

Gordon Elliott fonds

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Fonds Description

Gordon Elliott fonds. – 1939-2004.

1.6 m of textual records.

1 audio cassette.

Biographical Sketch

Gordon Raymond Elliott was born in Vancouver in 1920 but spent his childhood in Pemberton, Williams Lake, and Revelstoke. In 1942, Elliott joined the Canadian Army following the attack in Pearl Harbor. He later transferred to the Royal Canadian Air Force and served as a navigator on Lancaster bombers based in England. In 1945, Elliott was injured during a plane crash and was sent home to a hospital in Vancouver. Upon his release, he attended UBC from 1947-54 and earned a B.A. and M.A. in History. He taught in Williams Lake briefly before he enrolled at Harvard University earning a second M.A. in History. From 1957-65, Elliott taught in the English Department at UBC, and, during this time, he encouraged novelist Margaret Laurence to publish her first books. In 1965, he joined the faculty in the Department of English at SFU and taught courses in Canadian Literature until 1985 when he retired as Professor Emeritus. Over the years, he edited Canadian texts such as *British Columbia: A History* by Margaret Ormsby (1958) and wrote several books of his own. Elliott was also a leading member of the Vancouver Historical Society serving as Vice-President (1968) and President (1970-1972). He introduced ethnic history as a field of study for the Society with a speakers' series on local ethnic groups. Later, he launched a publication program with the production of three local histories, the *Occasional Papers Series*. Elliott died in 2006.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists almost entirely of materials created or acquired by Gordon Elliott over the course of his life and career and includes the manuscripts for his historical writing, research materials, personal correspondence, university notes and lectures, newspaper clippings, public lectures, and an audio recording.

Notes

File list available.

The papers of Gordon Elliott were donated by the executors of his estate to the University Archives in 2007.

Series Descriptions

Teaching Materials series. - 1957-1987.

65 cm of textual records.

Series consists of lecture notes, course outlines, handouts, assignments, and related correspondence created by Elliott as lecturer and professor at UBC, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Victoria. Series also includes materials used in writing courses that Elliott taught in the business community throughout B.C.

Boxes 1, 2.

Published Writing, Lectures, and Research Materials series. - 1958-2000.

45 cm of textual records.

Series consists of notes, news clippings, copies of articles, photocopies of archival documents, correspondence, writing, edits, transcripts, photographic reprints, public lectures, and scripts written for CBC Radio broadcast. Series also includes an unpublished manuscript of "Telephone Call", a piece written by Elliott.

Boxes 3, 4.

British Columbia Centennial Committee series. - 1956-1963.

3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, writing, submissions, and notes. Miscellaneous notes are handwritten and typed.

Box 6(1-5).

Vancouver Historical Society Publications series. - 1961-1991.

3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of photographic reprints, written and typewritten notes, book reviews, newsletters, newspaper clippings, correspondence, reports, and bulletins published by the Vancouver Historical Society.

Box 6(17-19).

British Columbia Heritage Trust Local Histories series. - 1967-1987.

3 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, writing, notes, and publications.

Box 6(6-7).

Humanities Research Council of Canada Reports series. - 1961-1977.

5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of reports to the Humanities Research Council on the inventory of Australian writing in Canadian literature. The reports were submitted from 1967-1973.

Box 6(8-9).

Correspondence series. - 1945-2001.

32.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of incoming and outgoing correspondence between Elliott and family, friends, or associates; newspaper clippings, and copies of publications. Prominent correspondents include **Margaret Ormsby**, **Roderick Haig-Brown**, and **Reginald Watters**.

Box 5.

Miscellaneous Biographical Information series. - [1939-2004].

3 cm of textual materials.

Series consists of diplomas from UBC and Harvard University, copies of documents from the Office of the Registrar at UBC, official documents from the Department of National Defence (Air Force and Canadian Army), vaccination information, certificates of merit, resignation letters, incoming and outgoing correspondence, acknowledgement of donations, a copy of a birth certificate, and a high school entrance certificate.

Box 6(10-16).

Audio Tape series. - 1999.

1 audio tape.

Series consists of an audio recording of Elliott discussing Margaret Ormsby as professor, colleague, and friend. Audio tape #3372.

File List

BOX 1

TEACHING MATERIALS

- 1-1 ["20th Century Renaissance Humanism" - 1st SFU Lecture] (n.d.)
- 1-2 Architecture (n.d.)
- 1-3 Arctic (n.d.)
- 1-4 Austen [1975]
- 1-5 Birney, Earle (1966-1976)
- 1-6 British Columbia (n.d.)
- 1-7 Buckler (n.d.)
- 1-8 Burwell (n.d.)
- 1-9 Calvin -> Puritanism (n.d.)
- 1-10 Carbons - Lectures (n.d.)
- 1-11 Carman, Bliss (n.d.)
- 1-12 Chaucer - 18 Lectures - Mss. (n.d.)
- 1-13 Chaucer to Donne - Historical (n.d.)
- 1-14 [Chaucer] (n.d.)
- 1-15 The Church 1308 - 78; 1378 - 1418 (n.d.)
- 1-16 The Colonial Mind (n.d.)
- 1-17 Confederation Poets (n.d.)
- 1-18 Connor (n.d.)
- 1-19 Connor, Ralph (n.d.)
- 1-20 [Course Material for Bible Literature 12] (n.d.)
- 1-21 Crawford, Isabella Valancy (n.d.)
- 1-22 Davies. Fifth Business (n.d.)
- 1-23 Davies, Robertson (1972-1975)
- 1-24 Definitions - Humour Satire (n.d.)
- 1-25 Development of the Novel (1987)
- 1-26 DJWA 416 (1970)
- 1-27 Dos Passos (n.d.)
- 1-28 DuMaurier (n.d.)
- 1-29 Elizabethan Period (n.d.)
- 1-30 ENG 250 (n.d.)
- 1-31 Erasmus (n.d.)
- 1-32 Essayists (n.d.)
- 1-33 Ethel Wilson (1971)
- 1-34 Europe 1598 (n.d.)

- 1-35 European Expansion (n.d.)
- 1-36 Final (n.d.)
- 1-37 Flaubert (n.d.)
- 1-38 Frontier (n.d.)
- 1-39 Frye, Northrop (n.d.)
- 1-40 G. Elliott (n.d.)
- 1-41 General (n.d.)
- 1-42 Great Canadian Parlour Game (n.d.)
- 1-43 Greek Drama: Oedipus Rex (n.d.)
- 1-44 Grove (n.d.)
- 1-45 Halliburton, T.C. (n.d.)
- 1-46 Hemingway (1970)
- 1-47 Henry Fielding (n.d.)

BOX 2

- 2-1 "History as Literature" (n.d.)
- 2-2 Humour (n.d.)
- 2-3 Introduction to Victorians [lectures] (n.d.)
- 2-4 Klein, A.M. (1970)
- 2-5 Klondike (n.d.)
- 2-6 Lampman, Archibald (n.d.)
- 2-7 Laurence, Margaret (1963-1984)
- 2-8 Layton (1966-1971)
- 2-9 Leacock, Stephen [REDO] (n.d.)
- 2-10 Leacock, Stephen (1969-1980)
- 2-11 [Lecture Notes] (n.d.)
- 2-12 Leprohon, Rosanna Eleanor (Mullius) 1832-1879 (n.d.)
- 2-13 Lighthall, William Douw (n.d.)
- 2-14 Loyalists (n.d.)
- 2-15 Lucius Apulius Golden Ass (n.d.)
- 2-16 Luther (n.d.)
- 2-17 MacLennan, Hugh (1973-1982)
- 2-18 Massacre St. Bartholomew (n.d.)
- 2-19 McCulloch, Thomas (n.d.)
- 2-20 Metaphysical Poets: Donne (n.d.)
- 2-21 Milton (n.d.)
- 2-22 Misc. Student Letters (1961-1980)
- 2-23 Moodie, Susanna (n.d.)
- 2-24 Movement of Peoples to Canada (n.d.)

- 2-25 M. Renault (1970-1979?)
- 2-26 Mrs. Dalloway: V.W. (n.d.)
- 2-27 Nature Writers (n.d.)
- 2-28 [Notes on Renaissance] (n.d.)
- 2-29 Parker, Gilbert (n.d.)
- 2-30 Philosophical Expansion of Europe (n.d.)
- 2-31 Poetry Handouts (n.d.)
- 2-32 Pope, Alexander (n.d.)
- 2-33 Pres. Research Fund (1966-1980)
- 2-34 Puritanism (1971?)
- 2-35 Puritanism (n.d.)
- 2-36 Puritans in Acadia (n.d.)
- 2-37 Reform 1520-1534 (n.d.)
- 2-38 Religious View in France 1525-1561 (n.d.)
- 2-39 Renaissance History Outlines - P.G. (n.d.)
- 2-40 [Resignation from SFU] (1969)
- 2-41 Richardson, John (n.d.)
- 2-42 Richardson, John (n.d.)
- 2-43 Rise of Modern Science (n.d.)
- 2-44 Rivers (n.d.)
- 2-45 Scholarship (n.d.)
- 2-46 The Scotch Migrations (n.d.)
- 2-47 Scots (n.d.)
- 2-48 Scott, Duncan Campbell (n.d.)
- 2-49 Shakespeare (n.d.)
- 2-50 Shakespeare: The Tempest (n.d.)
- 2-51 Short Story (n.d.)
- 2-52 Stead (n.d.)
- 2-53 Steinbeck (n.d.)
- 2-54 Student Writing (1970)
- 2-55 Subject Matter of Eliz. Drama (n.d.)
- 2-56 Theater (1971?)
- 2-57 University of BC (1957-1965)
- 2-58 Vaudeville (n.d.)
- 2-59 Wars of Religion (n.d.)
- 2-60 Western Exploration (n.d.)

BOX 3

PUBLISHED WRITING, LECTURES, AND RESEARCH MATERIALS

- 3-1 [Anatomy of a frontier farm - notes] (n.d.)
- 3-2 Armstrong, Mark - Squamish (1984)
- 3-3 Artists (n.d.)
- 3-4 Barkerville (n.d.)
- 3-5 Barnard, Frank (n.d.)
- 3-6 B.C. (n.d.)
- 3-7 B.C. Mag. Vancouver and the Railways 1911 (n.d.)
- 3-8 Brooke, Frances (n.d.)
- 3-9 Brudenell Pioneers - P.E.I. (n.d.)
- 3-10 Buildings (n.d.)
- 3-11 C.A.C. Gastown [Revealed? First text] (n.d.)
- 3-12 Canada Sept. 8, 1917 Languages in Schools - Mrs. Ralph Smith (n.d.)
- 3-13 Canada Sept. 8, 1917 N. Van. Mayor Change to Burrard (n.d.)
- 3-14 Canada Nov. 24, 1917 (n.d.)
- 3-15 Canada July 13, 1918 Vanc. Depression - Bury - CPR (n.d.)
- 3-16 Cariboo Sentinel (n.d.)
- 3-17 CEECT talk in Ottawa - 1979 Begins project (n.d.)
- 3-18 Cheese: James McIntyre (1972-1973)
- 3-19 Colonial Mentality (n.d.)
- 3-20 [Correspondence] (1958-1959)
- 3-21 Cotton, Leonard (1968-1970)
- 3-22 [Correspondence0 (1958-1959)
- 3-23 [Crease article leftover material] (n.d.)
- 3-24 Early Architecture - Pacific N.W. (n.d.)
- 3-25 E.J. Pratt (1969)
- 3-26 Election (n.d.)
- 3-27 Exploration (n.d.)
- 3-28 First 10 Years Talk (1973-1974)
- 3-29 Fougberg (1995)
- 3-30 Frontier (n.d.)
- 3-31 G. Elliott (1961-1978)
- 3-32 [Gordon Elliott Writings and Resume] (1966-1985)
- 3-33 Grove, Frederick Philip (n.d.)
- 3-34 Hiebert, Paul (1983)
- 3-35 Hotels (n.d.)
- 3-36 Info. On Walking Tours (n.d.)

- 3-37 Institutions (n.d.)
- 3-38 John Morton (1971)
- 3-39 Kalman and Elliott (1972)
- 3-40 Lit and Hist. Soc Quebec (1951-1955)
- 3-41 Mary Murphy (1982)
- 3-42 McIntyre, James (n.d.)
- 3-43 [Misc.] (1996-2000)
- 3-44 Moodyville Tickler July 20, 1878 (n.d.)
- 3-45 Music (n.d.)
- 3-46 Musings (1967)
- 3-47 Newfoundland (n.d.)
- 3-48 North Shore (n.d.)
- 3-49 [Notes] (n.d.)
- 3-50 [Notes] (1971)
- 3-51 Odds and Ends (n.d.)
- 3-52 Odd MS (n.d.)
- 3-53 Old Stuff (n.d.)
- 3-54 Palmer, Henry Spencer (n.d.)
- 3-55 People (n.d.)
- 3-56 Prentice-Hall (1958-1961)

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- 4-1 Public Lectures - Instant Talks (n.d.)
- 4-2 Publishing Periodicals (n.d.)
- 4-3 [Research] (n.d.)
- 4-4 [Research Materials - Letters] (1869-1902)
- 4-5 Richler, Mordecai (1965-2000)
- 4-6 Roy, Gabrielle (n.d.)
- 4-7 Sandford Fleming Report 1874 (n.d.)
- 4-8 Seymour, Gov (n.d.)
- 4-9 Tupper Papers (n.d.)
- 4-10 Sevannell (n.d.)
- 4-11 Steamboats (n.d.)
- 4-12 Streets (n.d.)
- 4-13 Suknaski, Andrew (n.d.)
- 4-14 Telephone Call (1957)
- 4-15 Traill, Catharine Parr (n.d.)
- 4-16 Vancouver Commercial (1971)
- 4-17 Vancouver Observer (1969)

- 4-18 Vee for Vancouver - Davis (1971)
- 4-19 Why Canadian Literature? (1982)
- 4-20 Willard E. Ireland - Archives (1957-1958)
- 4-21 Women's Press Club Content (n.d.)
- 4-22 [Writing] (n.d.)
- 4-23 [Writing] (1984-1994)
- 4-24 [Writing] (1961-1964)

BOX 5

CORRESPONDENCE

- 5-1 [Agnes Lee] (1959-1960)
- 5-2 Allen, Laurie and IKKO (1960-1961)
- 5-3 Brandfon, Robert (1956-1995)
- 5-4 Bryant, Phyllis (1969-1978)
- 5-5 Canadian Lit. (1955-1975)
- 5-6 Case, Alan (1956-1959)
- 5-7 Centennial (1956-1958)
- 5-8 Colley E.M. (1956-1963)
- 5-9 [Correspondence] (1956-1957)
- 5-10 [Correspondence] (1960-1964)
- 5-11 "Dublin Letters" (1945)
- 5-12 Elliott (1949)
- 5-13 Fisher, Jack (1955-1956)
- 5-14 Frank, Gogos (1962)
- 5-15 Girard, Charlotte (1958-1984)
- 5-16 Hardman, Maria (1985)
- 5-17 Laurence, Jack (1963-1993)
- 5-18 Laurence, Joe (1957)
- 5-19 [Le Crew?] (1959)
- 5-20 Les Peterson (1976-1977)
- 5-21 Letters re: colleagues (1966-1978)
- 5-22 [MacGregor P?] ((1966-1971)
- 5-23 Magagna, Lino (1958-1995)
- 5-24 M.A. Ormsby (1954-1986)
- 5-25 [Misc.] (1956-1994)
- 5-26 [Misc Correspondence] (1957-2001)
- 5-27 Correspondence with John Harr (1954-2000)

5-28 [Misc. Correspondence] (1957-1959)
5-29 [Misc. Correspondence] (1940-1979)
5-30 Montague, P.E.I. (1956-1957)
5-31 Moore, T.K. (1957-1958)
5-32 M.P.'s (1961-1962)
5-33 [Mudroch, Vaclav] (1955-1957)
5-34 Don Nicholson (1960-1975)
5-35 Orr, Alex (1957-1966)
5-36 [Personal Correspondence] (1989-1990)
5-37 [Personal Correspondence] (1992-1996)
5-38 [Personal Correspondence] (1959-1978)
5-39 [Personal Correspondence] (1961-1986)
5-40 Peter Muller (1976)
5-41 Phyllis B. Kellis (1974)
5-42 R. Haig-Brown (1969)
5-43 Reid, Robert. R. (1957-1962)
5-44 Ron Liversedge (1968)
5-45 [Sage, Walter] (1956-1957)
5-46 Savage (1970-1997)
5-47 Shenton, Robert (1956-1958)
5-48 Sinclair, Betrand W. (1976-1978)
5-49 Smith, Dorothy Blakey (1956-1982)
5-50 Smith, M.B. (1955-1961)
5-51 Stallman, Robert (1957)
5-52 Stokes, Edward (1955-1966)
5-53 Shrasse, D (1959)
5-54 T.K. Perrin (1958-2000)
5-55 Tucker, Gilbert (1952-1955)
5-56 Turner, Margaret (1956-1962)
5-57 Velimirovic, Misko (1957)
5-58 Walters, Australia (1958-1981)
5-59 Whitely, Nancy and Jack (1956-1957)
5-60 Wright, Mary Carr (1958-1960)
5-61 Young, John and Laura (1956-1984)

BOX 6

BRITISH COLUMBIA CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

- 6-1 B.C. Centennial Anthology (1956-1958)
- 6-2 The Burning of Barkerville (n.d.)
- 6-3 [Crease article for B.C. and Crease notes] (1963)
- 6-4 Simon Fraser Sails Again (1957)
- 6-5 [Submission] (n.d.)

BRITISH COLUMBIA HERITAGE TRUST LOCAL HISTORIES

- 6-6 [Misc.] (1967-1987)
- 6-7 MS Writing Local History (1982)

HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA REPORTS

- 6-8 [Australian Literature] (1961-1977)
- 6-9 [Reports to the Humanities Research Council] (1967-1973)

MISCELLANEOUS BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

- 6-10 [Donation of Margaret Laurence Letters] (1998)
- 6-11 Family (1939-1988)
- 6-12 G.R.E. Personal Records (1934-2004)
- 6-13 M. Elliott (1939-2002)
- 6-14 [SFU] (1984)
- 6-15 "Christmas Letters" (n.d.)
- 6-16 Tom Ross (n.d.)

VANCOUVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUBLICATION

- 6-17 [Misc. loose papers] (1961-1991)
- 6-18 Speaking Engagements (n.d.)
- 6-19 [Vancouver Historical Society] (1971-1974)

AUDIO TAPE SERIES

AT 3372 Audio recording of Gordon Elliott discussing Margaret Ormsby as a professor, colleague, and friend (1999)