

University Climatological Station Committee fonds

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Fonds Description

University Climatological Station Committee fonds. – 1961-1974.

3 cm of textual records.

Administrative History

In 1954 a President's Climatological Station Committee was established to explore the possibilities of installing and operating a climatological station, to meet the needs of both the Meteorological Division of the federal Department of Transport and the various University agencies on campus. A request was made that year to the Meteorological Division to supply the basic equipment. An agreement was reached in 1955 for the establishment and maintenance of a station, providing the University supplied a suitable site and qualified observers, maintained records according to Meteorological Division standards, and provided monthly reports to the Division. The Station was set up in 1957 west of the Agronomy Barn on Agronomy Road; campus development forced its relocation further south in 1964. The Committee administered the Station, maintained liaison with the Meteorological Division, and until 1963 held informal seminars on weather and climate studies during its regular meetings. The Committee was re-constituted to report to the Dean of Graduate Studies; that year an Atmospheric Sciences Colloquium was established to organise lectures and seminars.

Custodial History

The records, along with the original rain gauge, sunlight, thermograph, and anemograph traces and raw data, were originally stored with the Registrar's Office (the Assistant Registrar served as Committee Secretary) and the Department of Geography; they may have been available through the Geography Reading Room. In 1977 they were transferred to the Library's Government Publications Division. In 1998, after determining that Environment Canada already had the climatological data on file, the traces and raw data were destroyed; the remaining records were transferred to the University Archives.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of annual reports from the Committee, summaries of climatological data from the Station, and correspondence.

Notes

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Title based on the contents of the fonds.