

<b>Title:</b>	Honourable Robert S.K. Welch Fonds, 1969-1989, n.d. (non-inclusive)		
<b>Creator:</b>	Ontario Editorial Bureau		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1969-1989, n.d. (non-inclusive)	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 75-58
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p data-bbox="446 415 1404 487"><b>Correspondence, Clippings and Speeches, 1969, 1972-1976, 1978-1980, 1982-1987</b></p> <p data-bbox="446 527 1388 703">1.1 Mr. Welch is appointed as Provincial Secretary for social services. He is the main spokesman to the public for education, housing and welfare. Included is information on Dr. Wright, Mr. Welch's new deputy in the restructured department. A speech entitled <i>The Human Ascent</i> by the Honourable Robert Welch is included, 1972</p> <p data-bbox="446 743 1396 888">1.2 Mr. Welch acts within his role as Provincial Secretary for social services to announce the establishment of an Advisory Council on the Status of Women. Robert Welch is named as the Minister of Housing – It is felt that housing needs a full-time minister, includes 1 b&amp;w photo, 1973</p> <p data-bbox="446 928 1404 1104">1.3 As Culture and Recreation Minister, Bob Welch hints that the province may be willing to help in the development of a historical project involving old Welland Canal lands. Mr. Welch announces that after the Provincial election he will no longer represent the people of the Riding of Lincoln, 1975</p> <p data-bbox="446 1144 1409 1289">1.4 Includes remarks by the Honourable Robert Welch, Minister of Culture and Recreation to the Advertising and Sales Club of St. Catharines. Plans are made to celebrate Mr. Welch's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his first appointment to the Ontario cabinet, 1976</p> <p data-bbox="446 1329 1380 1436">1.5 A speech given at a fundraising dinner for a C.A.T. Scanner at the St. Catharines General Hospital, a speech at the Shaw Festival and a speech given at Planar which is a division of Electrohome Limited, 1982-1983</p> <p data-bbox="446 1476 1421 1766">1.6 A speech given at the formal opening of the Municipality of Niagara Headquarters, a speech given at the Weir Museum and a speech given at the official opening of the new facilities at Marineland. The file includes Bob Welch being signed in as Ontario's first Deputy Premier by Lieutenant Governor the Honourable John Black Aird. Also included is Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, Brian Peckford's visit to Niagara-on-the-Lake and Fort George. Issues on the status of women are addressed, includes 1 b&amp;w photo, 1983</p> <p data-bbox="446 1806 1364 1913">1.7 Included is a report on the Flood Plain Review Committee on Flood Plain Management in Ontario and plans for Janet Carnochan commemorative ceremonies, 1984</p>		

	<p>1.8 Information on the event to honour Canadian pioneer Janet Carnochan including <i>A Tribute to Miss Janet</i> by Robert S.K. Welch. Floodplan management is included in this file as well as a speech given to the Association of Businessmen in Bangkok, Thailand. The Bicentennial Medal Presentation Ceremonies are also included, includes 1 b&amp;w photo, 1984</p> <p>1.9 Welch is appointed as chancellor of Brock University. Welch is appointed to Kidd Creek's Mines Board of Directors, 1985</p> <p>1.10 This file includes a history of Lancaster, Mix and Welch. Mr. Welch joins the Board of the Ontario Editorial Bureau. Information is included about a retirement party for Bob Welch, 1986</p> <p>1.11 Correspondence and clippings, 1987</p> <p>1.12 Speeches by Robert S.K. Welch regarding the St. Catharines Folk Festival, the Folk Arts Council Multicultural Centre, the Ontario Native Arts Festival and the Hamilton Folk Arts Council, 1969, 1973, 1975, 1978-1980, 1983</p> <p><b>Publications, 1982, 1984, 1987, 1989</b></p> <p>1.13 <i>Trillium Exploration Corporation Year in Review, Ontario Energy Corporation Annual Report, Bob Welch Reports, OHS Bulletin, What's Up Niagara</i> featuring Bob Welch and <i>Lancaster Trials and Tribune</i> 1982, 1984, 1987, 1989</p> <p><b>Photos, 1983, n.d.</b></p> <p>1.14 Forty six coloured photos of Fort George and another events, 1983, n.d.</p>
<p><b>Physical Description / Condition:</b></p>	<p>15 cm. (1/2box) containing correspondence and promotional material, 3 b&amp;w photos, 46 col. photos</p>

<p><b>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</b></p>	<p>Mr. Welch attended elementary and secondary school in St. Catharines. He graduated from McMaster University in 1949 with a B.A. He graduated from Osgoode Hall Law School and was called to the Ontario Bar in 1953. He was granted an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by Brock University in 1971.</p> <p>Robert S.K. Welch had an impressive career. He was the President of the Lincoln County Progressive Conservative Association from 1957-1963. Mr. Welch was elected as M.P.P. for Lincoln in 1963. He was the Provincial Secretary, Minister of Citizenship and Registrar General from November 1966 to March of 1971. In 1967, he was re-elected to the Legislature. He was a member of the Treasury Board from 1968 to 1971 and served as Government House Leader from July of 1969 to March of 1971. Mr. Welch was the minister responsible for the Civic Service Commission and Department of Civil Service. He was also the Minister of Education from 1971 to 1972. In 1971, he was re-elected to the Legislature. He became the Provincial Secretary for Justice and the Attorney General from February of 1974 to January of 1975 and served as the Minister of Housing from 1973 to 1974. He was the Minister of Culture and Recreation from 1975 to 1978. In 1975, he was re-elected to Legislature as a member for Brock. He was appointed Government House Leader in September of 1975 and was re-elected again in 1977. He was appointed as Deputy Premier in 1977 and was appointed as Provincial Secretary for Justice in 1978 and subsequently, Minister of Energy in 1979. His re-election to legislature came in 1981 and he was appointed as Minister Responsible for Women's Issues in 1983. He was sworn-in as Deputy Premier on June 30, 1983.</p> <p>Bob Welch returned to his law practice, Lancaster, Mix and Welch after leaving politics. He served as Chancellor of Brock University from 1985 until his death in 2000. He was a lay preacher in the Anglican Church and he served as Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese in Niagara from 1965 until 1992. He became a recipient of the Order of Canada in 1994.</p>
<p><b>Location:</b></p>	<p>Brock University Archives</p>
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<p><b>Related material held at other repositories:</b></p>	<p>Robert S. K. Welch scrapbooks, 1963-1964, 1967-1968, 1971-1979, 1981, 1984. RG 175</p>		
<p><b>Described by:</b></p>	<p>Anne Adams</p>	<p><b>Date:</b></p>	<p>May 18, 2016</p>