

Sherwood Lett Collection / Reginald H. Roy (collector)

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Collection Description

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3 cm of textual records.

Collector's Biographical Sketch

Reginald Roy was born in Nova Scotia in 1922. He enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1939, serving in Europe during the Second World War with the Cape Breton Highlanders. He received his officer's commission in 1943. After the war he enrolled in the History Department of Victoria College and later the University of British Columbia. Roy obtained his BA in History from UBC in 1950, followed by an MA in 1951. For two years he served with the Army Historical Section, General Staff, at Canadian Army Headquarters in Ottawa, and later as an archivist at the Public Archives of Canada. From 1954 to 1958 he worked as an archivist at the Public Archives of British Columbia. He also taught History at Victoria College. Later, Roy was an instructor in the Department of History and Economics at Canadian Services College, Royal Roads, Victoria. He completed work for a Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1965. In 1959 Dr. Roy joined the staff at Victoria College full time, as an instructor in the History Department. In 1961 he became an assistant professor, then in 1965 an associate professor, with tenure. In 1970 he became a full professor, with tenure. His specific areas of interest and research were Canadian and military history. He was Associate Dean of Graduate Studies at the University of Victoria in 1973-1974, and Acting Dean in 1974-75. Reginald Roy retired from the University of Victoria in 1988.

During his career Roy wrote ten books and 40 scholarly articles – including *Sherwood Lett: His life and times* (1991), a biography of the first president of UBC's Alma Mater Society, later chancellor of UBC, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of B.C.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of the annotated first draft of Roy's biography of Sherwood Lett, copies of tributes to Lett published after his death in 1964, and correspondence.

Notes

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Donated by Evelyn Lett in August 1991.

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