar Association. Records also pertain to the treason trial of William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw") in England shortly after the conclusion of the Second World War. The fonds includes correspondence and speeches, photographs, articles and other printed material, and audio cassettes.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged in four series.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the fonds.

PF187-1 Correspondence and speeches. -- 1946-1999. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of correspondence and speeches maintained by Stanley Biggs. The records relate to Biggs' involvement in the Lawyers' Club of Toronto and the Junior Bar Section of the Canadian Bar Association, as well as the treason trial of William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw").

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The files have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2009029-001 Canadian Bar Association correspondence. -- 1949-1951. -- 9 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of correspondence largely relating to the Joint Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association and American Bar Association, held in Washington, D.C., in September of 1950. Stanley Biggs was Chair of the Junior Bar Section of the Canadian Bar Association.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009029-002 Speech given at Canadian Junior Bar Section dinner. -- [Transcribed 200-?]. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is the text of a speech given by Stanley Biggs at a Canadian Junior Bar Section dinner in September of 1951. It is believed that the speech was transcribed for inclusion in Biggs' memoirs.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-003 Lawyers' Club correspondence. -- 1963-1964. -- 8 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of correspondence maintained by Stanley Biggs while President of the Lawyers' Club.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009029-004 Speech given at Lawyers' Club outgoing President's luncheon. -- 3 June 1964. -- 2 p.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-005 Speech given at London House Association annual meeting. -- 24 Feb. 1984. -- 20 p.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-006 Speech given at Lawyers' Club Michener dinner. -- Sept. 1985. -- 4 p.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-007 Letter to Dean Ron Daniels with attached material. -- 1946, 1999. -- 13 p.

Scope and Content

File consists of a letter from Stanley Biggs to Dean Ron Daniels (Faculty of Law, University of Toronto) regarding a suggested reverse moot court on the William Joyce trial. Accompanying the letter are handwritten notes on the case and a typewritten leaflet entitled "John Amery: an explanation".

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

PF187-2 Photographs. -- [1935 or 1936]-2003. -- 63 photographs : b&w and col. ; 20.6 x 24.0 cm or smaller

Scope and Content

Series consists of photographs maintained by Stanley Biggs. The photographs relate to Biggs' time as a law student at the University of Toronto, William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw"), and views of Osgoode Hall. It is believed that the photographs of Osgoode Hall were taken as possible illustrations for his memoirs, "As luck would have it in war and peace: memoirs 1913 to 2007".

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The photographs have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2009029-01P University of Toronto moot court, 1935-36. -- [1935 or 1936]. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 20.6 x 24.0 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of members of the University of Toronto moot court for the year 1935-1936. Depicted are: [back row] W.R. Chamberlain, E.M. Shortt, W.G. Gray, P.E. Band, [front row] W.D. MacDonald, S.C. Biggs, W.G.C. Howland, D. Vanek, and C.M. Milton. An identification key is printed on the board mount.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Photograph in the public domain.

Title Notes

Title printed on board mount.

2009029-02P Photograph of University of Toronto law students and faculty. -- [1936?]. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 16.1 x 20.8 cm on board 20.7 x 28.0 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of University of Toronto law students and faculty members in front of the Law Building. Depicted are: [back row] ?, D. Vanek, C.M. Milton, ?, ?, B. Shaffer; [middle row] J. Mirsky or M. Mirsky, ?, ?, W.G.C. Howland, ?, J. Mirsky or M. Mirsky; [front row] ?, ?, Frederick Clyde Auld, William Paul McClure Kennedy, Jacob Finkelman, ?, Stanley Biggs.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009029-03P Photograph of William Joyce, "Lord Haw-Haw". -- [between 1939 and 1945]. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 16.5 x 13.3 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a photograph of William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw") standing in front of a Nazi Germany building.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.
Photograph in the public domain.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009029-04P Lord Haw-Haw takes his constitutional in the Tiergarten, Berlin. -- [between 1939 and 1945]. -- 1 photograph : b&w ; 17.9 x 13.2 cm



Scope and Content

Item is a photograph of William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw") walking near the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Photograph in the public domain.

Title Notes

Title taken from note affixed to recto of print.

2009029-05P Photograph of Norman Rogers and Stanley Biggs. -- 29 Dec. 1964. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 12.6 x 17.7 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a photograph of Norman Rogers (President of the Lawyers' Club) drinking out of the President's Cup. Stanley Biggs (Immediate Past President) is looking on. The photograph was taken at the Lawyers' Club Past Presidents' Dinner, held at the Toronto Club on December 29th, 1964.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the image.

2009029-06P The Lawyers Club Past Presidents Dinner: 50th anniversary January 21, 1972. -- 21 Jan. 1972. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 18.2 x 23.1 cm (sight) in frame 30.5 x 33.2 x 1.2 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of the attendees at the Lawyers' Club Past Presidents Dinner. An identification key is printed on the matte.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title printed on matte.

2009029-07P The Lawyers Club Past Presidents' Dinner, December 5, 1986. -- 5 Dec. 1986. -- 1 photograph : col. ; 27.8 x 35.2 cm

Scope and Content

Item is a group photograph of the attendees at the Lawyers' Club Past Presidents' Dinner. An identification key is printed on the print.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title printed on recto of the print.

2009029-08P Photographs of the Barristers' Lounge. -- [ca. 2000]. -- 16 photographs : col. ; 10.1 x 15.2 cm and 15.2 x 10.1 cm

Scope and Content

File consists of photographs of the Upper Barristers' Lounge, including shots of individual gargoyles in the room.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009029-09P Photographs of the Barristers' Lounge and Convocation Hall. -- [ca. 2000]. -- 16 photographs : col. ; 15.2 x 10.1 cm and 10.1 x 15.2 cm

Scope and Content

File consists of photographs of individual gargoyles located in the Upper and Lower Barristers' Lounge, the light fixture in the Upper Barristers' Lounge, the clock in Convocation Hall, and the clock dedication plaque in Convocation Hall.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009029-10P Photographs of Convocation Hall and the Barristers' Lounge. -- [ca. 2000]. -- 9 photographs : col. ; 10.1 x 15.1 cm

Scope and Content

File consists of photographs of a stained glass window in Convocation Hall, the clock in Convocation Hall, a wooden coat-of-arms in Convocation Hall, and individual gargoyles in the Upper and Lower Barristers' Lounge.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009029-11P Photographs of Osgoode Hall plaque and front laneway. -- [ca. 2000]. -- 3 photographs : col. ; 10.1 x 15.1 cm and 15.1 x 10.1 cm

Scope and Content

File consists of photographs of the Osgoode Hall plaque located on the front lawn, and the laneway in front of Osgoode Hall (looking east).

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

2009029-12P Photographs of Convocation Hall. -- 2003. -- 12 photographs : col. ; 10.2 x 15.1 cm

Scope and Content

File consists of photographs of the three wooden coat-of-arms located on the balcony in Convocation Hall, the balcony, the clock, the wooden crest of the Law Society located on the north wall in Convocation Hall, the stained glass ceiling over the Rotunda, and Stanley Biggs standing in front of three stained glass windows in Convocation Hall.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the file.

PF187-3 Articles and printed material. -- 1945-1973. -- 1 cm of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of articles and periodicals maintained by Stanley Biggs. The material relates to the treason trial of William Joyce ("Lord Haw-Haw") and the Joint Annual Meeting of the Canadian Bar Association and American Bar Association, held in Washington, D.C. in September of 1950. A reprint of Biggs' article on the William Joyce trial is included in the series. A score card from the St. George's Golf and Country Club is also included.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The records have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2009029-008 Canadian Bar Review article. -- Jan. 1945. -- 1 p.

Scope and Content

Item is a page from an issue of the "Canadian Bar Review". The article relates to Stanley Biggs working with Sir Norman Birkett while overseas during the Second World War.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-009 The Times Law Reports. -- 16 Nov. 1945. -- [24 p.]

Scope and Content

Item is an issue of "The Times Law Reports and Commercial Cases". Included is a report on the case of Rex v. Joyce [William Joyce, aka "Lord Haw-Haw"].

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2009029-010 Treason and the trial of William Joyce. -- 1947. -- [33 p.]

Scope and Content

Item is a reprint of an article from the University of Toronto Law Journal, Vol. VII, No. 1, Lent Term, 1947.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2009029-011 St. George's Golf and Country Club score card. -- 26 Sept. 1947

Scope and Content

Item is a score card from a lawyer's golf tournament at the St. George's Golf and Country Club, Toronto. The players were Stanley Biggs and Bill Palmer.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-012 The Young Lawyer. -- Aug. 1950

Scope and Content

Item is an issue of "The Young Lawyer". The newsletter contains an article about Stanley Biggs speaking at the Junior Bar Conference Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2009029-013 Chitty's Law Journal article. -- Nov. 1950

Scope and Content

Item is an article from "Chitty's Law Journal" about the Joint Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association and Canadian Bar Association in Washington, D.C. The article mentions the address by Stanley Biggs.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-014 Excerpt from "Criminal Law" by J.C. Smith and Brian Hogan. -- 1973. -- [8 p.]

Scope and Content

Item is an excerpt from the book "Criminal Law" by J.C. Smith and Brian Hogan. The excerpt relates to treason and cites the article "Treason and the Trial of William Joyce" by Stanley Biggs.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

PF187-4 Audio cassettes. -- 1963, 1975, 1984. -- 3 audio cassettes

Scope and Content

Series consists of audio cassettes maintained by Stanley Biggs. The audio quality of the recordings is not known.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Arrangement

The cassettes have been arranged in chronological order.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the series.

2009029-01A Hon. J. Keiller Mackey speech to the Lawyers' Club. -- 21 Nov. 1963. -- 1 audio cassette

Scope and Content

Item is an audio cassette containing a recording of a speech to the Lawyers' Club by the Hon. J. Keiller Mackay. The audio quality of the recording is not known.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.

2009029-02A March Special Lectures 1975: George D. Finlayson QC. -- 1975. -- 1 audio cassette

Scope and Content

Item is an audio cassette containing a recording from the Law Society's Special Lectures series held in March 1975. The audio quality of the recording is not known.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

2009029-03A Stanley Biggs speech to the Royal Canadian Military Institute. -- 24 Jan. 1984. -- 1 audio cassette

Scope and Content

Item is an audio cassette containing a recording of a speech by Stanley Biggs to the Royal Canadian Military Institute on the William Joyce treason trial. The audio quality of the recording is not known.

Restrictions

No restrictions on access.

Title Notes

Title based on contents of the item.