

# **The Law Society of Upper Canada Archives**

Edward J. Houston collection

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**Biographical Sketch**

Edward James Houston was born on September 15th, 1918, in Arnprior, Ontario. Houston attended the University of Toronto, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1947. He was admitted to Osgoode Hall Law School that same year, and was called to the Bar in 1950. Houston served as an Assistant Crown Attorney in Ottawa from 1950 until 1952, when he resigned to go into private practice. He was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1961. In January of 1975, Houston was appointed a County Court Judge with the York Judicial District Court. He served with that court until 1982, when he was appointed a Judge-at-Large with the Ottawa-Carleton Judicial District Court. He served as a judge with that court from 1985 to 1988, and as a supernumerary judge from 1988 to 1990. In 1990, Houston was appointed a supernumerary judge with the Ontario Court of Justice (General) for Ottawa-Carleton. Houston retired from the bench in 1993. Houston was involved with the Advocates' Society of Ontario, having served as a director and vice-president. From 1978 to 1981, Houston served as a Commissioner with the Law Reform Commission of Canada. He also worked as an Umpire under the Unemployment Insurance Act and as a Commissioner of the Canada Pension Commission. Houston was a founder of the Eastern Professional Hockey League and was appointed the first president of the organization. Houston would later serve as an arbitrator for the National Hockey League. In 1989, Houston was inducted into the Ottawa Sports Hall of Fame. Houston died in Ottawa on May 27th, 2003.

**Immediate Source of Acquisiton**

The material in this collection was donated to the Archives by William T. Houston, son of Edward J. Houston, in October of 2008.

**Scope and Content**

[1949?]-1988

3 cm of textual records

1 photograph : col. ; 21.6 x 35.3 cm

Collection consists of programmes for various legal events, a letter, an Osgoode Hall Law School students' handbook, and a photograph, all maintained by Edward J. Houston. A signed copy of "The Honourable Society of Osgoode Hall" by C.H.A. Armstrong, which originated from the library of Sir Lyman Duff, has been transferred to the Archives' reference library.

<u>Reference code</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2008048-001	Law students' handbook 1949-1950	[1949?]
2008048-002	Letter from C.H.A. Armstrong to Sir Lyman Duff	9 Dec. 1952
2008048-003	Dinner by the Advocates' Society of Ontario in honour of the Bench and Bar of England	9 May 1972
2008048-004	Programme from dinner to honour Justice G. Arthur Martin	14 June 1974
2008048-005	Programme from dinner to honour Arthur Edward Maloney	16 Jan. 1976
2008048-006	Award of Excellence programme	1986
2008048-007	Programme from dinner to honour Justice G. Arthur Martin	29 Apr. 1988
2008048-01P	Photograph of attendees at dinner to honour Justice G. Arthur Martin	29 Apr. 1988