

John A.E. Parnall fonds

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Fonds Description

John A.E. Parnall fonds. – 1945-1983.

6.5 cm of textual materials.

Biographical Sketch

John Parnall completed his B.A. (1935) and B.Ed. (1949) at the University of British Columbia and an M.A. at the University of Toronto. After serving as Associate Registrar and lecturer in the Department of Mathematics, Parnall became Registrar in 1957 and held that position until 1980. Gordon Smith was born in Brighton, England in 1919. He began painting at a very young age under the guidance of his father, and had formal training at the Winnipeg School of Art before going overseas to serve in World War II. He came to Vancouver in 1944 and spent a year studying at the Vancouver School of Art with Jack Shadbolt. From 1946 to 1956 he taught at the School of Art, then joined the Faculty of Education at U.B.C. where he remained until his retirement in 1982. From 1976 to 1981 he was an art advisor with the National Capital Commission, and has held numerous short-term positions as visiting artist at universities across Canada. His work has been exhibited in galleries across Canada and the United States.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of photocopies of the wills of Emily Carr (1945) and Ira Dilworth (1954), regarding the ownership of Carr's copyright. The fonds also includes correspondence (1967-1983) from artist Gordon Smith addressed to John Parnall and his family, as well as printed material regarding Smith.

File List

BOX 1

- 1-1 Photocopied Wills
 - Emily Carr (1945)
 - Ira Dilworth (1954)
- 1-2 Postcards/Corrspondence -- From Gordon and Marion Smith to Parnall Family (1967-1983)
- 1-3 Exhibition/Biographical Information -- Gordon Smith
- 1-4 Clippings re: G. Smith
- 1-5 Canada Council Fellowship (1960/61) -- Report on Smith's Activities