

CENTRE D'ARCHIVES DE LA GRANDE ZONE ARGILEUSE
Archival Description

Title: Fonds Alan Pope (AP)

Dates: 1973-2006.

Extent of descriptive unit: 6.35 m of photographic, textual and other documents.

Administrative history or biography: Alan William Pope was the Cochrane South representative (Timmins-James Bay), at the Legislative Assembly of Ontario from 1977 to 1990. Born in Ayr, Scotland on August 2nd 1945, Alan Pope was raised in Timmins, Ontario. He is married to Linda Fillion from Mattice, Ontario and the couple has one son, David. In 1967, he completed a Bachelor of Arts, with a double major in History and in English at Waterloo Lutheran University, now Wilfrid Laurier University. He pursued law studies at the Osgoode Hall Law School at York University and was called to the bar in 1972.

His interest in politics dates back to his undergraduate years at Wilfrid Laurier, where Brian Near, then president of the Progressive Conservative club, recruited him. Alan Pope was very active within the Ontario Progressive Conservative Youth Association and was the national president of the Progressive Conservative Student Federation in 1969-1970. In 1972, he was elected to the Timmins City Council. During the provincial elections of 1975, he ran as the progressive conservative candidate for Cochrane South, but was defeated by NDP candidate, Bill Ferrier. He ran again two years later and was elected as a member for Cochrane South, a seat he held until he retired from politics in 1990.

During his time in politics, Alan Pope was Minister without portfolio (1979-1981), Minister of Natural Resources (1981-1985) as well as Minister of Health and Attorney General of Ontario (1985). During that period, he was also the minister responsible for French services in the province. In 1984-1985, he was a candidate for the leadership of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party. He was known as the "Minister of the North".

After retiring from politics, Alan Pope returned to his law practice. In 2002, l'Université de Hearst awarded him an honorary doctorate in law. He was named Federal Special Representative in consultation towards long-term sustainable solution for Kashechewan First Nation, in 2006.

Alan Pope is now retired.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of textual documents, photos and objects relating to Alan Pope's political career as a member of the provincial legislature for Cochrane South and as minister in the Davis and Miller governments. The fonds also contains documents linked to his community involvements after 1990.

The fonds is composed of eight series:

Alan Pope, créateur du fonds (AP1);
Documents photographiques (AP2);
Alan Pope, député de Cochrane Sud, 1977-1990 (AP3);
Alan Pope, ministre, 1979-1985 (AP4);
Alan Pope, candidat au *leadership* du Parti progressiste-conservateur de l'Ontario, 1985 (AP5);
Alan Pope, engagements après 1990 (AP6);
Crise de Kashechewan et Rapport Pope, 2006 (AP7);
Divers (AP8).

Sources of information: Curriculum vitae of Alan Pope (AP-B2-01); series of interviews with Alan Pope between October 14th 2008 and October 9th 2009; Legislative Assembly of Ontario's website (www.ontla.on.ca).

Physical description: The fonds includes 34 boxes: 18 boxes of textual documents and 16 boxes of photographic documents.

Accompanying material: Series of interviews with Alan Pope where he comments the photographs within the fonds. The interviews were realized by Jonathan Bussi eres as part of his job as an assistant at the Chaire de recherche du Canada en histoire du d veloppement de la Grande Zone argileuse, in 2010.

Immediate source of acquisition: Le Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse acquired the fonds from Alan Pope in 2008, 2017 and in 2018.

Arrangement: The records, once acquired, were organized by the archivist.

Language: The majority of the records are in English, some are in French.

Availability of other formats: 2570 digitized photographs, slides and negatives. Part of this digitized material can be viewed in a FileMaker database. The digitized records are not available online.

Restrictions on access: No restrictions imposed by the donor.

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Finding aids: A research tool is available.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

Descriptors: Pope, Alan
see also Pope, Alan William
see also Pope, Alan W.

Pope Report, 2006
Pope, David
Pope, Grahames (Graye) Agnew
Pope, Reginald
Fillion Pope, Linda
Natural Resources minister – Ontario (Prov.)
Health minister – Ontario (Prov.)
Attorney General – Ontario (Prov.)
Ministry of Indian Affairs – Canada
Politics – Ontario, Northeastern
Cochrane, ON
Hearst, ON
Iroquois Falls, ON
Kashechewan First Nation
Kapusking, ON
Mattice, ON
Timmins, ON
BRamore, ON
Cochrane South – Ontario (Prov.)
see also Timmins-James Bay – Ontario (Prov.)

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