Biographical sketch: Norval Wynnfield Young (Doc) Watson (1924-2018) and his wife Margaret Isobel had three daughters: Patricia Hall, Joanne Watson and Lynda Watson. Born in Toronto, Watson graduated from the University of Toronto in 1955 with a PhD in Biology (Entomology). Hired at Laurentian University in 1960, he was the first Chair of the Biology department. Watson taught and remained head of the department until he left Laurentian University in 1971. While employed at Wilfrid Laurier University, Watson taught and was Chair of the Department of Biology, leaving as Professor Emeritus. During his career, he also undertook research expeditions in Northern Ontario with the Royal Ontario Museum and worked with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Scope and content note: The Wynnfield Watson fonds consists of a scrapbook and some publications, all relating to Laurentian University and the surroundings. The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings, publications and invitations to events concerning Laurentian University during the time that Watson was employed there. The newspaper clippings are more specifically about the Biology department and topics relating to the environment of the region. Two publications of The Conservationist and a newsletter of the Sudbury and District Chamber of Commerce are also included.

Physical condition: Some of the newspaper clippings are very fragile.

Immediate source of acquisition: The records were donated in 2019 by Lynda Watson, daughter of Wynnfield Young Watson.

Language(s) of material: English.

Accruals: Received in 1 accrual in 2019; no more accruals expected.

Related material: Laurentian University fonds and Alumni fonds may contain related material.