

HEATHER HAYNE

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**David Mackness Hayne  
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David Mackness Hayne was born in Toronto on August 12, 1921, the son of parents who had immigrated to Canada two years earlier: Herbert George Hayne, a decorated World War I veteran and elementary school teacher, and Scottish-born Elizabeth Mackness. During his boyhood and youth in the east end of Toronto, Hayne attended Norway Public School (1927-33) and Malvern Collegiate Institute (1933-8), winning scholarships that enabled him to study at the University of Toronto (1938-42), where he enrolled in the honour course in Modern Languages in University College. Graduating with his B.A. in 1942, he was employed as a cryptanalyst with the Examination Unit of the National Research Council in Ottawa, later being attached to the Joint Discrimination Unit of Military Intelligence 2 (Department of National Defence). While in Ottawa he completed his M.A. and Ph.D. in French as a part-time graduate student at the University of Ottawa.

In August 1945 Hayne returned to Toronto, where he had been appointed lecturer in French in University College. Promoted to assistant professor in 1950, he became associate professor and Registrar of University College from 1956 to 1961. In the latter year he was named professor of French. During this period he married twice: in 1951 to Janet Page Ford, who died of cancer a few months later, and in 1955 to his lifelong companion, Madge Hood Robertson Niven, who predeceased him in 2000 after a long battle with emphysema. They had three children, Heather Elizabeth, Frederick Steven and Bruce Jonathan.

Hayne's scholarly career began in 1948 with a short item on Quebec literature published in *Le Bulletin des recherches historiques*. His first public lecture on comparative Canadian literature (English and French) was delivered a few months later; the majority of his later publications concerned these two fields. In the 1950s he was an active member of the newly created Bibliographical Society of Canada, serving as its editor for fifteen years (1958-73) and founding, in 1962, the *Papers/Cahiers* of the Society, which continue to appear.

In 1965-6 Hayne was in charge of a group of University of Toronto students studying at the Université de Strasbourg in one of the university's first "Third Year Abroad" programs. From 1965 to 1969 he acted as general editor of Volume II of the *Dictionary of Canadian Biography/Dictionnaire biographique du Canada*, jointly administered by the University of Toronto and Université Laval. In 1966-7 he was also acting chairman of the University College Department of French. During these same years (1965-76) he served as associate editor of the *University of Toronto Quarterly*, with responsibility for the annual "Letters in Canada" issue.

During the next decade, he spent the year 1970-1 as Visiting Professor of French at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, and carried out a lecture tour (1977) of Australian universities, while continuing to lecture and read papers in Canadian universities across the country. On his retirement in 1985, forty-three of his colleagues from universities in Canada and abroad presented him with a *Festschrift* entitled *Solitude rompue: textes réunis par Cécile Cloutier-Wojciechowska et Réjean Robidoux en hommage à David M. Hayne*. During his retirement Hayne continued publishing and editing: he reviewed books for the *University of Toronto Quarterly*, transcribed and indexed the Great War diaries of his father, and served as Honorary Editor of the Royal Society of Canada from 1996 to 2000, editing four of the annual symposium collections of the Society.

As the author or editor of more than two hundred books, articles, bibliographies and book reviews relating to Quebec literature and comparative Canadian literature, Hayne received the Centennial Medal (1967), the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal (1977) and Golden Jubilee Medal (2002), was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (1970), was granted an honorary doctorate by the University of Ottawa (1985) and was appointed a member of the Order of Canada (2000). He was a former president of the Ontario Modern Language Teachers' Association, the University of Toronto Faculty Club and the Bibliographical Society of Canada. He also enjoyed non-academic activities, sitting on community committees, serving as churchwarden and local historian in Anglican parishes, and being, with his wife Madge, a volunteer driver for Community Care.

Hayne's principal hobbies were house construction, gardening and forestry. He designed and drew the plans for both the houses his family lived in, the first in Highland Creek, Ontario, the second in Pickering, Ontario. He and his teacher brother, Alan Edward Hayne (1926-90), built the Cape Cod style house in Highland Creek themselves on weekends and in summer vacations. Hayne and his wife were active gardeners on their thirty acres near Claremont, Ontario, reforesting a third of their land, and in 1980 touring public and private forests in Germany and Switzerland with the Ontario Forestry Association.

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