

Fonds: Hon. J. Elmer Blanchard fonds

Reference code: F 18

Dates of creation: 1937-1966

Physical description:

4 volumes of textual records (scrapbooks)

28 photographs : black and white prints

2 artifacts : track team bibs

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of four scrapbooks created by the Hon. J. Elmer Blanchard that mostly documents his years spent at Prince of Wales College (PWC) and St. Dunstan's University (SDU). The scrapbooks contain textual records, photographs, and artifacts.

Textual records consist of: newspaper and magazine clippings; programs for athletic events, commencements, banquets, convocation dances, and junior proms; an article and advertisement; dance cards; tickets for dances, diners, and sport events; invitations to convocations, convocation dances, and the ordination of Reverend Joseph Mullally. Also includes Blanchard's personal records that consist of: his baptismal certificate; school transcripts; examination results; Grade V certificate of completion; PWC student card; National Registration Certificate; and his Certificate of Award as Valedictorian of the class of 1946.

Photographs include images of: Queen Square School Cadet Corps Officers; PWC rugby teams and rugby team members; PWC students; PWC football teams and an intercollegiate football team; PWC hockey teams; PWC student councils; PWC Times Staff; PWC 1946 graduation class; Blanchard and Clayton Nicolle at their 1946 graduation; QSS (Queen Square School) Cadet Corps Officers; as well as the Hon. Alex B. Campbell's Cabinet.

Artifacts include track team bibs. One is a PWC track team bib with the number 5 on muslin. Inscriptions on this bib reference David E. Cornish, Maurice DeLory, Dick Bagnall, Arnold H. Lane, and Mac Beck. The second track team bib has the number 8, with Elmer Blanchard's name inscribed on the back.

Biographical sketch:

Jeremiah Elmer Blanchard was born on March 6, 1927, in Charlottetown, PEI. His parents were J. Henri Blanchard, an Acadian historian and Vice-Principal of Prince of Wales College (PWC), and Ursule Gallant. He attended local schools, including Model School and Queen Square School, before graduating from PWC in 1946 and St. Dunstan's University (SDU) in 1948.

While in school, Blanchard participated in rugby, football, track and field, and hockey. He played on the PWC hockey team from 1943 to 1946 for which he and teammates

Clayton Nicolle and Wilmont Robertson were inducted into the UPEI Sports Hall of Fame in 2003 as the Prince of Wales Hockey Line 1943-1946. Blanchard also played for the St. Dunstan's University (SDU) hockey team from 1946 to 1948, which was also inducted into the UPEI Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 as the SDU Men's Hockey Team 1946-1947.

After Blanchard graduated from SDU with a Bachelor of Arts degree, he articled in the firm of H. F. MacPhee and Trainor and was called to the PEI Bar in 1953. He served on the executive of the PEI Law Society and the Canadian Bar Association and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1966.

On September 17, 1955, Blanchard married Jean Aylward of Tignish, and together they raised four children: Yvette, Denyse, Adrienne, and Alfred.

In 1966, Blanchard was elected as a Liberal MLA for 5th Queens and was re-elected in 1970. He served as Minister of Labour and Manpower Resources and later as Minister of Justice and Attorney General. Blanchard also acted as Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor and held leadership roles in civic organizations such as the Charlottetown Junior Board of Trade, the Charlottetown Club, and the Knights of Columbus. He was also a Captain in the Supplementary Reserve of the Canadian Army.

Jeremiah Elmer Blanchard died on September 20, 1970, while tuna fishing. At the time of his death, he was still serving as the Attorney General of PEI. He is buried in the People's Roman Catholic Cemetery in Charlottetown, PEI.

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The records were donated by the Hon. J. Elmer Blanchard's wife Jean Blanchard in August of 2025.

Related Material:

- New research findings compel the Prince Edward Island government to oppose legalization of marijuana : a brief presented to the Federal Commission of Inquiry into the non-medical use drugs, at Charlottetown, Feb. 21, 1970, by J. Elmer Blanchard [HV5840.C3B53 PEI.OSZ]
- [Elmer Blanchard](#), Centre de recherche acadien de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

Associated Material:

n/a

Accruals:

Further accruals may be expected.

Former codes:

2025-012

How to:

Consult the online list to identify the records that you require. Order using reference code and container number.

Finding Aid:

- File list available.
- The scrapbooks have been digitized. Please consult with the University Archivist for information on how to access.

Authority Records:

Person:

Blanchard, J. Elmer

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Variant name:

Blanchard, Jeremiah Elmer
Blanchard, the Hon. J. Elmer