

WATSON FAMILY FONDS FINDING AID 1926-2016

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Introduction to the City of Vaughan Archives' Finding Aid

The purpose of the City of Vaughan Archives Finding Aid is to provide access to a given body of records by representing those external and internal components of a fonds and its constituent parts brought to light during the analysis of the fonds' characteristics (i.e. during arrangement). A fonds is defined as the totality of records or papers created and/or accumulated and used by an individual, family, or corporate body throughout their existence. The external structure of a fonds consists of contextual information relating to the record creator (i.e. the person, family or corporate body chiefly responsible for the creation and/or accumulation and use of a fonds), that is to say, information relating to the history, organization, functions and activities of a records creator that give shape to the fonds. The internal structure of the fonds is concerned with the latter's documentary nature, or with the actual records themselves: their arrangement, organization, classification, documentary form, etc. The reason for providing data about the external and internal nature of a fonds is to ensure that records can be seen in the context of their creation and so that they can be associated with the actions which brought them into existence in order for them to act as evidence of said actions.

Fonds may have a number of components. In terms of the concept of agent of creation (i.e. the person, family or corporate body responsible for the creation and/or accumulation and use of the fonds), a fonds may be divided into sous-fonds, which represent subordinate record-creating agencies (departments, bureaus, etc.) under the jurisdiction of the larger administrative body responsible for the creation of the fonds as a whole. For example, the fonds of the Vaughan Township Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, the Treasure Branch and General Administration Branch are the constituent sous-fonds. The actual records constituting a fonds (i.e. internal structure of a fonds) are grouped into bodies of like documents called series, with a series being an aggregate of records deriving unity from some common relationship arising out of the records' creation, receipt and use, and relating to the functions and or activities of the records' creator. Series in turn may be further divided into subseries, or even sub-subseries, these being naturally-defined subdivisions of series formed on the basis of a common feature such as documentary form, subject, arrangement in accordance with a filing system (chronological, alphabetical, subject, etc.), etc.

The format utilized to represent the part-to-whole structure of the fonds described in this Finding Aid is based on the Canadian data content standard Rules for Archival Description (RAD). All formal descriptions (i.e. those descriptions above the file level in the Finding Aid) are compiled in accordance with the guidelines outlined in RAD. Lists of files and items are presented as appendixes in the descriptive inventory, without regard to RAD.

Photocopying of documents in the City of Vaughan fonds is permitted except where documents fall under the personal information and privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. In such instances, the researcher is referred to the City Archivist for specific access procedures.

Part 1: Fonds Level Description

Watson Family fonds (MG 49)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** 1926-2016

Physical Description

- Ca. 1.6 m of textual records
- 23 photographs: b&w; 20 x 42 cm or smaller
- Ca. 50 photographs: col
- 6 postcards: b&w; 10 x 15 cm or smaller
- 121 slides
- 2 filmstrips of photographic negatives
- 1 map; 90 x 114 cm
- 11 posters; 50 x 71 cm or smaller
- 1 atlas
- 12 objects: buttons, ribbons, stand with dolls, plates, paint can lifter, boxes with vials of seeds, medallion, LP 33 record
- 2 computer disks: ca. 1200 photographs: b&w and col.; 12 cm (diam.)

Biography/History Norman Watson and his wife Olive were depression era farmers in Vaughan Township at Rutherford Rd and Hwy 27. Norman was very involved in the Kleinburg United Church, the Kleinburg Gables (Kleinburg Rotary Non-Profit Housing Corporation), and the Vaughan Public Library Board. They had two daughters, Norma and Marina.

Custodial History These items were collected and compiled by Robert Watson, his son Norman Watson and his Grand-daughter Norma (Watson) Curtis.

Scope and Content Fonds consists of administrative records for the Kleinburg United Church, the Kleinburg Gables (Kleinburg Rotary Non-Profit Housing Corporation), and the Vaughan Public Library Board, Woodbridge fair and Binder Twine Festival posters, an 1878 atlas, a copy of the 1860 Tremaine map, photos of the District Junior Farmer's Camp, Camp Ahshunyoog, in 1949 and 1952, postcards of Kleinburg streetscapes, newspaper clippings of events in Woodbridge and Kleinburg, Binder Twine Festival programs from 1968 to 2011 (missing 1988, 1992-2000 and 2003-2004), two Binder Twine dolls on a stand made by Olive Watson and entered in the 1984 Binder Twine Festival's Doll Competition (received honourable mention), two Woodbridge Fair ribbons for High Points won by Janet Watson in the late 1970s or early 1980s for highest number of points in baking, an issue of the Weston Collegiate Alumni News which includes a writeup on former Kleinburg resident Dave

Eadie, as well as newspaper clippings and other ephemera. Also includes a 1956 phone directory, two boxes with vials filled with seeds from the Watson farm for school projects, copy of Watson family history, and an Arlow family history with photos of farm and Rutherford Rd in 1930s.

Access Restrictions Open

Notes See also MG 37 – Watson Family Fonds

Accruals Intermittent accruals are expected.

Part 2: Series Level Description

Business Dealings with Patterson and Bros. Co. (MG 49/M002.6)

Date(s) of creation of record(s)	1874-1884
Physical Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.25 cm of textual records
Scope and Content	Series consists of correspondence, receipts, and bills acquired by the Watson family from their business dealings with the Patterson & Bros. Co.
Location	Box 1
Notes	Title based on contents of series.

Binder Twine Posters and Plans of the Village of Kleinburg (MG 49/M009.6)

Date(s) of creation of record(s)	Ca. 1900s
Physical Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 0.25 cm of textual records
Scope and Content	Series consists of binder twine festival posters and plans of the Village of Kleinburg.
Location	Map Cabinet
Notes	Title based on contents of series.

Kleinburg History and Activities (MG 49/M012.13)

Date(s) of creation of record(s)	1860-2011
Physical Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 68.5 cm of textual records• 4 photographs: b&w; 20 x 42 cm or smaller• 6 postcards: b&w; 10 x 15 cm or smaller• 1 map: 90 x 114 cm

- 11 posters: 50 x 71 cm or smaller
- 1 atlas
- 5 artifacts (2 buttons, 2 ribbons, 1 stand with dolls)

Scope and Content Series consists of Binder Twine Festival programs, administrative records of the Vaughan Public Library Board, Kleinburg Gables, and Kleinburg United Church, photos of Kleinburg streetscapes, Binder Twine Festival, and Junior Farmers' Camp, artifacts from Binder Twine and Woodbridge Fair, posters of Binder Twine and Woodbridge fair, 1860 map, 1878 atlas, magazines, various newspaper clippings and a published book on Euchre.

Location Boxes 1-8 and Map Cabinet

Notes Title based on contents of series.

1860 Map was deaccessioned as part of M023.1.

Watson Family and Community Involvement (MG 49/M012.20)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** 1850-2012

Physical Description

- 25 cm of textual records
- 121 slides
- 14 photographs; col., 17.5 x 12.5 or smaller
- 2 filmstrips of photographic negatives
- 4 ceramic decorative plates
- 2 boxes with small sample bottles filled with seeds
- 1 paint can lifter

Scope and Content Series consists of published and unpublished histories, photographs, and other material related to the Watson family's involvement with their community, in particular the United Church.

Location Boxes 1-4

Notes Title based on contents of series.

Historic Binder Twine Festival Photographs (MG 49/M016.19)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** Ca. 1974

Physical Description • 5 photographs

Scope and Content Series consists of a photograph of a Doll Making Bee at a 1970s/1980s Binder Twine Festival, and four photographs of the Watson and Kerr families at the 1974 Binder Twine Festival.

Location Box 1

2015 Binder Twine Festival Photographs (MG 49/M016.20)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** 2015

Physical Description • 1 CD containing 262 photographs

Scope and Content Series consists of a CD containing photographs of the Binder Twine Festival in 2015.

Location Box 1

Historic and Recent Binder Twine Festival Photographs (MG 49/M016.25)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** 1967-2016

Physical Description • 1 CD containing ca. 900 photographs

Scope and Content Series consists of a CD containing images of Binder Twine Festivals from 1967-2016, including Committee meetings and Binder Twine quilts.

Location Box 1

Community and Family Records (MG 49/M017.9)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** Ca. 1871-2016

Physical Description

- Ca. 53 cm of textual records
- Ca. 50 photographs
- 1 33 LP Record
- 1 Medallion

Scope and Content Series consists of materials that were collected by the Watson family over the course of several generations and relate to Kleinburg, the Binder Twine Festival and the Watson family. Of particular interest are three quilted Binder Twine Albums which chronicle the Festival's Quilting contest from 1968-2016. Additional information regarding the Nashville Railway Scout House, The Kleinburg United Church and the development of the William T. Foster Woods are also of interest as the family was largely involved in these groups/developments.

Location Boxes 1-3

Watson Property Records (MG 49/M017.12)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** Ca. 1871-1962

Physical Description

- Ca. 12 cm of textual records
- 3 Rosettes

Scope and Content Series consists of materials collected by the Watson family over the course of several generations and relate to their farm property located on Lot 7, Concession 6. In addition to indentures, mortgage agreements, estate paperwork and farm account books, the series also contains information on the Estate Auction of Robert Watson.

Location Boxes 1-2.

APPENDIX A: FILE LIST

Business Dealings with Patterson and Bros. Co. (MG 49/M002.6)

Box 1

1. Folder containing correspondence, receipts, and bills acquired by the Watson family from their business dealings with the Patterson & Bros. Co.

Binder Twine Posters and Plans of the Village of Kleinburg (MG 49/M009.6)

Map Cabinet

1. Kleinburg Binder Twine Festival Poster
2. Kleinburg Binder Twine Festival Poster
3. Plan of the Village of Kleinburg
4. Plan of the Village of Kleinburg

Kleinburg History and Activities (MG 49/M012.13)

Box 1

1. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1968
2. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1969
3. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1970
4. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1971
5. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1972
6. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1973
7. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1974
8. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1975
9. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1976
10. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1977
11. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1978
12. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1979

Box 2

1. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1980
2. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1981
3. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1982
4. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1983
5. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1984
6. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1985
7. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1986
8. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1987

9. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1988
10. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1989
11. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1990
12. Binder Twine Festival Program, 1991
13. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2001
14. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2002
15. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2005
16. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2006
17. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2007
18. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2008
19. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2009
20. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2010
21. Binder Twine Festival Program, 2011
22. Binder Twine History, n.d.
23. A Walking Tour of Kleinburg, 2009
24. Binder Twine Buttons, n.d.
25. Binder Twine Advertisements, 1983-1984
26. Kleinburg Business Directory and Post Card, 2006
27. Frank Shaw's Treasure and Calendar, 2007
28. Kleinburg Streetscapes, ca. 1900
 - a. Kleinburg Postcard
 - b. Kleinburg Postcard
 - c. Kleinburg Postcard
 - d. Kleinburg Postcard
 - e. Kleinburg Bookmarks with Street scenes
 - f. Kleinburg Postcard
 - g. Kleinburg Postcard
 - h. Kleinburg Streetscapes

Box 3

1. Church Programs, 2007-2008 (1 of 3)
2. Church Programs, 2007-2008 (2 of 3)
3. Church Programs, 2007-2008 (3 of 3)
4. Kleinburg-Nobleton Pastoral Charge Directory, 2007
5. Kleinburg United Church Directory, 2000
6. Kleinburg United Church Directory, 1993
7. Church Admin Records, 1989
8. Church Admin Records, 1990
9. Church Admin Records, 1991

10. Church Admin Records, 1992
11. Church Admin Records, 1994
12. Church Admin Records, 1995
13. Church Admin Records, 1996
14. Church Admin Records, 1997
15. Church Admin Records, 1998
16. Church Admin Records, 1999
17. Church Admin Records, 2000
18. Church Admin Records, 2001
19. Church Admin Records, 2002
20. Church Admin Records, 2003
21. Church Admin Records, 2004
22. Church Admin Records, 2005
23. Church Admin Records, 2006
24. Church Admin Records, 2007
25. Church Admin Records, 2008-2010
26. Church Programs, 1968-1979
27. Historical Notes on Kleinburg United Church, 1974
28. Church Admin Records, 1969-1971
29. Church Admin Records, 1926-1927
30. Church Deeds, 1971
31. Funeral Programs, 2008-2010

Box 4

1. Kleinburg Rotary Non Profit Housing Corporation/Gables, 2001-2002 (1 of 4)
2. Kleinburg Rotary Non Profit Housing Corporation/Gables, 2001-2002 (2 of 4)
3. Kleinburg Rotary Non Profit Housing Corporation/Gables, 2001-2002 (3 of 4)
4. Kleinburg Rotary Non Profit Housing Corporation/Gables, 2001-2002 (4 of 4)
5. Vaughan Public Library Board Admin Records, 1970-1984 (1 of 5)
6. Vaughan Public Library Board Admin Records, 1970-1984 (2 of 5)
7. Vaughan Public Library Board Admin Records, 1970-1984 (3 of 5)
8. Vaughan Public Library Board Admin Records, 1970-1984 (4 of 5)
9. Vaughan Public Library Board Admin Records, 1970-1984 (5 of 5)
10. Library Annual Report, 1973
11. Library Annual Report, 1974
12. Library Annual Report, 1975
13. Library Annual Report, 1977.
14. Library Annual Report, 1978
15. Library Development Plan, 1985

16. Library Newsletter, 2005

Box 5

1. "Euchre the Grandpa Lou Way" by John Ellis, 1996
2. The Boyd Book: Facts About Boyd Conservation Area, 1973
3. Soil Survey of York County, 1955
4. Essay on Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, 1970
5. Weston Collegiate Alumni News, 2010
6. Woodbridge Horticultural Society, 1976-1998
7. York Magazine, 1990
8. Commentator Magazine and 2 Photos of Binder Twine Festival, 1969
9. Correspondence, 1981
10. Planning Acts and Survey, 1983
11. Woodbridge 100th Anniversary Council Program, 1982
12. Kurt Koenig Correspondence, n.d.
13. Berton Correspondence, 1972
14. Woodbridge Fair Ribbons, n.d.
15. Biography of Olive Watson, 2011

Box 6

1. Kleinburg Newspaper Clippings, 1969-2009
2. Woodbridge Newspaper Clippings, 1965-1998

Box 7

1. 2 Binder Twine Dolls with stand

Box 8

1. 2 District Junior Farmers Camp Ashyooong photos
2. Watson Family Photo, n.d.
3. 11 Posters, Handbills, Maps

Map Cabinet

1. Camp Ashunyoong Photograph, 1949

Watson Family and Community Involvement (MG 49/M012.20)

Box 1

1. The Watsons Family History Book
2. Heritage Hamlet Booklet, Norman Watson, p. 17, 2006
3. Binder Twine photo and article, 1984

4. Telephone Directory, 1956
5. Weston Collegiate Yearbook, 1951
6. Area Amenities Map, Vaughan, n.d.
7. Pamphlet, Opening of Maple Lane, n.d.
8. Booklet, Collection of Memories, by Olive Watson, n.d.
9. Wilson Family History, n.d.
10. Copy of First Council Meeting Minutes, 1850
11. 14 Photographs, Gables Construction, n.d.
12. Roads, Walks and Streams in the Town of Vaughan, 1974
13. Death Notice, Jean Isobel Thomson, n.d.
14. Robert Watson Sr. and binder machine, ca. 1890-1900's
15. Norman Watson's Ploughing Trip, 1950
16. Booklet, Woodbridge United Church, 1836-1986
17. Auction Poster, 1957
18. Newspaper Clippings, Kleinburg and Area, 1984 and 2002
19. Booklet, Kleinburg United Church, 1993
20. Booklet, Central Kleinburg Nobleton Church 50th Anniversary
21. Kleinburg Sunday School, Student List and Awards, 1979

Box 2

1. Paint Can Lifter
2. Elder's Mill's Red Cross History, 1939-1949
3. Horticultural Service Diploma, Awarded to Olive Watson, 1973
4. Library Cards, Norman and Olive Watson, 1973-1981
5. United Church Annual Reports, Kleinburg-Nobleton, 1963-1996 (1 of 2)
6. United Church Annual Reports, Kleinburg-Nobleton, 1963-1996 (2 of 2)
7. Book, The Story of Agricultural Extension in Ontario, 1907-1982
8. Binder Twine Festival Flyers, 2004, 2010-2012

Box 3

1. Photograph of Kleinburg Covered Wagon, ca. 1970's
2. Knox Presbyterian Church Negatives
3. 121 Slides

Box 4

1. Kleinburg Binder Twine Quilt Photograph
2. Woodbriddge Presbyterian Church Plate, 1874-1974
3. Knox Presbyterian Church Plate, 1845-1949
4. Kleinburg United Church Plate
5. Zion Lutheran Church Plate

6. 2 Boxes of Vials with Seeds

Historic Binder Twine Festival Photographs (MG 49/M016.19)

Box 1

1. Historic Binder Twine Photos, ca. 1970-1980
 - a. Doll Making Bee – taken at Watson family house, ca. 1970-1980
 - b. Rotary Ann's Fabric Sale, 1974
 - c. Olive Watson's Flower Booth, L to R: Karen, Norma and Janet Watson, 1974
 - d. Norma and Janet Watson at Olive Watson's Flower Booth, 1974
 - e. John and Mrs. Kerr with their children at the Binder Twine Festival, 1974

2015 Binder Twine Festival Photographs (MG 49/M016.20)

Box 1

1. Binder Twine Festival Images, 2015
 - a. CD containing 2015 Binder Twine Festival Photos

Historic and Recent Binder Twine Festival Photographs (MG 49/M016.25)

Box 1

1. Binder Twine Festival Images, 1967-2016
 - a. CD containing Binder Twine Festival Photos

Community and Family Records (MG 49/M017.9)

Box 1

1. Norman Watson's Binder Twine Information
2. Binder Twine Festival Quilt Competition – Additional Information
3. Kleinburg Public School Medallion, 1955-2008
4. Kleinburg United Church Christmas Photos from Album, ca. 2001
5. Kleinburg Scout House Station Articles
6. Kleinburg Railway Scout House Design
7. Kleinburg Railway Scout House Fund – Accounts and Paperwork
8. Kleinburg Railway Scout House Indenture, 1977
9. A Brief History of the Kleinburg Railway Scout House by W. B. Granger, 1977
10. Kleinburg Railway Scout House – Heritage Canada Correspondence
11. Kleinburg Railway Scout House – Town of Vaughan Correspondence
12. Kleinburg Railway Scout House – Ministry of Culture and Recreation Correspondence
13. Kleinburg Railway Scout House – Miscellaneous Files
14. Nashville Railway Station move to Kleinburg Photos, 1978

- a. 4 photos of Kleinburg Railway Scout House
 - b. Ribbon Cutting
- 15. Nashville Railway Station move to Kleinburg Photos, 1978
 - a. 26 of Kleinburg Railway Station
 - b. 3 of Scouts
 - c. Unidentified people
 - d. 6 of dinner
 - e. Renovations
- 16. A Walk down Memory Lane – History of York 4H, 2006
- 17. William T. Foster Woods Journal, Part 1, 1991-1998
- 18. William T. Foster Woods Journal, Part 2, Photographs
- 19. Plowing Match Booklets
- 20. Watson Family History Notes
- 21. Watson Family History Photos
 - a. Robert Watson and Mary Ethel Andrews, 1923
 - b. Andrew Watson, Eva Wallace, Linda Wallace, Olive Marina (Arlow) Watson and Norma Watson, 1959
 - c. Unidentified couple, 2007
 - d. Robert Watson as ploughing match judge, ca. 1950
 - e. Kleinburg Sesquicentennial
- 22. Norman Watson's Guest Speaker Notes
- 23. Norman Watson's Speeches and Notes for Church Services
- 24. Scanned Family Materials

Box 2

- 1. The Festival Choir of Vaughan Township, 33 LP Record, 1967

Box 3

- 1. Binder Twine Festival Quilted Album
- 2. Binder Twine Festival Quilted Album
- 3. Binder Twine Festival Quilted Album

Watson Property Records (MG 49/M017.12)

Box 1

- 1. Robert Watson Estate Paperwork
- 2. Watson Auction Sale Book
- 3. Uncle Watson on Motorcycle in Military Uniform, ca. 1940
- 4. Mary Isabell Webster Watson Photo, 1902-1981
- 5. Farm Inventory Book, 1923-1926



6. Farm Inventory Book, 1927-1930
7. Binder Twine Miscellaneous Materials
8. Watson Farm Account Book

Box 2

1. Watson Deeds of Land and Indentures, ca. 1871-1928
2. Watson Mortgage Agreements, ca. 1881-1928
3. Norman and Olive Watson Scrapbook, 1957-1962