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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
Title:	Paul St. Pierre fonds
ID:	MsC 88
Date:	1940- (date of creation)
Physical description:	17 m of textual records and other material
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Canadian writer Paul St. Pierre was born in Chicago on 14 October 1923, and grew up in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. After a brief period with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he moved to Vancouver in 1945, where he began a career in journalism. Although his career has taken several other turns, St. Pierre has continued to work as a journalist, most notably for The Vancouver Sun, where he was a regular columnist for close to thirty years. He is also widely known for his books. His novels, many of which are set in British Columbia's Chilcotin region, include *Boss of the Namko* (1965), *Chilcotin Holiday* (1979), *Navel of the Moon* (1993), and *Breaking Smiths Quarter Horse* (1966), basis for the Disney film *Smith!* (1969). His works of nonfiction include *British Columbia: Our Land* (1977) and *Old Enough to Know Better* (2002). St. Pierre has also written various scripts for television and the theatre. He was one of the principal scriptwriters for the award-winning CBC series, *Cariboo Country*, a Canadian western set in central British Columbia that aired for eight years during the 1960s. He also wrote, among other television dramas, the acclaimed *Sister Balonika* (1969), and his play *How to Run the Country* was produced by the Vancouver Playhouse in 1967. St. Pierre was the first Canadian to receive the Western Writers of America Spur Award, for his novel *Smith and Other Events* in 1983. In 2000, he was honoured with the Terasen Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding contribution to the literary arts in British Columbia. He also won the Joe Marten Memorial Award for the Preservation of Cowboy Heritage in British Columbia in 2007.

In a departure from his writing activities, St. Pierre served as a Liberal member of Parliament for the riding of Coast Chilcotin from 1968 to 1972 and as Police Commissioner of British Columbia from 1979 to 1983.

St. Pierre has four children and eight grandchildren. He continues to write and divides his time between his homes in Mexico, the Chilcotin, and B.C.'s Fraser Valley

Scope and content

The collection consists of items related to St. Pierre's writing activities and to his work as a politician and police commissioner. Included are published books; magazines and newspapers in which St. Pierre has published his work; correspondence; drafts and manuscripts of books, radio and stage plays, television series episodes, and speeches; film scripts; newspaper columns; essays; reviews and articles about St. Pierre and his writing; and photographs.

Notes

Title notes

Finding aids

An online fonds level finding aid is available at <http://www.lib.sfu.ca/sites/default/files/8910/StPierrePFonds.pdf>

Other notes

- Publication status: published
- Level of detail: Full
- Status description: Published

Access points

- St. Pierre, Paul H. (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Arts and culture (subject)

Series descriptions
