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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Columbia River Treaty audio collection
ID:	F-227
Date:	1996, 2009, 2011, 2015 (date of creation)
Date:	1974 (date of creation)
Physical description:	13 cm of textual records 14 sound recordings
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The University Archives acquires, preserves and makes available three categories of materials: (1) the official records of the University, including those created by the Board of Governors, Senate, University committees, faculties, departments and administrative offices; (2) materials documenting the wider University community; and (3) historical research collections that promote the teaching and research activities of the University. The Archives was established within the University Library in 1968 when librarian Liisa Fagerlund was appointed University Archivist on a half-time basis. She continued in this post until 1975 when she left the University. From 1975 to 1978, the Archives functioned within the Special Collections division of the Library. Archival duties were carried out by various library staff members. In 1978, the University Archives was established as a separate administrative unit outside of the Library. Donald Baird, recently retired as University Librarian, became University Archivist and held this position until his retirement in 1990. Jim Ross served as University Archivist from 1991 to 1993, and was succeeded by Ian Forsyth in 1994.

When the Archives was a function of the University Library, the University Archivist reported to the University Librarian. When the Archives was established as a separate administrative unit, the University Archivist reported directly to the University President. The reporting structure changed in 1986 when the University Archivist reported to the Vice-President, Research/Information Systems; in 1990, when the University Archivist reported to the Associate Vice-President, Academic; and in 1996, when the University Archivist reported to the Registrar/Dean of Students.

Scope and content

Collection consists of records available in multiple formats relating to the 14-lecture series "Canadian-American Relations: Perspectives on the Columbia River Treaty" held at Simon Fraser University in 1974.

The Columbia River Treaty was an agreement between Canada and the United States for flood control and the construction of dams for the generation of hydroelectricity. Four dams were constructed - three in Canada (Mica, Arrow, and Duncan) and one in the United States (Libby). The treaty was signed in 1961 but was not ratified by the Canadian Parliament. The treaty was so controversial that a Protocol was drawn up, which eventually defined the monetary terms and operational procedures without changing any of the physical plan. The Protocol was agreed upon in 1964.

The lecture series was organized through the combined efforts of the Canadian Studies Program, the Department of Continuing Studies, and the Alumni Association and was chaired by Professor George Cook of the History Department. Each lecture was given by a person who had been closely connected to the Columbia River Treaty. Admission to attend the lectures was free. All lectures were held in the East Concourse Cafeteria, SFU (Burnaby campus).

Collection consists of audio recordings of the Columbia River Treaty lecture series advertised by Simon Fraser University as "a series of talks and panels designed to increase public understanding of this issue in Canadian-American relations on the international, national, regional and local levels and from the political, legal, economic, geographic and social aspects." The collection also consists of transcripts compiled by BC Hydro (Dania Robinson) in 2011 from the audio recordings of the Columbia River Treaty lecture series.

Due to variable audio quality, the transcripts are not a full disclosure of the lectures.

Researchers are advised to review access copies of the original audio recordings.

Document types include reel to reel, audio cassette tapes, digital (mp3 format) as well as transcripts (paper and PDF formats) of the audio recordings.

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: Title based on contents of the collection.

Immediate source of acquisition

Audio reels were transferred to the Archives from the SFU Audio Visual Centre. In 1996 copies of the audio reels were made to audio cassette for reference purposes. In 2009 digital copies were made from the audio cassettes. Transcripts of the lectures were created by BC Hydro and donated to the Archives in 2011 (series 2).

Arrangement

Collection was originally arranged as a listing of sound recordings. With the donation of the transcripts, the collection was arranged into two series, with separate series for audio recordings (F-227-1) and transcripts (F-227-2). In 2015, the digitized sound recordings and born-digital transcripts were ingested into Archivematica and DIPs were delivered to Atom. The series were collapsed into files once more.

Restrictions on access

The records in this collection are open with no restrictions.

Related material

For records relating to hydroelectricity and the Columbia River Treaty, please see the finding aid for the W.A.C. Bennett fonds (F-55). The Archives holds two other collections relating to two of the speakers for this lecture series: see the James W. Wilson regional planning collection (F-132); and the Hugh Keenleyside interview collection (F-137). For published material on the treaty, please see the book "The Sociology of Natural Resources" by John Elliott (published in 1981 by Butterworth & Co. (Canada) Ltd.) which contains a chapter entitled "The Columbia River Treaty: Growth Versus Development and the Implications."

Accruals

As of November 2011, all accessions have been processed. Corrected transcripts from BC Hydro are expected.

Other notes

- Publication status: published
- Level of detail: Full
- Status description: Revised
- Physical description: Includes 14 audio reels (originals), 27 audio cassettes (copies), and 32 DVDs (copies).

Access points

- Cook, George (subject)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Records in electronic form (digitized) (documentary form)
- Records in electronic form (born-digital) (documentary form)
- Environment (subject)
- Government (subject)
- Natural resources (subject)

- Transportation and utilities (subject)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-227-0-0-0-1	File - Title page, table of contents and disclaimer to transcripts of Columbia River Treaty SFU Lectures	1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - Title Page			
	Item - Index-Disclaimer			
F-227-0-0-0-2	File - Lecture 1 Howard Green and Dr. Cook: The Columbia River Treaty 1963: the Background and the Negotiations	January 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 1 Revised			
	Item - CRT Lecture 1			
	Item - CRT Lecture 1 Second Revision Dec 2015			
F-227-0-0-0-2-1	Item - Lecture 1 Howard Green and Dr. Cook: The Columbia River Treaty 1963: the Background and the Negotiations	January 30, 1974	Open	OBJ-2758 OBJ-2828 OBJ-2829 OBJ-2855 OBJ-2856 OBJ-2857
	Item - CRT1GreenHv1			
	Item - CRT1GreenHv2			
F-227-0-0-0-3	File - Lecture 2 Alvin Hamilton, Chairman, Columbia River Liaison Committee	1 February 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 2 Revised			
	Item - CRT Lecture 2			
	Item - CRT Lecture 2 Second Revision Dec 2015			
F-227-1-0-0-3-1	Item - Lecture 2 - Alvin Hamilton: Nation, Province and Natural Resources	February 1, 1974	Open	OBJ-2759 OBJ-2830 OBJ-2831 OBJ-2858 OBJ-2859 OBJ-2859
	Item - CRT2HamiltonAv1			
	Item - CRT2HamiltonAv2			
	Item - CRT2HamiltonAv3			
F-227-0-0-0-4	File - Lecture 3 Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs, Senator	6 February 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 3			
F-227-0-0-0-4-1	Item - Lecture no. 3 Senator Arthur Laing: The Negotiation of the Columbia River Protocol	February 8, 1974	Open	OBJ-2760 OBJ-2832 OBJ-2833 OBJ-2860 OBJ-2861

	Item - CRT3LaingAv1			
	Item - CRT3LaingAv2			
F-227-0-0-0-5	File - Lecture 4 Gordon Shrum, President, BC Hydro	20 February 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 4			
F-227-0-0-0-5-1	Item - Lecture no. 4 - Gordon Shrum: BC Energy Development and the Columbia River Treaty	February 20, 1974	Open	OBJ-2761 OBJ-2834 OBJ-2835 OBJ-2862 OBJ-2863
	Item - CRT4ShrumGv1			
	Item - CRT4ShrumGv2			
F-227-0-0-0-6	File - Lecture 5 Bob Strachan, Leader, New Democratic Party	22 February 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 5			
F-227-0-0-0-6-1	Item - Lecture 5 Bob Strachan: The New Democratic Party and the Columbia River Treaty	February 22, 1974	Open	OBJ-2762 OBJ-2836 OBJ-2837 OBJ-2864 OBJ-2865
	Item - CRT5StrachanBv1			
	Item - CRT5StrachanBv2			
F-227-0-0-0-7	File - Lecture 6 Neil Swainson, UVic Political Science Professor	27 February 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT lecture 6			
F-227-0-0-0-7-1	Item - Lecture 6 - Neil Swainson: Fact, Fancy and Lessons Related to the Columbia River Treaty Experience	February 27, 1974	Open	OBJ-2763 OBJ-2838 OBJ-2839 OBJ-2866 OBJ-2867 OBJ-2868
	Item - CRT6SwainsonNv1			
	Item - CRT6SwainsonNv2			
	Item - CRT6SwainsonNv3			
F-227-0-0-0-8	File - Lecture 7 Larat Higgins, Technical Advisor	1 March 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 7			
F-227-0-0-0-8-1	Item - Lecture 7 Larrett Higgins: The Columbia River Treaty: Aftermath and Policy Implications	March 1, 1974	Open	OBJ-2764 OBJ-2840 OBJ-2841 OBJ-2869 OBJ-2870
	Item - CRT7HigginsLv1			
	Item - CRT7HigginsLv2			
F-227-0-0-0-9	File - Lecture 8 Jim Wilson, Executive Director, BC Hydro	8 March 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 8			
F-227-0-0-0-9-1	Item - Lecture 8 Jim Wilson: The Human Aspects of the Columbia River Treaty	March 13, 1974	Open	OBJ-2765 OBJ-2842 OBJ-2843 OBJ-2871 OBJ-2872
	Item - CRT8WilsonJv1			
	Item - CRT8WilsonJv2			

F-227-0-0-0-10	File - Lecture 9 Ian McDougall, Environmental Lawyer	13 March 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 9			
F-227-0-0-0-10-1	Item - Lecture 9 Ian McDougall: The Lesson of the Columbia River Treaty as applied to Joint Energy Development	March 15, 1974	Open	OBJ-2766 OBJ-2844 OBJ-2845 OBJ-2873 OBJ-2874
	Item - CRT9McDougalllv1			
	Item - CRT9McDougalllv2			
F-227-0-0-0-11	File - Lecture 10 Marian Marts, U.S. Professor of Environmental Geography	15 March 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 10			
F-227-0-0-0-11-1	Item - Lecture 10 Marion Marts: Retrospection on the Great River Treaty from South of the Border	March 22, 1974	Open	OBJ-2768 OBJ-2848 OBJ-2878 OBJ-2879
	Item - CRT10MartsMv1			
	Item - CRT10MartsMv2			
F-227-0-0-0-12	File - Lecture 11 Ray Williston, Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources	20 March 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 11			
F-227-0-0-0-12-1	Item - Lecture 11 Ray Williston: The Position of the Government of BC in the Columbia River Treaty Negotiations	March 20, 1974	Open	OBJ-2767 OBJ-2846 OBJ-2847 OBJ-2875 OBJ-2876 OBJ-2877
	Item - CRT11WillistonRv1			
	Item - CRT11WillistonRv2			
	Item - CRT11WillistonRv3			
F-227-0-0-0-13	File - Lecture 12 Charles Bourne, UBC Law Professor	22 March 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
F-227-0-0-0-13-1	Item - Lecture 12 Charles Bourne: Legal Issues in the Settlement of the Columbia River Treaty Dispute	March 27, 1974	Open	OBJ-2769 OBJ-2849 OBJ-2850 OBJ-2880 OBJ-2881
	Item - CRT12BourneCv1			
	Item - CRT12BourneCv2			
	Item - CRT12BourneCv3			
	Item - CRT Lecture 12			
F-227-0-0-0-14	File - Lecture 13 Gordon MacNabb, Senior ADM, Energy Mines and Resources	27 March 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 13			
	Item - CRT Lecture 13 Second Revision Dec 2015			
F-227-0-0-0-14-1	Item - Lecture 13 Gordon MacNabb: Columbia River Treaty	April 2, 1974	Open	OBJ-2770 OBJ-2851 OBJ-2852 OBJ-2882

				OBJ-2883 OBJ-2884
	Item - CRT13MacNabGv1			
	Item - CRT13MacNabGv2			
	Item - CRT13MacNabGv3			
F-227-0-0-0-15	File - Lecture 14 Hugh Keenleyside, Chairman, BC Hydro	3 April 1974	Open	227-4 OBJ-2887
	Item - CRT Lecture 14			
F-227-0-0-0-15-1	Item - Lecture 14 Hugh Keenleyside: The Development of the Columbia River	April 3, 1974	Open	OBJ-2771 OBJ-2853 OBJ-2854 OBJ-2885 OBJ-2886
	Item - CRT14KeenleysideHv1			
	Item - CRT14KeenleysideHv2			