

Gertude Watney fonds

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Fonds Description

Gertrude M. Watney fonds. – 1919-1985.

65 cm of textual records and published materials.

2 photographs: b&w; 20.5 x 25.5 or smaller.

1 map.

Biographical Sketch

Gertrude May Watney (nee Smith) was born in New Denver in 1902. After completing her elementary and high school education in New Denver, Smith came to UBC where she earned a B.A. in 1923. Smith continued her career at UBC obtaining her M.A. in Zoology in 1926. From 1926 to 1928 she served as an instructor in biology and then zoology. During the summers of 1926, 1927 and 1928, Smith carried out research at the Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo. In 1928 Smith began graduate work in zoology at the University of California at Berkeley (she would complete her Ph.D. from that institution in 1934). In 1930 she returned to UBC as an assistant professor in zoology and remained at the University until 1940. Smith married Reverend Doug P. Watney, a professor of theology at the Anglican Theological College in 1937. When she returned to UBC in 1930, Watney became one of a very few women faculty members at that time. She offered the following recollections of her situation:

... there were very few women, in any field, on the faculty, and none in science, as I remember. There were several laboratory instructors and junior assistants, but no professors. However, I was not aware of doing anything unusual at that time. My colleagues in the Arts departments worked, as I did, together with the men on the faculty without any suggestion that we were out of place. We were not as conscious of "women's rights" and "women's lib" as many of the women are today, and I think that, in some ways we were happier for it, and perhaps accomplished as much.

Following the change of the Zoology department head in 1940, Watney's contract was not renewed.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of biographical information about Watney, copies of her B.A. (1923), M.A. (1926) and Ph.D. (1933) theses, teaching material, correspondence, copies of publications and photographs.

Notes

File list available.

Abbreviations used in this file list include:

- GMS – Gertrude M. Smith
- UBC – University of British Columbia
- UC – University of California (Berkeley)

Series Descriptions

Biographical Information series. – 1919-1985.

12.5 cm cm of textual records.

Series consists of transcripts, class notes, papers, exams, and correspondence pertaining to Watney's academic experiences. Series also includes an autobiography written by Watney in 1985, and copies of her B.A. (1923), M.A. (1926), and Ph.D. (1933) theses. Series contains three subseries: Biography, Undergraduate Material, and Graduate Material subseries.

Some restrictions may apply.

Teaching Materials. – 1929-1940.

52.5 cm cm of textual records and published materials.

2 photographs: b&w; 20.5 x 25.5 cm or smaller.

1 map.

Series consists of lecture notes, lab outlines, exams, syllabi, publications, a field notebook, and papers pertaining to Watney's teaching career. Series also includes a map of the Strait of Georgia, 2 photographs of Watney's Ph.D. graduation ceremony at the University of California (1934), and index cards containing bibliographic information and notes organized by subject.

Series is arranged by course name.

File List

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

BOX 1

Biography

- 1-1 Four page autobiography prepared by Gertrude Watney (1985) in response to a request from Marianne Ainley who was conducting research on women natural scientists.

Undergraduate Material

- 1-2 Transcripts of courses and grades from UBC (1919-1925)
- 1-2a Histology (1923) - Paper and class notes

Graduate Material

- 1-3 B.A. Thesis - "The Anatomy of Marmota Flaviventris Avaraor Yellow Bellied Marmot" (1923)
- 1-4 M.A. Thesis - "The Detailed Anatomy of Triturus Torosus"
- 1-4a Zoology 110 [Protozoology] (1928) - Exams and notes
- 1-5 Graduate Work and Teaching Positions - Correspondence (1926-1930)
- 1-6 GMS's Application to Ph.D. Program at University of California (1929-1931)
- 1-7 Course Notes and Exams - Paleontology 104A (1928) [UC]
- 1-8 Course Notes - Paleontology 106 (1929) [UC]
- 1-9 Graduate Papers by GMS
- "Ecology of Clams" (1929)
- "Some Protozoa from British Columbia Waters" (1929)

TEACHING MATERIALS

BOX 2

Zoology 1 [UBC]

- 2-1 Lecture Notes (1938/39)
- 2-2 Lab Outlines (1939)
- 2-3 Lab Outlines (1939/40)

Zoology 2 [UBC]

- 2-4 Lecture Notes (1930)
- 2-5 Lecture Notes (1931)
- 2-6 Lecture Notes (1934)
- 2-7 Lecture Notes (1936)
- 2-8 Lecture Notes (1938)
- 2-9 Lab Outlines (1931-1936)
- 2-10 Lab Outlines (1937/38)
- 2-11 Lab Outlines (1939)

Zoology 3

- 2-12 Lecture Notes, etc. (1934)
- 2-13 Lab Outlines (1934-1939)
- 2-14 Examinations Zoology 1,2,3 (1929-1940)

Zoology 6

- 2-15 Lecture Notes, Techniques (1929-1938)
- 2-16 Notes (1927)
- 2-17 Zoology 10 [UC] - Examinations (1928/29)
- 2-18 Zoology 100 [UC] - Notes (n.d.)
- 2-19 Zoology 112 [UC] - Notes (n.d.)
- 2-20 Syllabuses [UC]
 - "Zoology 100" by J.A. Long (1929)
 - "Zoology 100" by J.A. Long (1930)
 - "Zoology 106" by Charles Camp (1927)
- 2-21 Field Notebook - Clams [Sidney, B.C.] (Summer 1927)
- 2-22 Correspondence re: Research (1930-1940)
- 2-23 Memberships - Sigma Xi (1929) / Phi Sigma Society (1929)
- 2-24 Copy of paper from Ph.D. thesis sent to Journal of Morphology (1938) and rejection letter.
- 2-25 Undated typewritten papers by GMS
 - "Reproduction"
 - "Food Material as a Factor in the Growth Rate in Some Pacific Clams"
- 2-26 Copies of publications by GMS
- 2-27 Two photographs of GMS's Ph.D. graduation ceremony at the University of California (1934)
- 2-28 Paleontology notes of W.D. Matthew [Berkeley] intended for publication before his unexpected death in 1930.
- 2-29 Maps - Strait of Georgia

2-30 Miscellaneous Material

BOX 3

Index cards containing bibliographic information and notes organized by subject.