

Aboriginal Forestry Collection / J. Harry G. Smith (collector)

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Collection Description

Aboriginal Forestry Collection / J. Harry G. Smith (collector). – 1952, 1975-1989.
19 cm of textual records and publications.

Collector's Biographical Sketch

Dr. John "Harry" Gilbert Smith (B.S.F. (Hons) (1949) UBC., M.F. (cum laude) (1950), PhD (1955) Yale., R.P.F.) was a Professor in the Faculty of Forestry from 1950 to 1991. In 1983 when the Faculty divided into departments, he became the first head of the Department of Forest Resources Management. Additionally, he sat as chair of a number of committees within the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters, served as president of the Canadian Institute of Forestry in 1980 and was the director of Gilbert Smith Products Limited of Barriere, British Columbia.

Custodial History

Materials were collected by J. Harry G. Smith and held by the Faculty of Forestry until June 1998. When the Faculty of Forestry moved into their new location at the Forest Sciences Centre, the collection was transferred to the Xwi7xwa Library. In May 2016 the collection was deposited at the University Archives.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of materials related to Aboriginal Peoples' land claims and forestry practices in British Columbia and Worldwide. Materials include correspondence, press clippings, publications, and reports.

Notes

File list available.

Please be aware that researchers will come across terms that are no longer acceptable.

Title based on the subject of the collection.

Series Descriptions

Faculty of Forestry series. – 1983-1987.

4 cm of textual records.

Correspondence between faculty members of the Faculty of Forestry including J. Harry G. Smith and various Canadian politicians regarding Indigenous forestry education. Includes associated reports mentioned in the correspondence.

Box 1.

Professional Forestry Associations series. – 1976-1988.

7.5 cm of textual records.

Correspondence regarding a work-shop held by the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters in early 1987. Also includes various clippings and newsletters associated with other provincial forestry organizations.

Box 1.

Reports and Publications series. – 1952, 1975-1989.

7.5 cm of textual records.

Government and non-government reports, articles, publications, and press clippings associated with forest management and First Nations' groups in British Columbia.

Boxes 1 ; 2.

Government of Canada sub-series. – 1975-1987.

2 cm of textual records.

Reports and publications produced by the Government of Canada on the subject of Aboriginal peoples, land claims, and forest management.

Boxes 1 ; 2.

Non-Government of Canada sub-series. – 1952, 1979-1989.

5.5 cm of textual records

Reports and publications concerning Aboriginal peoples, land claims, and forest management produced by organizations other than the Canadian government.

Box 2.

File List

BOX 1

FACULTY OF FORESTRY – CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

- 1-1 [Correspondence - Prime Minister Brian Mulroney]. – 1986.
- 1-2 [Correspondence - Minister of Indian Affairs & Northern Development]. – 1985-1986.
- 1-3 "Building our own future with the Musgamagw demonstration project". – Booklet and letter. Includes a letter from Indian And Northern Affairs Canada regarding 'Native peoples and forestry education'. 1985-1986.
- 1-4 *Native Self-Reliance through Resource Development*. – Publication. Referred to in file
- 1-3 Proceedings of the international conference "Towards Native Self-Reliance Renewal and Development" held August 19-24, 1984 in Vancouver, BC. 1985.
- 1-5 Memorandum [re: president's ad hoc committee on BC Native Indian people and communities]. – 1983.
- 1-6 Memorandum re: forum Native Perspectives and Forest Policy. – [198-].
- 1-7 Memorandum re: education of Native Indians. - 1986
- 1-8 Memorandum re: Native studies calendar. – 1987.

PROFESSIONAL FORESTRY ASSOCIATIONS SERIES

- 1-9 [Correspondence - Nishga Tribal Council]. – Letter to the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters (ABC PF). 1985.
- 1-10 [Correspondence - Vancouver Education Committee seminar]. – Memo and letter regarding the ABC PF. 1986.
- 1-11 [Correspondence re: land claims information session]. – Includes proposed ABC PF session outline. 1986.
- 1-12 [Notes - workshop et cetera]. – Textual records. Includes handwritten notes and photocopies. [1986].
- 1-13 Aboriginal rights seminar – Karen Jahraus. – Includes seminar text and supporting newspaper articles. 1976-1986.
- 1-14 "The Indian land question: an outline of the history of the dispute" Sam Stevens, law. – Timeline. Used for the Association of BC Professional Foresters' work shop. 1986.
- 1-15 Indian land claims - an information work shop. – Textual records. Includes material from a work shop sponsored by the ABC PF. 1987.

- 1-16 [Correspondence re: ABCPF work shop]. – Textual records. Includes letters and associated clippings. 1987.
- 1-17 [Memo re: speech by Saul Terry at land claims seminar]. – 1987.
- 1-18 Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters (ABCPF) background note (April, 1987). – Textual records. Correspondence, clippings and draft versions included. 1987.
- 1-19 [Correspondence - Shuswap Nation Tribal Council]. – Letter to the Association of British Columbia Professional Foresters (ABCPF). 1987.
- 1-20 "Indian forestry - what does it mean?" - symposium program, correspondence, and reports. – Textual records. Symposium hosted by the Okanagan Tribal Council in Kamloops, BC. Includes an open letter regarding a follow up session with reports. 1987-1988.
- 1-21 [Canadian Institute of Forestry - meeting notices]. – Notices. Includes handwritten notes on reverse of notice. 1986.
- 1-22 [Canadian Institute of Forestry & Council of Forest Industries]. – Miscellaneous notes and newsletters. – 1986-1988.
- 1-23 *Victoria Report* no. 13 – 1986. – Newsletter. 1986.
- 1-24 *Victoria Report* no. 9 – 1988. – Newsletter. 1988.
- 1-25 "Native Indian land claims in British Columbia: a background paper". – Report. Includes February 1986 version and 1988 revision. Prepared by the Council of Forest Industries of British Columbia (COFI). 1986-1988.

REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS SERIES

Government Of Canada Sub-Series

- 1-26 *North of 60 - land use and public policy in Northern Canada* by John K. Naysmith. – Government publication. Includes communique. 1975-1976.
- 1-27 *Forestry on Indian lands in Canada*. – Government publication. 1976.
- 1-28 *In all fairness: a Native claims policy*. – Government publication. 1981.
- 1-29 "The elimination of sex discrimination from The Indian Act". – Government report. 1982.
- 1-30 Ministry of Forests policy - Native land claims and Aboriginal rights. – Government policy. 1982.
- 1-31 "Forest harvest on federal lands 1976-1981". – Government publication. 1984.
- 1-32 "Timber harvest on federal lands 1981-1985". – Government publication. 1986.

BOX 2

- 2-1 "Living treaties : lasting agreements - report of the task force to review comprehensive claims policy". – Government document. Includes associated correspondence and clippings. 1985-1986.
- 2-2 Ministry of Indian Affairs and Northern Development policy – comprehensive land claims policy. – 1987.

Non-Government Of Canada Sub-Series

- 2-3 The Upper Stalo Indians of the Fraser River of B.C. by Wilson Duff. – Government publication. Anthropology in British Columbia memoir no. 1 of the British Columbia Provincial Museum. 1952.
- 2-4 National Association of Friendship Centres. – Brochure listing Friendship Centres across Canada. [n.d.].
- 2-5 "Opportunities for the subsistence use of forest resources in interior Alaska" by Gasbarro et al. – US Government document. Reproduced from The Subsistence lifestyle in Alaska now and in the future University of Alaska & US Forest Service. 1979.
- 2-6 "Indian fishing rights, forestry, and phase II of the Boldt decision" by Cassie Philips in Journal of Forestry. – Article. December issue. 1983.
- 2-7 "Native American Forestry" in Journal of Forestry Article. October issue. 1986.
- 2-8 "They were people of the forest" in Whistle Punk by Kathryn Bernick. – Article. 1986.
- 2-9 "Forestry on the Indian lands of the mountainous west of America" by Harold K. Steen. – Article. 1986.
- 2-10 [Institute for Research on Public Policy - research projects + correspondence]. – Textual records. Includes reports for research projects titled: "Native land claims and resource development in British Columbia" and Canadian resource prices and American trade policies: the case of British Columbia softwood lumber". Also includes correspondence with the Guide-Outfitters Association of British Columbia and Applied Science Technologists and Technicians. 1986.
- 2-11 "Land use and Native land claims or ignorance? confusion? naivete? one or all three?" – Speech. Presented to the Burns Lake Chamber of Commerce on June 8, 1987 and the Smithers Rotary Club on June 10, 1987 by W. Young, President of the British Columbia Forestry Association. 1987.
- 2-12 "Lessons from public land management in the United States" by Nelson et al with clippings and notes. – Textual records. 1987.

- 2-13 Resources - The Newsletter of the Canadian Institute of Resources Law. – Newsletter. Number 18. 1987.
- 2-14 "Breaking out" in B.C. Business by Larry McCallum. – Article. 1989.
- 2-15 [1980 clippings]. – Press clippings. Includes undated articles. 1980.
- 2-16 [1982 clippings]. – Press clippings. 1982.
- 2-17 [1985 clippings]. – Press clippings. 1985.
- 2-18 [1986 clippings]. – Press clippings. 1986.
- 2-19 [1987 clippings]. – Press clippings. 1987.
- 2-20 [1988 clippings]. – Press clippings. 1988.
- 2-21 [1989 clippings]. – Press clippings. 1989.