

Finding Aid - Thomas Video fonds (F87)

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Summary information

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| Title: | Thomas Video fonds |
| Reference code: | F87 |
| Date: | [198-?] – 2017 (creation) |
| Physical description: | ca. 10 cm of textual records 3 photographs |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Ian Findlay opened Thomas Video on March 11, 1983 when he was eighteen years of age. First located on Macdonell Street in Guelph, the store moved to upper Wyndham in 1995 and later Baker Street in 2000. Other stores followed in Rockwood, Kitchener, Waterloo and Hamilton.

Thomas Video carried movies various formats such as VHS, DVD and later Blu-Ray. The store also carried PlayStation, Xbox Box and Nintendo video games. The store boasted a membership of over 35,000 and an inventory that grew to include some 28,000 titles. These titles included independent and or foreign films not easily available at other video retail locations. Membership to Thomas Video was free.

Over the years Thomas Video received various awards such as the Guelph Mercury's Reader's Choice Awards for favourite video store in 2006. Thomas Video also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Upper Grand District School Board in 2013 for participating in the Community and Work Transitions Program.

Thomas Video closed after 34 years of successful operation in January 2017.

Custodial history

Prior to their transfer to Guelph Public Library Archives, the records were in the custody of Ian Findlay who operated the business from 1983 to 2017.

Scope and content

Fonds consist of records created and or accumulated in the course of the store's business activities. Included is a staff handbook, lease and franchise agreements, a business license, promotional materials, correspondence files, and draft logos. The photographs are of Phoenix the dog who greeted customers at the store and of one employee.

Notes

Immediate source of acquisition

These records were donated by Ian Findlay.

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use

Donor-held copyright in these records has been transferred to the Guelph Public Library. Permission of the Guelph Public Library is required for publication.

Finding aids

To view these records, please consult File List F87 to narrow down your search and to identify specific boxes for retrieval. Order the boxes from the Guelph Public Library Archivist.

Accruals

No further accruals of records are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)

Collection holdings
