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DESCRIPTION OF THE FONDS

Robert C. Smith Fonds. 1977-[1999?]. 1.20 metres of textual records, 32 photographs and 2 drawings.

Biographical sketch

Born in St. Thomas (Ontario) in 1932, Robert C. Smith undertook undergraduate studies at the University of Western Ontario in 1950, and attended graduate school at McGill University in 1954, where he received his Ph.D. degree in physics in 1960. Lecturer and Professor at the University of Ottawa since 1958, he became Chairman of the Department of Physics in 1986. He was also Secretary of the Faculty of Science and Engineering (1978-1986) and member of the University Senate (1978-1986). He retired in 1992.

When he was about eight years old, he became interested in philately. Collecting international and Canadian stamps at an early age, he became interested in Swiss stamps as the result of contact with a student from Switzerland during his academic years at McGill University. Always attentive to the local history of the St. Thomas area, he began to search seriously for covers from Elgin and Norfolk Counties (Ontario) in 1978, after having looked at a list of covers from a dealer. The collection has won silver medals in national shows.

He was also fascinated by the postmarks of Ontario as well as by Canada's barrel postmarks used from 1955 to 1962, his collection for which he won a silver medal in competition. With respect to Ontario postmarks, he made a list of post offices, which was published in 1988 in two volumes as *Ontario Post Offices*. He became involved in the study of the postal history of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in Siberia during the period 1918 to 1921. This time, Dr. Smith won three medals for his collection at different competitions.

Dr. Smith is a member of many philatelic societies. He joined the Ottawa Philatelic Society in 1960, the Royal Philatelic Society of Canada in 1977, the British North American Philatelic Society in 1978, and the Philatelic Specialists Society of Canada in 1986. However, throughout much of this period, he was devoting most of his time to the Postal History Society of Canada which he joined in 1978. He served as Vice-President of this society from 1980 to 1984; as President from 1984 to 1988; and Vice-President again from 1988 to the present. He was editor of the quarterly *PHSC Journal* from 1981 to 1985. After 1985, he served as assistant editor of the Journal before taking the reins as editor once more in 1995.

Dr. Smith has written over one hundred articles, editorials, booklets, and books. He is well known for his contribution to the postal history of Canada as the result of the publication of *Ontario Post Offices* and his various articles on post offices and postmarks.

Scope and content of the fonds

The fonds relates the activity of Robert Smith with the publication of the PHSC Journal, the official journal of the Postal History Society of Canada. It contains articles, originals (draft articles, correspondence) and layout of many issues and some general files. The fonds also

contains photographs and two drawings. The fonds is divided in two series.

Description of the series

PHSC Journal, 1977-[1999?]. 1,20 metres and 30 photographs.

The series consists of documents related to the publication of the Journal. It contains general files and articles submitted to the Journal. They are arranged in chronological order. Most of the articles were published in a special issue of the Journal that commemorated "CAPEX 87" and the 100th anniversary of organized philately in Canada. Other articles may also be found in the General files. Originals and layouts of the journal are arranged by issue number. The series also contains photographs; most of these were used to illustrate the Journal.

Graphic material, 1985, 1997. 2 photographs and 2 drawings.

The series consists of two drawings related to the closing of the National Postal Museum in 1985 and photographs of philatelic show "Orapex 1997".

Immediate source of accession

Documents were given by Robert C. Smith to the National Archives of Canada on the 22 August 2000.

Access restriction

The fonds is open. There are no access restrictions on these records.

Finding aid

Finding aid CPA 233 is a descriptive file list.

Container	Files	Title	Date
Series 1 - Postal History Society of Canada Journal, 1977-[1999?] - 1.20 m., 30 photographs			
General files			
1	1	Journal files - Articles	[1977-1997]
1	2	Journal files # 22 - Articles	[1978-1981]
6	19	Journal files # 22 - 1 photograph, black and white	[1978-1981]
1	3	[Journal files ?] - Articles (1/3)	[1996-1997]
1	4	[Journal files ?] - Articles (2/3)	[1996-1997]
1	5	[Journal files ?] - Articles (3/3)	[1996-1997]
1	6	General - Memberships, letters and articles	[1980-1986]
1	7	Correspondence # 50	1986-1987
1	8	Correspondence - Advertisement forms for the special CAPEX edition	1986-1987
1	9	Correspondence - Manuscript	1995
Articles submitted to the journal			
1	10	<i>Bay Chaleur, New Brunswick ??</i> by David Handelman	1986
1	11	<i>Canadian Forwarding Agents</i> by Kenneth Rowe	1986
1	12	<i>Canadian Prisoner of War Internment Camps, WWI</i> by E.R. Toop	1986
1	13	<i>Drop Letters and Free Delivery, 1859-1897</i> by George B. Arfken	1986
1	14	<i>Duplex Cancellations of British North America</i> by Robert A. Lee	1986
1	15	<i>Le bureau de Poste de Rigaud</i> par Anatole Walker	1986-1987
1	16	<i>Numeral Cancels of New Brunswick</i> by N. Brassler	1986
6	20	<i>Numeral Cancels of New Brunswick</i> by N. Brassler - 3 photographs, black and white	1986

Container	Files	Title	Date
1	17	<i>OAT and AV2 Markings in the Transmission of International Mail to and from Canada</i> by Murray Heifetz	1986
6	21	<i>OAT and AV2 Markings in the Transmission of International Mail to and from Canada</i> by Murray Heifetz - 7 photographs, black and white	1986
1	18	<i>The Canadian Pacific Railway and the Postal Historian</i> by H.A. Price	1986-1987
6	22	<i>The Canadian Pacific Railway and the Postal Historian</i> by H.A. Price - 1 photograph, black and white	1986-1987
1	19	<i>The Early Postal System in Prince Edward Island</i> by James C. Lehr	1986
1	20	<i>The First Authorized Air Mail Flight in Canada</i> by R.K. Malott	1986
6	23	<i>The First Authorized Air Mail Flight in Canada</i> by R.K. Malott - 1 photograph, black and white	1986
1	21	<i>The Post Office of St. Catharines</i> by Eugene M. Labiuk	1986
1	22	<i>The Postal History of the Province of Saskatchewan</i> by W.G. Robinson	1986
1	23	<i>The Story of a "Find"</i> by Robert C. Smith	1986
1	24	<i>The Transatlantic Mail Service in the Large Queen Period</i> by Henry E. Duckworth and Harry W. Duckworth	1986-1987
1	25	<i>An Incident during the Canadian Arctic Expedition of 1913-1916</i> by Ralph Mitchener	[1987?]
1	26	<i>Eastern Arctic Patrol</i> by Kevin O'Reilly - Reproductions of markings	[1987?]
1	27	<i>Five Western Fur Trade Covers</i> by Allan Steinhart	[1987?]
1	28	<i>Fort McLeod's Registration Mark</i> by Gray Scrimgeour	[1987?]
1	29	<i>Insurance of Registered Letters</i> by Alan Selby	1987
1	30	<i>Nova Scotia Offices and Marks, 1867-1873</i> by L.B. Macpherson	1987
1	31	<i>Precancels. A Field That Invites Real Philatelists</i> by Harry W. Lussey	[1987?]

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1	32	<i>Relative Appointments in the PEI Post Office</i> by Doug Murray	1987
1	33	<i>Reply Coupons of Canada</i> by Andrew Chung	1987
1	34	<i>The Royal Canadian Navy in Newfoundland, World War II</i> by John Frith	[1987?]
1	35	<i>Transatlantic Letters Often Took Roundabout Routes</i> by Jack Arnell	[1987?]
Documents related to the production of the Journal			
1	36	Issue 19, layout	1979
1	37	Issue 20, layout	1979
1	38	Issue 23, originals and layout	1980
2	1	Issues 24 and 25, Originals	1979-1981
2	2	Issue 26, originals	1980-1982
6	4	Issue 26, originals - 1 photograph, black and white	1980-1982
7	1	Issue 26, layout	1981
2	3	Issue 27, originals	[circa 1981]
7	2	Issue 27, layout	1981
2	4	Issue 28, originals (1/2)	1980-1981
2	5	Issue 28, originals (2/2)	1980-1981
7	3	Issue 28, layout	1981
2	6	Issue 29, originals	1981-1982
7	4	Issue 29, layout	1981
2	7	Issue 30, originals	1982
7	5	Issue 30, layout	1982
6	5	Issue 30, layout - 2 negatives	1982
2	8	Issue 31, originals	1982
6	6	Issue 31, originals - [1 photograph, black and white ?]	1982
7	6	Issue 31, layout	1982

Container	Files	Title	Date
2	9	Issue 32, originals	[circa 1982]
7	7	Issue 32, layout	1982
2	10	Issue 33, originals	1982-1983
7	8	Issue 33, layout	1983
2	11	Issue 34, originals	1982-1983
7	9	Issue 34, layout	1983
6	7	Issue 34, layout - 9 photographs, black and white, on a sheet	1983
2	12	Issue 35, originals	1983
8	1	Issue 35, layout	1983
2	13	Issue 36, originals	1983
8	2	Issue 36, layout	1983
8	3	Issue 37, layout	1984
2	14	Issue 38 [37], originals - Documents seem to be related to the issue # 37	1983-1984
8	4	Issue 38, layout	1984
2	15	Issue 39, originals	1984
8	5	Issue 39, layout	1984
3	1	Issue 40, originals	[circa 1984]
8	6	Issue 40, layout	1984
10	6	Index, issues 1-40, layout	1985
3	2	Issue 41, originals	1984-1985
8	7	Issue 41, layout	1985
3	3	Issue 42, originals	1984-1985
8	8	Issue 42, layout	1985
3	4	Issue 43, originals	1984-1985
9	1	Issue 43, layout	1985
3	5	Issue 44, originals	1985-1987

Container	Files	Title	Date
9	2	Issue 44, layout	1985
3	6	Issue 45, originals	1980-1986, predominant 1986
9	3	Issue 45, layout	1986
3	7	Issue 46, originals	1985-1986
9	4	Issue 46, layout	1986
3	8	Issue 47, originals	1986
9	5	Issue 47, layout	1986
3	9	Issue 48, originals	1984-1986, predominant 1986
9	6	Issue 48, layout	1986
6	8	Issue 48, layout - 1 photograph, black and white	1986
3	10	Issue 49, originals	1986-1987
9	7	Issue 49, layout	1987
10	1	Issue 50, layout (1/3)	1987
10	2	Issue 50, layout (2/3)	1987
10	3	Issue 50, layout (3/3)	1987
3	11	Issue 51, originals (1/2)	1987
3	12	Issue 51, originals (2/2)	1987
10	4	Issue 51, layout	1987
3	13	Issue 52, originals	1986-1987
6	9	Issue 52, originals - 1 photograph, black and white	1986-1987
10	5	Issue 52, layout	1987
3	14	Issue 53, originals	1987-1988
11	1	Issue 53, layout	1988
3	15	Issue 54 and Index 1985-87, originals and layout	1987-1988

Container	Files	Title	Date
11	2	Issue 54, layout	1988
4	1	Issue 55, originals	1987-1988
11	3	Issue 55, layout	1988
6	10	Issue 55, layout - 1 photograph, colour	1988
4	2	Issue 56, originals	1987-1988
11	4	Issue 56, layout	1988
4	3	Issue 57 and Index 1988, originals	1987-1989
11	5	Issue 57, layout	1989
4	4	Issue 58, originals	1988-1989
11	6	Issue 58, layout	1989
4	5	Issue 59, originals	1989
11	7	Issue 59, layout	1989
4	6	Issue 60, originals	1989
11	8	Issue 60, layout	1989
4	7	Index, issues 1-80, originals (1/2)	1994-1995
4	8	Index, issues 1-80, originals (2/2)	1994-1995
4	9	Index, issues 1-80, layout	1995
4	10	Issue 83, layout	1995
4	11	Issue 84, originals	1995
4	12	Issue 84, layout	1995
4	13	Indexes, issues 81-84, issues 81-88 and 81-92, layouts	[1995?, 1996?, 1997?]
4	14	Issue 85, originals	1995-1996
4	15	Issue 85, originals and layout	[1996?]
4	16	Issue 85, layout	1996
4	17	Issue 86, originals	1995-1996
5	1	Issue 86, layout	1996

Container	Files	Title	Date
6	11	Issue 86, layout - 2 photographs, black and white	1996
5	2	Issue 87, originals	1993-1996, predominant 1996
5	3	Issue 87, layout	1996
5	4	Issue 88, layout	1996
5	5	Issue 89, layout	1997
6	12	Issue 89, layout - 3 photographs, black and white, on a sheet	1997
5	6	Issue 90, layout	1997
5	7	Issue 91, layout	1997
6	13	Issue 91, layout - 3 photographs, black and white	1997
5	8	Issue 92, layout	1997
6	14	Issue 92, layout - 3 photographs, black and white	1997
5	9	Issue 93, layout	1998
6	15	Issue 93, layout - 3 photographs, black and white	1998
5	10	Issue 94, layout	1998
6	16	Issue 94, layout - 2 photographs, black and white	1998
5	11	Issue 95, layout	1998
6	17	Issue 95, layout - 2 photographs, black and white, on a sheet	1998
5	12	Issue 96, layout	1998
5	13	PHSC Mail Bid Auction # 6 and # 7, originals	[1996?]-1998
6	18	PHSC Mail Bid Auction # 6 and # 7, originals - [laser reproduction of the front cover ?]	[1996?]-1998
5	14	PHSC Mail Bid Auction # 6, layout	[1996?]
5	15	PHSC Mail Bid Auction # 7, layout	[1999?]

Series 2 - Graphic material, 1985, 1997 - 2 photographs, 2 drawings

Container	Files	Title	Date
6	1	Orapex 1997 - Two photographs in colour by Ron Kitchen	1997
6	2	National Postal Museum - Drawing about the closing of the museum	[1985?]
6	3	National Postal Museum - Cartoon by George about the closing of the museum	1985