

# Henry Pearson Gundy

b. June 1, 1905, Toronto, ON; d. July 27, 1994, Toronto, ON.

## Education:

1928 BA (University of Toronto)

1930 MA (University of Toronto)

1944 (Columbia University School of Library Service summer courses)

## Positions:

1931-1935 Lecturer in English, McMaster University

1936-1937 Instructor in English, University of Chicago

1937-1942 Professor in English, Mount Allison University

1942-1947 Head of English Department, Mount Allison University

1944-1947 Director of Library Services, Mount Allison University

1947-1966 Chief Librarian, Queen's University

1956-1960 Editor, Douglas Library Notes

1957-1975 Editor, Historic Kingston

1967-1972 Editor, Queen's Quarterly

1966-1970 Professor of Bibliography, Queen's University

1970-1971 Associate Director and Senior Editor (co-founder), McGill-Queen's University Press

## Publications (major contributions):

Gundy, H. Pearson (1948). "New tools for the research worker: recent advances in microphotography." *Queen's Quarterly* 55 (3): 282-289.

Gundy, H. Pearson (1949). "Libraries in Kingston 1811-1949." *Ontario Library Review* 33 (1): 7-11.

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Gundy, H. Pearson (1972). The spread of printing; Western Hemisphere, Canada. New York: Abner Schram.

Carman, Bliss (1981). Letters of Bliss Carman, edited by H.P. Gundy. Kingston, Ont.: McGill-Queen's University Press.

## Associations/Committees:

Bibliographical Society of Canada  
Canadian Association of University Professors  
Canadian Historical Association  
Canadian Library Association  
Humanities Association of Canada  
Kingston Historical Society  
Ontario Historical Society  
Ontario Library Association

## Accomplishments:

H. Pearson Gundy was a scholar-librarian with deep interests in Canadian literature, printing, publishing, and librarianship. Over his term of office as chief librarian at Queen's he built important collections with a national focus including the outstanding Edith and Lorne Pierce Collection of Canadiana, the books and papers of the poet Bliss Carman, and the private library and papers of the novelist and Canadian Governor General John Buchan (Lord Tweedsmuir). As collections and staff grew, he sought to expand the old Douglas Library and shortly before he stepped down a new wing was completed in 1965. In retirement he continued his scholarly contributions culminating in his publication of Bliss Carman's letters in 1981.

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