

Don Head Farm Fonds

TITLE: Don Head Farm fonds
DATES: 1930-1991
EXTENT: 45 cm of textual records and other material
BIO & ADMIN HIST: The Don Head Farm was established by John D. Patterson in 1930 when the former established a new Aberdeen-Angus cattle herd that would ultimately play a prominent part in the development of the Aberdeen-Angus herd in North America. The operation also included a herd of Southdown Sheep. J.D. Patterson was the son of Peter Patterson who, with his brother, established Patterson and Bro., a farm machine manufacturing firm, on the site of the Don Head Farms in 1851. In 1940, the farm was purchased by Willy Redelmeier, a Dutch banker. In 1991, the farm was owned and operated by his sons, Ernest and Francis.

SCOPE & CONTENT: The fonds consists of payroll books, herd register, sheep and cattle pedigrees, lists of sale, herd dispersion material, farm guest book, periodical material, newspaper clippings, 59 photo prints (includes 10 photo prints depicting farm in the aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, 1954), 3 postcards and 6 wood-mounted printer's plates (1 of Southdown ewe and others of Angus and Jersey cattle herds). Fonds also includes a videocassette copy of original 8 mm footage of commercial and other activity on the Farm during the period 1939-1952.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of fonds.
ACQ. SOURCE: Gift of Mr. Francis Redelmeier, 1992, 1993 and 1995.
RELATED RECORDS: Related material may be found in the Patterson Collection, 1850-1991 (MG 7).
ACCESSION NUMBER: MG 11
LOCATION: Boxes 1-3
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives