

**Fonds:** Leonard Cusack fonds

**Reference code:** F 11

**Dates of creation:**

[1914]-2009 [Photocopied 1990-2008]

**Physical description:**

15.5 centimetres of textual records

64 photographs (252.1 MB) : black and white (tiff)

45 architectural drawings : photomechanical reproductions

27 photographs : black and white prints

1 photograph : black and white negative

1 sketch : pen on paper

**Scope and content:**

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Photographs include images of the Dalton Sanatorium, patients, and staff, including Nurse Mary (Campbell) Coady. Also includes images of Sir Charles Dalton and Prince Edward Island (PEI) Premiers John Bell, Aubin Arsenault, James David Stewart, and John Alexander Mathieson. Other images include a silver fox, Queen Street in Charlottetown, a rural farming scene, as well as some images of architectural drawings.

Architectural drawings document the following aspects of the Dalton Sanatorium: the Heather House; Vocational Building; the water mains; Power House, Chimney; Wood Tank; Pump House, Medical Officer's Residence; Pavilion for Men; Patients Pavilion; Plumbing layout; Open Pavilion; and the addition to the Administrative Building.

The sketch is of the water tower at the Dalton Sanatorium that was drawn by Leonard MacDonald in 2005.

**Biographical sketch:**

Leonard J. Cusack was born on June 24, 1946, in Emyvale, PEI, to John and Mary (Bradley) Cusack. He graduated from Saint Dunstan's University in 1969 and also obtained a Bachelor of Education Degree from UPEI, as well as a Master of Arts degree in Canadian history from the University of New Brunswick.

Cusack worked as a teacher and principal, a public servant, and sessional lecturer in history at the University of Prince Edward Island. From 2006 to 2016, he represented PEI on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

He married Catherine Duffy on July 19, 1969. They have five children and nine grandchildren.

Cusack's publications include: *A Magnificent Gift Declined: The Dalton Sanatorium of Prince Edward Island 1913-1923*; *A Party for Progress: The P.E.I. Conservative Party 1770-2000*; *Owen Connolly: The Making of a Legacy 1820–2016*; and *Caught in a Changing Society: St. Dunstan's University 1950–1969*.

**Restrictions on Access:**

See series descriptions for further information.

**Terms Governing Use:**

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**Immediate Source of Acquisition:**

The records were donated by Leonard Cusack in 2024.

**Related Material:**

- *The Prince Edward Island People and the Great Depression, 1930-1935* (Fredericton: University of New Brunswick, 1972). [[HB3717 1929.C87 PEI](#)]
- *Readings in Prince Edward Island History, compiled by Harry Baglole* (Charlottetown: PEI Department of Education, 1976). [[FC2611.B34](#)]
- Exploring Island history : a guide to the historical resources of Prince Edward Island, edited by Harry Baglole (Belfast: Ragweed Press, 1977) [[FC2611.E87 1977](#)]
- *A Magnificent Gift Declined: the Dalton Sanatorium of Prince Edward Island, 1913-1923* (Charlottetown: Island Studies Press, 2009). [[RA309.5.C3C88 2009](#)]
- *A Party for Progress: the P.E.I Progressive Conservative Party, 1770-2000* (Charlottetown: Retromedia Publishing, 2013). [[JL219.A8P76 2013](#)]
- *Owen Connolly: The Making of a Legacy 1820-2016* (Charlottetown: Island Studies Press, 2017). [[FC2621.1.C65C87 2017](#)]
- *Caught in a Changing Society: St. Dunstan's University, 1950-1969* (Charlottetown: Island Studies Press, 2022). [[LE3.S2C87 2022](#)]

**Associated Material:**

n/a

**Accruals:**

Further accruals may be expected.

**Former codes:**

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**How to order:**

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**Finding Aid:**

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**Authority Record:**

*Person:*

Cusack, Leonard J.

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**Series Arrangement:**

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