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FREDERICK J. WAGNER

TEACHING MATERIAL AND

RESEARCH MATERIAL ON J.H. SHORHOUSE

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Biographical Sketch: **Frederick (Fred) John Wagner** was born on a farm near Francis, Saskatchewan in 1908, attended Luther Academy at Melville and then graduated from Luther College in Regina. Wagner received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1929 from Capital University in Ohio and his Master of Arts degree in English literature from the University of Minnesota in 1937. He returned to Regina and taught at Luther College from 1933 to 1965, acted as Dean of Men from 1935 to 1949 and at the University of Regina English Department from 1965 until retirement in 1976. He was granted the title of Professor Emeritus in 1978.

Wagner's most well known publication is a biography of Victorian novelist, J.H. Shorthouse. Wagner passed away in December 1984.

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Joseph Henry Shorthouse (1834-1903) Born in Birmingham and educated at Grove School in Tottenham, Shorthouse was a chemical manufacturer and novelist. His first book, *John Inglesant*, printed in 1881 became a success. The story was considered fascinating by its style, religious undertones and well-depicted scenes. Other novels by Shorthouse include *The Little Schoolmaster Mark*, *Sir Percival*, *The Countess Eve*, and *A Teacher of the Violin*, and an essay, *The Platonism of Wordsworth*. Shorthouse died in March 1903.

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Scope and Content: This collection contains approximately 1.5 meters of textual information related to Wagner's research and the publication of his book about Victorian author J.H. Shorthouse. It ranges in dates from 1899 to 1979.

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