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MARY E. WHITE FONDS

Dates of creation:

1873-1976

Extent:

75 cm of textual records

Biographical sketch:

Mary Estelle White, professor of classics at Trinity College, was born in 1908 in Campbellford, Ontario. She studied at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, and St Hugh's College, Oxford, where she obtained an MA. After teaching at McMaster University from 1937 to 1940 she was appointed lecturer in classics at Trinity College, Toronto. She was promoted to associate professor in 1945 and became Worrell Professor in 1963. She was the first woman to hold a departmental headship at the College when she was appointed the Head of the Department of Classics in 1965. She was acting head in 1971-72. She held the position of head of the Graduate Department of Classical Studies at the University of Toronto from 1966 to 1971. She became a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1972. From 1946 to 1964 she was editor of *Phoenix*, and she was the author of numerous studies in Greek history. Professor White retired from Trinity College in 1974 and died on 7 January 1977.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of files relating to White's professional life, including correspondence files of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and the Classical Association of Canada, manuscripts of speeches, lectures and publications, student examination papers from Trinity College, Cambridge, and Newnham College, Cambridge, and her reading and lecture notes in Greek and Roman history. Also included are papers and offprints of works by other people, probably related to her position as editor of *Phoenix*.

Contains series

1. Correspondence and personal Information
2. Writings, speeches, and lectures
3. Examination papers 1873-1969, predominantly 1873-1894
4. Lecture Notes on Greek and Roman history
5. Papers written by others

Notes:

Immediate source of acquisition: Fonds was donated by Dr Elisabeth Wallace in August 1993.

Arrangement: The fonds has been arranged by the archivist.

Restrictions on access: Some restrictions apply. Files 2-9 and 4-15 are closed by request of the donor until June 2019.

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Related groups of records in different fonds: Classical Association of Canada

Provenance access points

White, Mary E., 1908-1977

SERIES 1: CORRESPONDENCE AND PERSONAL INFORMATION
Dates of creation:

1947-1976

Extent:

20 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence between White and the organizations to which she belonged. The files also contain the carbon copies of minutes from meetings. Most of the material is from the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

Box/file listing

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
American Philological Association - Nominating Committee	1973	1976	Minutes from nominating committee to fill offices for the APA. Carbons of correspondence from White. Letters of actual nomination plus responses and discussions on how to have the election.	1-1
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Alumni Association	1959	1980	List of students who attended the School, 1949-59. Handwritten lists of members of the School, 1882-1980, and assistant directors.	1-2
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Exams	1969	1970	Copies of the Greek History examinations.	1-3
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Managing Committee	1970	1972	Minutes of meetings held twice yearly in New York.	1-4
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Managing Committee	1973	1974	Minutes of meetings and reports from the School's directors and librarians.	1-5
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Managing Committee	1975	1976	Minutes and reports. Carbon copy of letter from Wallace McLeod to President Evans of the University of Toronto reporting on 8 May 1976 meeting. He mentions that his predecessor, White, will remain as chairman of the Publications Committee for two more years.	1-6
American School of	1971	1971	Guidelines for the Publications Committee and	1-7

Classical Studies at Athens - Publications Committee			minutes from several meetings. Distribution list for journal <i>Hesperia</i> and lists of other publications.	
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Publications Committee	1972	1972	Minutes of meetings, lists of publications, carbons of correspondence.	1-8
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Publications Committee	1973	1974	Minutes of meetings. Report from Consultation on Scholarly Publishing held in New York in April 1973. Carbons of correspondence from Marian McAllister to White.	1-9
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Publications Committee	1974	1974	Mostly correspondence to and from White regarding publications.	1-10
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Publications Committee	1975	1975	Correspondence regarding publications.	1-11
American School of Classical Studies at Athens - Publications Committee	1976	1976	Financial reports and correspondence.	1-12
Classical Association of Canada	1947	1959	Minutes begin with the inaugural meeting of the Classical Association of Canada in 1947 with Mary White in attendance. Copies of the newsletter, <i>Classical News and Views</i> .	2-1
Classical Association of Canada	1961	1963	Copies of <i>Classical News and Views</i> . Undated photocopy of unsourced newspaper article of elections held at the Association's annual meeting. Mentions that White was re-elected as editor of the <i>Phoenix</i> . Undated photocopy of newspaper report of Dr W. Alexander's speech to the Association.	2-2
Classical Association of Canada - List of Professors	1965	1965	List of professors of ancient history, classical languages and literature with their publications.	2-3
Classical Association of Canada - Annual Meeting	1968	1969	Correspondence regarding the planning for the Association's annual meeting at the Learned Societies in 1969. Correspondence to and from Alexander Dalzell, the then editor of the <i>Phoenix</i> . Correspondence from Hugh MacLean.	2-4
Classical Association of	1972	1976	Minutes of meetings.	2-5

Canada			List of members. Proposal from John Fossey on "The Establishment of an Archaeological Institute of Canada in Athens."	
Iconographical Lexicon of Classical Mythology	1973	1973	Copy of letter from Neda Leipen of the Royal Ontario Museum to William Fletcher of the Classical Association of Canada on why she is turning down the nomination to be part of the ILCM project. Additional information about the ILCM.	2-6
Association of Ancient Historians	1974	1976	Newsletters. Correspondence between White and Ernst Badian of Harvard University as he asks her to be on the editorial board of a new publication - <i>The American Journal of Ancient History</i> . She accepts and vets a number of papers. Handwritten notes from White.	2-7
Correspondence - General	1956	1976	Letters of grants approvals. Carbon copy of draft paper, "A Brief Presented to the Commission on Graduate Studies in the Humanities and the Social Sciences" (Healy Commission) by Leonard Woodbury, president of the Classical Association of Canada, undated. Carbon copy of White's response to the draft paper, undated. Carbon copy of response from A.E. Barker of the University of Western Ontario. Invitations to speak.	2-8
Correspondence - Recommendations	1969	1976	Letters of recommendation for former students and colleagues. Closed until June 2019.	2-9
Personal Information	1959	1972	Curriculum vitae. Newspaper clipping from <i>The Varsity</i> dated 22 January 1952 reviewing the book, <i>The Heritage of Western Culture</i> , to which White contributed. Foundation applications. Honorary memberships. Honorary degree from Acadia University. Correspondence regarding White's retirement.	2-10

SERIES 2: WRITINGS, SPEECHES, AND LECTURES
Dates of creation:

1945-1976

Extent:

30 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of writings, speeches, talks, and lectures by White, including an unpublished manuscript of a book on the Peisistratidai, 6th-century BC tyrants of Greece, book reviews, a University of Toronto convocation address championing courses in the humanities.

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FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
"The Peisistratidai"	[196-]	1976	Chapter 1 of the most recent version of her book - 39 pages of text, 23 pages of notes.	2-11
"The Peisistratidai – Political Parties from Solon to Peisistratos"	[196-]	1976	53 pages of text, 22 pages of notes.	2-12
"The Peisistratidai - Chronology of the Peisistratid Tyranny"	[196-]	1976	65 pages of text, 24 pages of notes.	2-13
"The Peisistratidai - Public Festivals and Cults"	[196-]	1976	18 pages of text, 15 pages of notes.	2-14
"The Peisistratidai - The Panathenaia: Origins and Institutions"	[196-]	1976	51 pages of text, 21 pages of notes.	2-15
"The Peisistratidai - The Panathenaia: Temples, Images, and Officials"	[196-]	1976	35 pages of text, 14 pages of notes.	2-16
"The Peisistratidai"	[196-]	1976	Carbon copy of chapter 1 with handwritten annotations.	3-1
"The Peisistratidai - Political Parties from Solon to Peisistratos"	[196-]	1976	Carbon copy with handwritten annotations.	3-2
"The Peisistratidai - Chronology of the Peisistratid Tyranny"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-3

"The Peisistratidai - Public Festivals and Cults"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-4
"The Peisistratidai - The Panathenaia: Origins and Institutions"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-5
"The Peisistratidai -The Panathenaia: Temples, Images, and Officials"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-6
"The Peisistratidai – Introduction"	[196-]	1976	Handwritten notes and drafts.	3-7
"The Peisistratidai"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-8
"The Peisistratidai - Political Parties from Solon to Peisistratos"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-9
"The Peisistratidai - Chronology of the Peisistratid Tyranny"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-10
"The Peisistratidai - Public Festivals and Cults"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-11
"The Peisistratidai - The Panathenaia: Origins and Institutions"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-12
"The Peisistratidai - The Panathenaia: Temples, Images, and Officials"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-13
"The Peisistratidai - The Program of the Panathenaia"	[196-]	1976	As above.	3-14
"The Peisistratidai – Narrative"	[196-]	1976	Typed chapter with annotations.	3-15
Review: <i>Athenian Propertied Families</i>	1971	1971	Review of <i>Athenian Propertied Families</i> by J.K. Davies. Carbon copy.	4-1
Review: <i>Cyprus and Makarios</i>	[1960]	[1960]	Review of <i>Cyprus and Makarios</i> by Stanley Mayes, published in <i>International Journal</i> (undated).	4-2
Review: <i>Eleusis and the Eleusinian Mysteries</i>	[1961]	[1961]	Review of <i>Eleusis and the Eleusinian Mysteries</i> by George Mylonas. Carbon copy.	4-3
Review: <i>Essays on the Greek Historians and Greek</i>	[1969]	[1969]	Portion of a review of <i>Essays on the Greek Historians and Greek History</i>	4-4

<i>History</i>		by H.D. Westlake.		
Review: <i>Form and Thought in Herodotus</i>	[1966]	[1966]	Review of <i>Form and Thought in Herodotus</i> by Henry R. Immerwahr. Carbon copy.	4-5
Review: <i>From Solon to Socrates: Greek History and Civilization during the 6th and 5th Centuries B.C.</i>	[1968]	[1968]	Review of <i>From Solon to Socrates: Greek History and Civilization during the 6th and 5th Centuries B.C.</i> by Victor Ehrenberg. Carbon copy.	4-6
Review: <i>Grivas and the Story of Eoka</i>	[1959]	[1959]	Review of <i>Grivas and the Story of Eoka</i> by W. Byford-Jones. Published in the <i>International Journal</i> (unknown date).	4-7
Review: <i>The Growth of the Athenian Economy</i>	[1965]	[1965]	Five-page review of <i>The Growth of the Athenian Economy</i> by A. French. Carbon copy.	4-8
Review: <i>Ionian Trade and Colonization</i>	[1959]	[1959]	Review of <i>Ionian Trade and Colonization</i> by Carl Roebuck. Carbon and handwritten copies.	4-9
Review: <i>Latin Historians</i>	[1966]	[1966]	Review of <i>Latin Historians</i> edited by T.A. Dorey. Carbon copy.	4-10
Review: <i>The Lyric Age of Greece</i>	[1960]	[1960]	Review of <i>The Lyric Age of Greece</i> by A.R. Burn. Carbon copy.	4-11
Review: <i>The Mute Stones Speak: The Story of Archaeology in Italy</i>	[1960]	[1960]	Review of <i>The Mute Stones Speak: The Story of Archaeology in Italy</i> by Paul MacKendrick. Carbon and handwritten copies.	4-12
Review: <i>The Outbreak of the Peloponnesian War</i>	[1969]	[1969]	Review of <i>The Outbreak of the Peloponnesian War</i> by Donald Kagan. Carbon copy.	4-13
Review: <i>The Silver Coins of Samos</i>	[1966]	[1966]	Review of <i>The Silver Coins of Samos</i> by J.P. Barron. Carbon copy.	4-14
Thesis and manuscript appraisals	[196-?]	[197-?]	Four manuscript and thesis appraisals. Closed until 2019.	4-15
"Aspects of the Greek and Roman Contribution to the Origin and Development of Western Culture"	[196-?]	[196-?]	17-page essay with 4 pages marked "Summary."	4-16
"Athenian Coinage of the Sixth Century"	[197-]	[197-]	40-page paper with 11 pages of notes and additional handwritten notes.	4-17
"A Caveat against the Use of the term 'Graeco-Roman'"	[196-]	[196-?]	42-page handwritten paper.	4-18

"The Changing Face of the Classics"	[1967]	[1967]	Talk given by White to unknown audience.	4-19
Convocation Address	1965	1965	Convocation address given by White to the graduates in humanities, 4 June 1965.	4-20
"The Dangers of Private Correspondence: The Letters of Cicero"	1957	1957	20-page carbon copy of talk or lecture.	4-21
Early Rome	[195-?]	[195-?]	Handwritten lecture notes.	4-22
"Epimenides' Purification of Athens and the Trials of the Accursed"	[196-?]	[196-?]	Typewritten copy of 22-page paper.	4-23
"Problems of the Political History of the First Two Decades of the Fifth Century"	[197-]	[197-]	Presentation to an unknown audience of classicists: 31 pages of handwritten notes.	4-24
"The Concept of Citizenship in the Greek and Roman World"	[196-?]	[196-?]	24 typed pages with annotations, likely for a lecture.	4-25
"Greek Political Organization"	[195-?]	[195-?]	26-page carbon copy of typed presentation.	4-26
"Tyranny as a Stage in the Development of the City-State"	[195-?]	[195-?]	20-page handwritten presentation.	4-27
"Greece Modern and Ancient"	[1975]	[1975]	25-page typewritten presentation. Also handwritten draft in which White mentions that her first trip to Greece was in 1950. Article on Greece from <i>The Spectator</i> , 7 December 1974: "Misgivings about the poll" by C.M. Woodhouse.	4-28
"The Chronology of the Peisistratids in the Attis"	[196-?]	[196-?]	18-page typewritten presentation assessing the chronology.	4-29
"Herodotus, A Great Historian"	[196-?]	[196-?]	Handwritten notes of presentation made to a Classics Club.	4-30
"Herodotus as an Historian"	[196-]	[196-]	Typewritten paper with Greek characters added.	4-31
"Herodotus' Starting-Point"	[196-]	[196-]	Typewritten and handwritten versions.	4-32

"In Defence of Cicero: Cicero's Letters"	[1972]	[1972]	20 typed pages. File also includes Shirley Robin Letwin's review of Shackleton Bailey's <i>Cicero</i> (<i>The Spectator</i> , 12 August 1972).	4-33
"The Interaction between the University and Society in the Field of Humanities"	1945	1952	Paper presented by White at the Fourth Canadian Hazen Conference held 26 June 1946. Brochures from the Hazen Conferences. Roster of Members of Hazen Conferences in Canada. A Summary of the Fourth Canadian Hazen Conference. "The Renewal of the University," an address by Karl Jaspers at the Inauguration of the Medical Courses at the University of Heidelberg, 15 August 1945. "What areas of knowledge are included in the term 'humanities'" from Trinity College.	4-34
"Is Thucydides' History Relevant Today?"	[197-?]	[197-?]	Lecture, Western tour.	4-35
"The Latter End of Gnaeus Piso"	[196-?]	[196-?]	Paper by unknown person with comments by reader in pencil	5-1
" <i>Phoenix</i> : The Early Days"	1965	1965	Speech by White on the first 20 years of <i>Phoenix</i> given at the meeting of the Classical Association of Canada in Vancouver: two versions, one slightly shorter.	5-2
Speech to Branksome Hall	1971	1971	Speech by White on 8 October 1971 at Branksome Hall, Toronto, in which she discusses the meaning of the Delphic Oracle's maxim - Know thyself.	5-3
Speech at Trinity College	[1965]	[1965]	Speech by White in which she defends the value of the humanities.	5-4
"United Nations Organizations in Ancient Greece"	[195-]	[195-]	37-page handwritten paper. 11-page untitled handwritten paper on humanism and rationalism in ancient Greece.	5-5
"The University of the Future"	1976	1976	Typewritten comment by White at Symposium "The University of the Future," held in Ottawa, 4-7 May 1976. Brochure from the conference.	5-6

Untitled speech	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten speech on the history of classical Greece.	5-7
William Pitkin Wallace	1965	1965	Tributes from White and others for William P. Wallace after his sudden death. Includes list of his publications.	5-8

SERIES 3: EXAMINATION PAPERS

Dates of creation:

1873-1969

Extent:

5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of examinations in Greek and Latin translation, mostly from Cambridge University for the years 1891-95. These appear to be the papers of Miss J.J. Stuart from Newnham and Trinity Colleges, Cambridge. There are also four Latin prose tests that White wrote for Dr Jolliffe, and a Greek and Roman History exam from 1969.

Box/file listing

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/FILE #
Examination Papers Latin Prose	1873	1892	Latin prose examinations from Trinity College, Cambridge.	5-9
Examination Papers Greek Prose	1891	1893	Greek prose examinations from Newnham College, Cambridge	5-10
Examination Papers Greek Prose	1893	1893	As above.	5-11
Latin Prose Tests	1928	1929	White's Latin Prose tests from course taught by Dr Jolliffe.	5-12
Graduate Examination Greek and Roman History 1204	1969	1969	In Greek	5-13

SERIES 4: LECTURE NOTES ON GREEK AND ROMAN HISTORY
Dates of creation:

1921-1971

Extent:

15 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of reading and lecture notes in Greek and Roman history.

Box/file listing

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
"Athenian Democracy: structure & spirit"	[195-]	[195-]	Pages 5-8 of a paper on topic with comments from someone else. Handwritten notes by White.	5-14
Athens and Aegina 491-490 B.C.	[195-]	[195-]	Two timelines for events.	5-15
Bibliographies and chronologies	[196-]	[196-]	Bibliographies and chronologies for ancient Greece.	5-16
Bibliography Roman History	[196-]	[196-]	Typed and handwritten materials.	5-17
Catilinarian Conspiracy	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten and typed copies of this paper by White.	5-18
Cicero	[195-]	[195-]	Handwritten outline of life of Cicero, 12 pages.	5-19
Roman History - Civil War	[195-]	[195-]	Handwritten lecture notes for period of Caesar and Pompey.	5-20
Cyrene	[195-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	5-21
Delphi and Olympia	[195-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	5-22
Geographic Conditions of the Mediterranean Area	[195-]	[195-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	5-23
Greek 322 - Greek History	1970	1971	Bibliography, reading list and other notes for Greek 322 course.	5-24
Greek History - 4th century	[195-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	5-25

Greek Influence on Rome	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	5-26
Herodotus as Historian	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten and typed lecture notes on the life of Herodotus.	6-1
The Kimmerians	1921	1921	Notes from Lehmann-Haupt.	6-2
Megara	[195-]	[195-]	Rough notes for lecture.	6-3
The Oligarchic Revolution of 411 B.C.	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes plus a paper from a student.	6-4
Peloponnesian War I	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	6-5
Peloponnesian War II	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	6-6
Last Phase of Peloponnesian War	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	6-7
The Pentakontaetia	[196-]	[196-]	Chronology and bibliography.	6-8
Persian Wars	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	6-9
Roman History - Civil Wars	[195-]	[195-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	6-10
Roman History 133	[195-]	[195-]	Handwritten lecture notes.	6-11
Theognis	[196-]	[196-]	White's commentary on paper written by Douglas Young on Theognis. Also letter to Young dated 20 April 1964 perhaps from Wallace McLeod,	6-12
Thucydides	[196-]	[196-]	Handwritten notes.	6-13
Thucydides - bibliographies	1971	1971	Material for graduate course on Thucydides. Correspondence with a student from the United States.	6-14

SERIES 5: PAPERS WRITTEN BY OTHERS
Dates of creation:

1960-1974

Extent:

5 cm of textual records

Scope and content:

Series consists of papers and offprints of works by other people, probably relating to submissions to *Phoenix*.

Box/file listing

FOLDER/UNIT TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	CONTENTS	BOX/ FILE #
Two papers from T.F. Carney	1965	1966	Two papers from T.F. Carney: "The Analysis of Literary Images" and "Content Analysis and the Study of Ancient Literature."	6-15
Comments on the birth of Athenian democracy, 511/10-501/0	[197-]	[197-]	Paper from unidentified student with comments from White.	6-16
"The Historian and the Nation"	[1967]	[1967]	Paper by Richard M. Saunders on Canadian history.	6-17
Two student papers	[196-]	[196-]	One paper a chronology and the other paper titled "Poroi: revenues from fish and related sources." No authors or dates given.	6-18
"Laws and Law Courts in the Athenian Agora"	1960	1961	Paper submitted for comments by Homer Thompson from Princeton.	6-19
"Le livre VIII de Thucydide et la politique de Sparte en Asie Mineure"	1971	1971	Folder notes author as S. Van de Maele and <i>Phoenix</i> 1971.	6-20
"Pisistratid Chronology Again"	[197-]	[197-]	Paper by P.J. Rhodes, with handwritten comments from White.	6-21
"The Repute of Tacitus"	[196-]	[196-]	Paper by G.V. Sumner.	6-22
"The Sanctuary of Theseus in Athens"	1964	1965	Paper by Homer Thompson submitted for critique.	6-23
"Thucydides: A Current Evaluation"	[196-]	[196-]	Paper by M.F. McGregor.	6-24

"Thucydides and Hellanicus"	1969	1969	No author given. File includes handwritten letter to Mary from "John" commenting on paper.	6-25
"Athens and the Archidamian War"	[196-]	[196-]	Photocopy of article from unknown journal by Raphael Sealey from Wales.	6-26
Miscellaneous		1974	Tribute to Professor Alister Cameron on his retirement. Series of drawings and maps depicting ancient Greece. Photograph of Hephaestion, a temple overlooking the Agora, near the Acropolis.	6-27