

**Register of the
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G. Hubert Smith Collection

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Scope and Content

George Hubert Smith was born on January 11, 1908 in Miller, South Dakota to Daniel H. Smith and Georgiana Clayton Smith. Following his family's move to Minneapolis Smith attended the University of Minnesota and later attended graduate school at the University of Chicago.

Between 1929 and 1942 Smith worked for the National Park Service (NPS) and the Works Progress Administration, participating in archaeological digs in Minnesota and Wyoming. In late January 1942 he was inducted into the U.S. Army and assigned to the Medical Department. He served in hospitals in Denver and Charleston (South Carolina), and in the Atlantic on board the hospital ship *Acadia*. He was released in October 1945 with the rank of sergeant.

Following World War II, Smith was appointed museum curator of the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS), a position he held until 1949. In 1950 he briefly returned to the NPS, before joining the Smithsonian Institution's River Basin Surveys based in Lincoln, Nebraska. For the next 17 years he supervised field work at important historic sites along the Missouri River before they were flooded by the construction of reservoirs. During the late 1950s and the 1960s Smith also worked on projects for the NPS and U.S. Department of Justice. He retired in 1968 and died unexpectedly on March 25, 1972 in Lincoln.

Smith was not a Seventh-day Adventist, but his cousin Clarence Dunbar Smith and Clarence's wife Marie [Mary] C. Eden both attended Union College. Clarence's mother was a member of the Dunbar family of Dunbar, Nebraska and the Dunbars are among the early Seventh-day Adventists in Nebraska.

This collection contains Smith family genealogical notes and G. Hubert Smith's college diploma.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection has been done by the Union College Library Heritage Room.

Provenance

This collection was a gift from Robert Hanna in November 2016. It provides provenance for the G. Hubert Smith collection of rare books also given by Hanna and now located in the Heritage Room book stacks.

Use

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INVENTORY

I. Personal Documents

Biographical Information

Box 1 Fld 1 "Smithsonian Archeologist To Speak Here." *Daily
Press & Dakotan* (January 7, 1963)
[photocopy].

"Smithsonian Archeologist Historical Society
Speaker." *Sioux Falls Argus Leader* (April
4, 1964) [photocopy].

"Retires from Smithsonian" *Lincoln Journal- Star*
(1968) [photocopy].

"Archeologist Describes Work in River Basin."
Sioux Falls Argus Leader (April 11, 1964)
[photocopy].

II. Correspondence

Box 1 Fld 2 To Hubert from Lee Nelson (December 8, 1970)

To Robert L. Hanna from Charles D. Rafkind, Park
Ranger at the United States Department of
the Interior (July 26, 1973)

To Mrs. Georgiana Smith from Charls D. Rafkind,
Park Ranger at the United States
Department of the Interior (July 26, 1973)

To Robert L. Hanna from Edgar W. Dodd
(December 14, 1973)

To Robert Hanna from Nicolas F. Veloz, Jr.
(September 9, 1977)

To Nicolas F. Veloz from Robert Hannah (October
24, 1978)

III. Genealogy

Box 1 Fld 3 “The Smith Family Genealogy” [manuscript].

Hoopes, L. A. “[John] Dunbar” [obituary]. *Central Advance* (August 26, 1903).

“[Mary Dunbar] Smith” [obituary]. *Central Union Reaper* (June 18, 1946): 7.

“[Clarence Dunbar] Smith” [obituary]. *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* (May 30, 1957): 27.

“[Clarence Dunbar] Smith” [obituary]. *Pacific Union Recorder* (May 27, 1957): 13.

IV. Miscellaneous

Box 1 Fld 4 University of Minnesota Diploma for George Hubert Smith.

House of Representatives Visitor's Pass for June 1955

United States Senate Chamber for June 1955

Letter to G. Herbert Smith from Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (July 6, 1955)

Related Collection

G. Hubert Smith Collection, Union College Library Catalog

Note: Many of the names inscribed in the books in this collection may be G. Hubert Smith's ancestors.