



The Ryerson University Archives

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Share in the rich history of Ryerson. Visit your University Archives, share in our past, and come and see us on the third floor of the Library building.

Individuals of the Ryerson community, past and present, are encouraged to bring your records to our attention. Pass along your knowledge and documented memory, contribute to our history...and our future!



Did you know...
The Museum of Natural History and Fine Arts, established within St. James Square in 1857, was the first publicly funded museum in Canada and forerunner of the Royal Ontario Museum.

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Did you know...
Egerton Ryerson established free universal elementary education, standardised textbooks, and standardised elementary school teaching skills in Ontario.



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The Archives is a rich resource for historical information on Ryerson University and its antecedent institutions at St. James Square, the cradle of Ontario's educational system.

Whether you are preparing an essay, report, presentation or speech, research materials in the Archives can provide added depth and perspective to your work. Archives staff will help you find the information you need on a wide range of topics and materials, from correspondence to charts, financial records to films, and sound recordings to subject files.

Founded in 1971, the mandate of the Ryerson Archives is to acquire, preserve and make available through a comprehensive archives collection, records essential to the understanding of the University's purposes and operation or having other historical, permanent or archival value.

The Archives also offers considerable opportunity for advanced scholarly study. Researchers have studied the significant educational and cultural developments of Ryerson's historic past while others have examined more contemporary aspects of Ryerson's unique academic and physical evolution from an institute of technology to a university.

The Ryerson University Archives provides:

- Research assistance for course projects, assignments, and papers
- Background information for Institute projects, special events, and administrative inquiries
- A research/ reading room facility
- Displays and tours

A Rich Resource of:

- Information relating to the Institute's forerunner institutions and to the founder of St. James Square, Egerton Ryerson
- Correspondence, administrative files, and reports of administrative and academic departments and offices
- Speeches, addresses, books and articles
- Minutes, correspondence, and reports of committees
- Publications, including staff, student, and faculty newspapers and newsletters
- Records of student, faculty, staff and alumni organizations
- Photographs, including prints, negatives and transparencies
- Films, DVDs and videotapes
- Sound recordings, oral interview tapes and transcripts
- Policy and procedure manuals and annual reports
- Maps, charts and architectural records
- Paintings, drawings and prints
- Artifacts

A Records Management Service

In 1982, records management was added to the Archives' mandate in order to assist and guide the University in the systematic control of the creation, use, maintenance and disposition of records used in the course of its business and operation. Within this mandate the Archives offers:

- Records analysis and appraisal
- General record scheduling
- Tips on record arrangement and maintenance



Did you know...

Ryerson Institute of Technology's first building was called Ryerson Hall and the façade in the Quadrangle was the front door to that building. Built in 1852, it was originally the Toronto Normal School, established by Egerton Ryerson as a teachers' education centre. The site was known as St. James Square.

