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# Peter Desbarats fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Concordia University Libraries Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Peter Desbarats fonds
<b>ID:</b>	F009
<b>Date:</b>	[196-?] – 1976 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	30 cm of textual records 28 audio cassettes
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Certified Canadian Cultural Property.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Born on July 2, 1933 in Montreal, QC, Peter Desbarats is an accomplished playwright, author, and journalist. From 1981 to 1997 he served as the Dean of Journalism at the University of Western Ontario, a former commissioner for the Somalia Inquiry from 1995 to 1997, and served as the Maclean-Hunter chair in Communications Ethics at Ryerson University in Toronto, ON from 2000-2001.

Desbarats has published several works including *Canada Lost / Canada Found: The Search for a New Nation*, *Radio and Television News: the Roles of Public and Private Broadcasters*, and *Some Other Critical Issues*, *René: A Canadian in Search of a Country*, *René Lévesque ou le projet inachevé*, and *The State of Quebec: A Journalist's View of the Quiet Revolution*.

Desbarats died February 11, 2014.

### Custodial history

Materials were donated by Peter Desbarats.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds contains records relating to the research and writing of Peter Desbarats' monograph *René: A Canadian in Search of a Country*. Material consists of transcripts, notes, manuscript and typed drafts and corrections, and correspondence between Desbarats and René Levesque and Desbarats and Dick Brown from *Canadian Magazine*.

The fonds is divided into three series:

F009/A Interviews

F009/B Manuscripts

F009/C Correspondence

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the provenance of the fonds.

### Physical condition

Some textual materials are stained. The rest are in good condition.

### Immediate source of acquisition

Materials were donated by Peter Desbarats to Concordia University Libraries in 1998.

### Arrangement

Original order has been preserved.

### Conditions governing use

Reproduction for research or private study is permitted.

Use of material in publications cannot be done without written permission of the copyright holder.

### Finding aids

Box list is available.

### Accruals

No further accruals expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final
- **Conservation:** Materials were placed in acid free archival folders and archival boxes. Paper clips and staples have been removed.
- **Rights:** Copyright held by creator(s).

## Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Nonfiction (subject)
- Biographies (documents) (subject)
- Journalism (subject)
- Montreal (place)

## Series descriptions

### Series F009/A: Interviews

Date: [196-?] – 1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records relating to interviews conducted during the writing of Peter Desbarats's book René: A Canadian in Search of a Country. Material consists of interview transcripts, notes and audio cassettes of taped interviews. Interviews were conducted with Quebec and Canadian politicians, lawyers, journalists, professors, and editors.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual material  
28 audio cassettes.

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Draft questions for the Lévesque-Desbarats interview	[196-]		
02	File - Transcript of Lévesque-Desbarats interview	[196-?]		
03	File - Interview excerpts	[197-?]		
04	File - Interview notes	[197-?]		
05	File - Interview transcripts	[197-?]		
06	File - Interview transcripts	1976		
07	File - Interview notes	[1976?]		
08	File - Interview notes	[197-]		
09	File - Interview notes	[197-]		
10	File - List of interviewees	[197-]		
11	File - Interview notes	[197-]		

12	File - Transcript of Lévesque-Desbarats interview [197-]
F009-AT-01	Item - Interview with Marie Claire Kirkland-Casgrain Interview by Peter Desbarats 1973
F009-AT-02	Item - Interview with Jean Marchand Interview by Peter Desbarats 1973  <u>Note:</u>  Cassette 1 of 2
F009-AT-03	Item - Interview with Jean Marchand Interview by Peter Desbarats 1973  <u>Note:</u>  Cassette 2 of 2
F009-AT-04	Item - Interview with Eric Gourdeau [1973?] Interview by Peter Desbarats  <u>Note:</u>  Cassette 1 of 2
F009-AT-05	Item - Interview with Eric Gourdeau [1973?] Interview by Peter Desbarats  <u>Note:</u>  Cassette 2 of 2
F009-AT-06	Item - Interview with Gérard Pelletier 1973 Interview by Peter Desbarats  <u>Note:</u>  Cassette 1 of 2.
F009-AT-07	Item - Interview with Gérard Pelletier 1973 Interview by Peter Desbarats  <u>Note:</u>  General note: Cassette 2 of 2.
F009-AT-08	Item - Interview with Georges-Emile Lapalme 1973 Interview by Peter Desbarats  <u>Note:</u>  Cassette 1 of 2.
F009-AT-09	Item - Interview with Georges-Emile Lapalme 1973 Interview by Peter Desbarats  <u>Note:</u>

	Cassette 2 of 2.	
F009-AT-10	Item - Interview with Claude Ducharme Interview by Peter Desbarats <u>Note:</u> Cassette 1 of 2.	[1973?]
F009-AT-11	Item - Interview with Claude Ducharme Interview by Peter Desbarats <u>Note:</u> Cassette 2 of 2	[1973?]
F009-AT-12	Item - Interview with George Marler Interview by Peter Desbarats <u>Note:</u> Cassette 1 of 2.	1973
F009-AT-13	Item - Interview with George Marler Interview by Peter Desbarats <u>Note:</u> Cassette 2 of 2.	1973
F009-AT-14	Item - Interview with François Aquin Interview by Peter Desbarats <u>Note:</u> Cassette 1 of 2.	1973
F009-AT-15	Item - Interview with François Aquin Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-16	Item - Interview with Paul Gérin-Lajoie Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-17	Item - Interview with Jean Marchand Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-18	Item - Interview with Marc Brière Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-19	Item - Interview with Michel Bélanger Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-20	Item - Interview with Pierre Bourgault and Maurice Sauvé Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-21	Item - Interview with Claude Ryan Interview by Peter Desbarats	[1972] or [1973]
F009-AT-22	Item - Interview with André Larocque Interview by Peter Desbarats	1976
F009-AT-23	Item - Interview with John de B. Payne Interview by Peter Desbarats	[1973?]

F009-AT-24	Item - Interview with René Lévesque Interview by Peter Desbarats	1971
F009-AT-25	Item - Interview with Marcel Masse Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-26	Item - Interview with André Bellrose Interview by Peter Desbarats	1973
F009-AT-27	Item - Interview with Camille Laurin Interview by Peter Desbarats	[197-]
F009-AT-28	Item - Unknown interview Interview by Peter Desbarats	[197-]

### Series F009/B: Correspondence

Date: 1969 – 1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records relating to the Peter Desbarats fonds. Material consists of a letter from René Lévesque to Desbarats with comments regarding Desbarats' manuscript and a letter from Dick Brown of Canadian Magazine discussing certain topics and articles for the magazine regarding René Lévesque and his party.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Letter from René Lévesque	1976		
02	File - Letter from Dick Brown from Canadian Magazine	1969		

### Series F009/C: Manuscripts

Date: [196-?] – 1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records relating to the writing of Peter Desbarats' book. Material consists of typed and manuscript drafts of the monograph, notations and corrections made by Desbarats and Lévesque, Desbarats preface to "The State of Quebec," and copies of his introduction and postscript for the paperback edition.

Physical description: 17 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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01	File - Photocopy of edited typescript of the book René: A Canadian in Search of a Country	1976
02	File - Photocopy of edited typescript of the book René: A Canadian in Search of a Country	1976
03	File - Photocopy of edited typescript of the book René: A Canadian in Search of a Country	1976
04	File - Photocopy of edited typescript of the book René: A Canadian in Search of a Country	1976
05	File - Photocopy of edited typescript of the book René: A Canadian in Search of a Country	1976
06	File - Photocopy of edited typescript of the book René: A Canadian in Search of a Country	1976
07	File - Typescript of the book with manuscript notes and corrections	[197-]
08	File - Typescript of the book with manuscript notes and corrections	[197-]
09	File - Typescript of the book with manuscript notes and corrections	[197-]
10	File - Typescript of the book with manuscript notes and corrections	[197-]
11	File - Typescript of the book with manuscript notes and corrections	[197-]
12	File - Typescript of the book with manuscript notes and corrections	[197-]
13	File - Copy of the manuscript	[197-]
14	File - Copy of the manuscript	[197-]
15	File - Copy of the manuscript	[197-]
16	File - Copy of the manuscript	[197-]
17	File - Copy of the manuscript	[197-]
18	File - Typescript with notations	[196-?]
19	File - Manuscript by Lévesque	[197-?]
20	File - Typescript to preface "The State of Quebec"	[196-?]
21	File - Carbon copy of typescript	[196-?]
22	File - Notes for introduction	[197-?]
23	File - Manuscript for postscript	[197-]
24	File - Photocopy of postscript and introduction	[197-]