Gove (Harry) papers

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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical note

Harry Edmund Gove was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on 22 May 1922. From 1944 to 1945, he served as a lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Navy. He went on to earn his doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1950. For seven years he was the branch head of nuclear physics at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited in Chalk River, Ontario. In 1963, he became a professor of physics at the University of Rochester where he also served as director of the Nuclear Structure Research Laboratory until 1988. In 1992, he became professor emeritus of physics at the University. Gove eventually moved back to Canada, continuing his work as an adjunct professor of physics at the University of Toronto in 1997.

Gove was renowned in the field of physics for his work in carbon dating using accelerator mass spectrometry. Most notably, he helped to carbon date the Shroud of Turin. In 1996 Gove published a book on the process that he and his colleagues used for the project called *Relic,*

Icon, or Hoax: Carbon Dating the Turin Shroud. (1996). His second book, *From Hiroshima to the Iceman.* (1998), discusses the process of carbon dating other historical artifacts.

Outside of his academic pursuits, Gove was an energetic advocate for social justice and civil rights. A year after the Rochester riots of July 1964, African-American community leaders including Minister Franklin Florence organized FIGHT. Choosing a name that stood for "Freedom, Integration, God, Honor, Today" (the "I" was changed in 1967 to stand for "Independence"), this activist organization aimed to address Rochester's de facto segregation and the social problems that resulted from it. FIGHT (referred to in the finding aid by this acronym) aimed to improve African Americans' opportunities for economic success in Rochester, develop urban neighborhoods, improve education, and inspire political activism and community involvement among African Americans in the city. Gove was a dedicated member of Friends of FIGHT, a separate organization developed by concerned whites in order to show their support for FIGHT. The unclear role that Friends of FIGHT had as a supporting group to FIGHT led to the creation of a new group in late 1968. This organization, called Metro-Act, aimed to advance social justice and racial equality within the city of Rochester and Monroe County, as well as nationally. As president of Metro-Act, Gove served as liaison between Metro-Act, FIGHT, the Community Chest of Rochester (now the United Way), and other activist groups as well as local government.

Gove was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation in Penfield, New York, and was involved in the Penfield Human Relations Council, among other groups. He was a member of the Friends of the University of Rochester Libraries and served on the Friends Executive Committee as chair of the Faculty and Staff Membership Committee in 1999. In addition, he was a patron of the arts, particularly of film, and he enjoyed travelling and gardening.

Gove died on 18 February 2009.

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Scope and Contents

The Harry Gove Papers include three series: Activism; Career and Leisure Activities; and Publications and Clippings Collected by Gove. The first series, Activism (1965-1971), consists primarily of Friends of FIGHT and Metro-Act materials such as meeting minutes and information about initiatives. This series also includes Gove's own notes from his involvement. The second series, Career and Leisure Activities (1955-1971), includes a limited number of notes and tests from Gove's work as a professor at the University of Rochester as well as records of events at the University, some of which relate to activism. It also contains materials from Gove's leisure activities in Rochester, Canada, and abroad. The third series, Publications and Clippings Collected by Gove, consists largely of news clippings from the late 1960s and early 1970s, including those Gove assembled into two scrapbooks. A larger scrapbook includes news articles related to FIGHT and Metro-Act from 1969-1971. The pages of a smaller scrapbook include news articles on police action in Rochester during the summer of 1970.

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Administrative Information

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Access

The Harry Gove Papers are open for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation Department prior to visiting. Upon arrival, researchers will also be asked to fill out a registration form and provide photo identification.

Use

In consultation with a curator, reproductions may be made upon request. Permission to publish materials from the collection must be requested from a curator. Researchers are responsible for determining any copyright questions.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Harry Gove donated his papers to Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation on 3 May 2005.

Processing Information

This collection was processed by Megan Wilson in 2015. Additional work on the collection was completed by Emma Morgan in 2015.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

The following publications were removed and are available as cataloged materials:

Publications relating to activism:

Crusader's Press, circa 1970-1971

Fighton Today, circa 1969

Metro Logue, July 1969-15 July 1971

University of Rochester publications:

Annual Report, Strong Memorial Hospital, 1 July 1968-30 June 1969

Dedication of Nuclear Structure Research Laboratory, University of Rochester, 1 June 1967

Rochester Review, summer 1969

University of Rochester Library Bulletin, fall 1967

University Record, September 1969, July/August 1970, July/August 1971

UR Journal, 8 January 1970

Where Is the University of Rochester?, circa 1970

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Controlled Access Headings

- African Americans--Civil rights
- Human rights workers
- Physicists
- New York (State)--Rochester
- Minutes (Records)
- Newspaper clippings
- Gove, H. E. (Harry Edmund), 1922-
- University of Rochester -- Faculty
- Freedom, Integration, God, Honor, Today (Organization)

- Metro-Act of Rochester, Inc.

Collection Inventory

Series I: Activism, (1965-1971)

Title/Description	Instances
Friends of FIGHT, (circa 1965-December 1967) **Scope and Contents** Selected materials include proposed by-laws, application information, resolutions, and meeting information, as well as information about negotiations between Fight and Kodak over the latter's hiring practices.	Box 1 Folder 1
Friends of FIGHT, FIGHT, and Kodak, (1966-1967)	Box 1 Folder 2
Friends of FIGHT: education, (1967-1968)	Box 1 Folder 3
Friends of FIGHT: housing and jobs, (1967-1968)	Box 1 Folder 4
Friends of FIGHT: housing, 1968 **Scope and Contents** This folder contains *Governing Urban Areas: Strengthening Local Government through Regionalism; the 1968 Report of the Joint Legislative Committee on Metropolitan and Regional Areas Study to the Governor and the Legislature of the State of New York*, 3 March 1968.	Box 1 Folder 5
Friends of FIGHT and Black Feather Fund, (April-June 1968)	Box 1 Folder 6
Friends of FIGHT: Fighton Day, (January 1969, circa 1969) Separated Materials: **Separated Materials** This folder includes the publication *Fighton Today*. Gove donated two copies of this publications; the second copy has been cataloged.	Box 1 Folder 7
Friends of FIGHT: minutes and notes, (November 1967-May 1968)	Box 1

	Folder 8
Friends of FIGHT: development as a group, (January-May 1968)	Box 1 Folder 9
Friends of FIGHT and grape boycott: beginnings, (September-November 1968)	Box 1 Folder 10
Friends of FIGHT: minutes and proposal of new organization, (June-3 November 1968)	Box 2 Folder 1
Metro-Act: beginnings, (14 November 1968-March 1969)	Box 2 Folder 2
Metro-Act: beginnings, (April-May 1969)	Box 2 Folder 3
Metro-Act: membership and notes by Gove, (circa 1968-1969)	Box 2 Folder 4
Metro-Act and Catholic Interracial Council (CIC), (November 1968)	Box 2 Folder 5
Metro-Act and grape boycott, (January-April 1969)	Box 2 Folder 6
Metro-Act and grape boycott, (May-June 1969)	Box 2 Folder 7
Metro-Act and grape boycott, (July-October 1969)	Box 2 Folder 8
Metro-Act and grape boycott, November 1969	Box 2 Folder 9
Metro-Act and grape boycott, (December 1969-June 1970)	Box 2 Folder 10
Metro-Act: minutes and notes, (June-December 1969)	Box 3 Folder 1
Metro-Act convention, policy, and issues report, April 1970	Box 3 Folder 2
Metro-Act: general membership meeting minutes and notes, (December 1969-May 1970)	Box 3 Folder 3
Metro-Act Executive Council meeting minutes, (June 1969-March 1970)	Box 3

	Folder 4
Metro-Act Executive Council meeting mintues, (April-December 1970)	Box 3 Folder 5
Metro-Act Executive Council meeting minutes, (January-April 1971)	Box 3 Folder 6
Metro-Act: housing, (circa 1969-1971)	Box 3 Folder 7
Metro-Act, "Model Cities," and urban planning, (circa 1969)	Box 3 Folder 8
Metro-Act: finances, (November 1969-July 1970)	Box 3 Folder 9
Metro-Act: school breakfast and lunch programs, (August-November 1970)	Box 3 Folder 10
Metro-Act: request for changes to Rochester Community Chest, (February-October 1969)	Box 4 Folder 1
Metro-Act: request for changes to Rochester Community Chest, (October 1969-April 1970)	Box 4 Folder 2
Metro-Act: request for changes to Rochester Community Chest, (March-July 1970, undated)	Box 4 Folder 3
Metro-Act, Rochester Community Chest, and Council of Social Agencies of Rochester and Monroe County, (June-December 1970)	Box 4 Folder 4
Metro-Act, Rochester Community Chest, and The People's Fund, (November 1970-February 1971)	Box 4 Folder 5
Metro-Act and Rochester Community Chest, (February-July 1971)	Box 4 Folder 6
Metro-Act and Rochester Community Chest, (circa 1970) **Scope and Contents** Included is a poster for the Red Feather Fund/The United Way.	Box 4 Folder 7
Metro-Act: convention, policies, and notes, (June 1971)	Box 4 Folder 8
Metro-Act: community health initiatives, (circa 1970)	Box 4

	Folder 9
Metro-Act: community health initiatives, (March-August 1971)	Box 5 Folder 1
Metro-Act: education, (September-December 1969)	Box 5 Folder 2
Metro-Act: education, (March-December 1970)	Box 5 Folder 3
Metro-Act: education, (January-October 1971, undated)	Box 5 Folder 4
Metro-Act: war, peace, and national taxes, circa 1968-1970, undated	Box 5 Folder 5
Metro-Act: war, peace, and national taxes, circa 1969-1970, undated	Box 5 Folder 6
Metro-Act and "Concerned Youth," the war, and the 1970 Presidential election, (1970-1971)	Box 5 Folder 7
Metro-Act: Flower City Conspiracy, Don Prange, and dissention, (August-December 1970)	Box 5 Folder 8
Metro-Act: national priorities committee, (February-June 1971)	Box 5 Folder 9
Metro-Act: civil liberties and police brutality, (October 1970-August 1971)	Box 6 Folder 1
Metro-Act: Rochester and Monroe County taxes, (April 1970-June 1971)	Box 6 Folder 2
Metro-Act: Aquinas Stadium and taxes, (January 1971)	Box 6 Folder 3
Metro-Act: local environment, (1970-1971)	Box 6 Folder 4
Metro-Act: finances, (October-December 1970)	Box 6 Folder 5
Metro-Act: establishing a "free press", (January 1970-April 1971)	Box 6 Folder 6
Metro-Act: religious communities and ministry with Technocrats, (April 1970-February 1971)	Box 6

	Folder 7
Metro-Act and the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, (1968-1971)	Box 6 Folder 8
Metro-Act: *Crusader Press* materials, (January 1970-July 1971)	Box 6 Folder 9
Metro-Act: press statements and talks by Gove, (December 1969-May 1971)	Box 6 Folder 10
Metro-Act, (1970-1971, undated) **Scope and Contents** Selected materials include community goals, an address given by Viola Brown on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, unlabeled notes by Gove, pamphlets, and articles.	Box 7 Folder 1
Metro-Act: notes by Gove, (undated)	Box 7 Folder 2
Metro-Act: policies and information, annotated by Gove, (undated)	Box 7 Folder 3
Metro-Act: addresses and instructions, (undated)	Box 7 Folder 4
Metro-Act and Urban Arts Center, (undated)	Box 7 Folder 5
FIGHT, World Trade Council, and City Club of Rochester materials and correspondence, (circa 1969-1971) **Scope and Contents** Selected materials in this folder include a *Democrat and Chronicle* article on FIGHT's president (26 July 1970); a FIGHT meeting agenda (7 October 1969); an invitation to a testimonial dinner and dance hosted by FIGHT (22 May 1971); an invitation letter to a World Trade Council meeting (17 March 1971); an invitation letter to a breakfast hosted by the City Club (30 March 1971); and a City Club of Rochester lecture series program (1970-1971).	Box 7 Folder 6
New Democratic Party and Democratic Action Committee, (circa 1968-1969)	Box 7 Folder 7
New Democratic Party and Democratic Action Committee, (January 1970-March 1971)	Box 7

	Folder 8
Penfield Human Relations Council and planning committee, (circa 1968)	Box 7 Folder 9
Penfield Human Relations Council and planning committee, (circa 1969)	Box 7 Folder 10
Penfield Human Relations Council and planning committee, (circa 1970)	Box 7 Folder 11
Penfield Action for a Creative Tomorrow (PACT), (circa 1971)	Box 7 Folder 12
Town of Penfield-related publications, (circa 1966-1970)	Box 8 Folder 1
Wyoma Best and David Branch campaign materials for Rochester Board of Education, (June 1970)	Box 8 Folder 2
Materials and course syllabi for "Black Studies," Instructor Bernard Gifford, (circa 1969)	Box 8 Folder 3

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Series II: Career and leisure activities, (1955-1971)

Title/Description	Instances
University of Rochester materials, (1968)	Box 8 Folder 4
University of Rochester materials, (1969-1971)	Box 8 Folder 5
Letter from United States Representative Frank Horton and University of Rochester physics notes and exams, circa 1969, circa 1971	Box 8 Folder 6
Ballet School Association, (1970-1971)	Box 8 Folder 7
Rochester Civic Music Association, (circa 1969)	Box 8 Folder 8
News articles related to Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and Gove's work in physics, (circa 1961)	Box 8 Folder 9
News articles and photographs sent to Gove by Canadian Film Institute, (May 1955)	Box 8 Folder 10

Processing Information:

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These materials were originally in a large envelope, but for preservation purposes were removed. The front of the envelope has been photocopied and included.

News articles from *North Renfrew Times* about town of Deep River, Canada; science; and education, (circa 1958-1959)	Box 8 Folder 11
The Globe and Mail: news articles about modern art, (circa 1961)	Box 8 Folder 12
Travel materials: Australia, (February 1968)	Box 8 Folder 13
Travel materials: Jamaica, (January 1969)	Box 8 Folder 14
Junior Faculteeners, Diana and Polly Gove, circa 1969 **Biographical / Historical** Diana and Polly are Gove's daughters.	Box 8 Folder 15
Correspondence with *Look* magazine, 1968, undated	Box 8 Folder 16
Cosmos Club: letters and announcements, (1968-1970)	Box 9 Folder 1

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Series III: Publications and news clippings collected by Gove, 1966-1971, 1985-1986

Title/Description	Instances
New Yorker issues, 3 January 1970, 7 February 1970, 14 March 1970 **Scope and Contents** Gove has noted articles of interest on the covers of these issues.	Box 9 Folder 2
New York Times Magazine and *New Yorker* issues, 17 November 1968, 21 June 1969, 28 June 1969	Box 9 Folder 3

Scope and Contents

Gove has noted on the covers of these *New Yorker* issues that they contain articles about Cesar Chavez.

Newspaper clippings, (June-December 1968)	Box 10 Folder 1
Newspaper clippings, (March-April 1969)	Box 10 Folder 2
Newspaper clippings, (May-June 1969)	Box 10 Folder 3
Newspaper clippings, (July-August 1969)	Box 10 Folder 4
Newspaper clippings, (September-October 1969)	Box 10 Folder 5
Newspaper clippings, (November-December 1969)	Box 10 Folder 6
Newspaper clippings, (circa 1969) Processing Information: **Processing Information** Some of the clippings in this folder were removed and replaced with photocopies.	Box 10 Folder 7
Newspaper clippings, (January 1970)	Box 10 Folder 8
Newspaper clippings, (February 1970)	Box 10 Folder 9
Newspaper clippings, (March 1971)	Box 10 Folder 10
Newspaper clippings, (April 1971)	Box 10 Folder 11
Newspaper clippings, (1970)	Box 10 Folder 12
Newspaper clippings, (1971)	Box 10 Folder 13
Newspaper clippings, (circa 1967, undated)	Box 10

	Folder 14
Scrapbook pages on police brutality (1 of 2), (circa 1970) Processing Information: **Processing Information** These scrapbook pages were originally in a black binder, They were removed from the binder, numbered in their original order, and placed into folders.	Box 10 Folder 15
Scrapbook pages on police brutality (2 of 2), (circa 1970) Processing Information: **Processing Information** These scrapbook pages were originally in a black binder, They were removed from the binder, numbered in their original order, and placed into folders.	Box 10 Folder 16
Scrapbook, (1969-1971) Processing Information: **Processing Information** The string binding the pages of this scrapbook together was removed, and the pages were numbered according to their original order.	Box 11
Rochester-area publications; issues of *Life* and *Look* magazine, 1968-1971, 1985-1986	Box 12
FIGHT in the Seventies, circa 1972	Box 12
Life and *Look* magazines, (14 May 1971, 7 January 1969)	Box 12 Folder 1
Democrat and Chronicle: selected pages (1 of 2), (25 March 1968-13 October 1970)	Box 12 Folder 2
Democrat and Chronicle: selected pages (2 of 2), (19 June 1971-27 July 1985)	Box 12 Folder 3
Democrat and Chronicle, Upstate section, 30 March 1986	Box 12 Folder 4
The Journal, (15 April 1970-June 1971)	Box 12 Folder 5
Newspaper pages related to Flower City Conspiracy, (7 September-18 September 1970)	Box 12

	Folder 6
Times-Union: selected pages, (11 November 1968-25 June 1971)	Box 12 Folder 7
Penfield Optimist and *Penfield Press*, (1 October 1969, 27 February 1970, 12 June 1969)	Box 12 Folder 8

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