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### Biographical Information

John Ernest Monteith was born to Irish parents in St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, on August 16, 1908. He was baptized a Seventh-day Adventist in 1926. Receiving his B.A. degree at McMaster University in Hamilton in 1939 and his M.A. at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1950, he engaged in educational work for 45 years. For 19 years he taught in elementary schools, and for 20 years he has been on the staff of Essex District High School, first as a history teacher, later heading the Department of Guidance and Counseling. He taught at Oshawa Missionary College for six years.

### Scope and Content

While J. Ernest Monteith was a student at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1947, he followed up an old interest in Seventh-day Adventist history. Hunting through old *Review and Herald*s, he tried to trace the development of Seventh-day Adventist work in Canada. In 1955 the Canadian Union Conference asked him to officially continue his research, collecting material for a history of the Adventist church in Canada. Responding, Monteith interviewed about 100 old timers, and collected numerous letters, articles, photographs, and other items. This collection is Monteith's research of more than 20 years. The materials cover many aspects of Seventh-day Adventist Canadian Church history. This research resulted in the book, *The Lord is My Shepherd: A History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada*, published by the Canadian Union Conference in 1983. See BX 6153.51 .M65 in the Adventist Heritage Center.

### Arrangement

Where possible the material has been kept in the arrangement made by J. Ernest Monteith himself. The envelopes and folders are referred to as env and fld. They are numbered on the basis of chronological, alphabetical, or topical sequence. Citations to the collection or item in the collection should include the following: J. Ernest Monteith Collection, Heritage Room at the James White Library, Andrews University.

### Provenance

In the Spring of 1975, Mr. Monteith gave this collection of materials, which fills eight archives boxes, to the Heritage Room, a Seventh-day Adventist Archive.

### Use

All users of this collection will be required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher's Code of Conduct." All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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### INVENTORY

#### I, Newspaper Clipping and Notes

Box1 fld1 British Columbia.  
Box1 fld2 Manitoba.  
Box1 fld3 Newfoundland.  
Box1 fld4 Ontario.  
Box1 fld5 Prince Edward Island.  
Box1 fld6 Quebec.  
Box1 fld7 Saskatchewan.  
Box1 fld8 Notes from *Canadian Messenger*.  
Box1 fld9 Notes from *Messengers*.  
Box1 fld10 Notes from *Western Canadian tidings*.  
Box1 fld11 Early union papers.

#### II, Miscellaneous

Box1 fld12 Biographical information.  
Box1 fld13 Camp meeting information.  
Box1 fld14 Canadian S.D.A. s in war.  
Box1 fld15 Canadian Union Conferences.  
Box1 fld16 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of South Stukely church.  
Box2 fld1 Colporteur experiences.

#### III. Conferences

##### *Alberta Conference*

Box2 fld2 Miscellaneous conference minutes.  
Box2 fld3 Early church papers.  
Box2 fld4 Letters and notes.  
Box2 fld5 Questionnaires on churches.  
Box2 fld6 Letter, copies, and notes.  
Box2 fld7 Miscellaneous clippings, notes, and pamphlet.

##### *British Columbia*

Box2 fld8 Miscellaneous notes and Vancouver map.  
Box2 fld9 Letters.  
Box2 fld10 Conference minutes: notes.  
Box2 fld11 Notes, clippings, and British Columbia map.  
Box2 fld12 Questionnaires on churches.

*Manitoba Conference*

- Box2 fld13 Letters, copies, and notes.
- Box2 fld14 Copies and notes.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Maritime Conference*

- Box2 fld15 New Brunswick.
- Box2 fld16 Nova Scotia.
- Box2 fld17 Maritime Conferences.
- Box2 fld18 Letters, notes, church histories, 1880's colporteur diary, Monteith s seminary research notes.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference*

- Box3 fld1 Letters.
- Box3 fld2 Questionnaires on churches.
- Box3 fld3 Biennial reports, 1954-1955.
- Box3 fld4 Clippings and notes from S.D.A. papers.
- Box3 fld5 Maps.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Newfoundland Conference*

- Box3 fld6 Letters, interview, information on churches, notes from *R. & H.*
- Box3 fld7 Newfoundland Mission Conference, 1960; clippings and notes from S.D.A. papers.
- Box3 vol1 Fitch Bay church Sabbath School minutes, 1886-1888, 1901-1904.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Ontario/Ontario/Quebec Conferences*

- Box4 fld1 Ontario: letters.
- Box4 fld2 Ontario-Quebec: biographies.
- Box4 fld3 Ontario-Quebec: clipping and notes from *Canadian Union Messenger*.
- Box4 fld4 Ontario: church dedication and anniversary bulletins.
- Box4 fld5 Ontario: clippings and notes from *R. & H.*
- Box4 fld6 Ontario: miscellaneous.
- Box4 fld7 Ontario-Quebec: questionnaires on churches.
- Box4 fld8 Ontario: church school information.
- Box4 fld9 Ontario: conference minutes.
- Box4 fld10 Ontario-Quebec: 1966 financial report.
- Box4 fld11 Ontario-Quebec: 1964 financial report.

*Prairie Conference*

- Box4 fld12 Notes from *Northern Union Reaper*.

*Quebec Conference*

- Box4 fld13 Legal reference to S.D.A. church in 1895, 1933, 1935, 1964, 1971, and 1973.
- Box4 fld14 Conference minutes.
- Box4 fld15 Letters.
- Box4 fld16 Copies of and notes from the *R. & H.*
- Box4 fld17 Miscellaneous.

*Saskatchewan Conference*

- Box4 fld18 Conference minutes.

**IV. Education**

- Bx 4 fld19 Statistics.

**V. French Work**

- Box4 fld20 Miscellaneous.

**VI. Indian Work**

- Box5 fld1 Letters; S.D.A. periodicals: clippings.

**VII. Medical Institutions**

- Box5 fld2 Reports, pamphlets, and miscellaneous information.

**VIII. Publications**

- Box5 fld3 Miscellaneous materials on historic development.

**IX. Religious Liberty**

- Box 5 fld4 Persecution in Canada; victims of Sunday laws.
- Box5 fld5 Religious liberty struggles.
- Box5 fld6 Sunday laws in Parliament.
- Box5 fld7 Sunday laws in Canada.
- Box5 fld8 Sunday law movement.

## **X. Schools**

### *Elementary Schools*

Box5 fld 9 Alberta.  
Box5 fld10 British Columbia.  
Box5 fld11 Manitoba-Saskatchewan  
Box5 fld12 Maritime.  
Box5 fld13 Newfoundland.  
Box5 fld14 Quebec.

### *Academies*

Box5 fld15 Academy bulletins.  
Box5 fld16 Battleford Academy.  
Box5 fld17 Maritimes.  
( See also Box5 fld12 )

### *Colleges*

Box5 fld18 Canadian Union College.  
Box5 fld19 Kingsway College: notes from bulletins.  
Box5 fld20 Kingsway College: miscellaneous.  
Box5 fld21 Kingsway College: graduates.

## **XI. Social Work**

Box5 fld22 Miscellaneous clippings and notes.

## **XII. Temperance**

Box6 fld1 Miscellaneous.

## **XIII. Ukrainian Work**

Box6 fld2 Miscellaneous

## **XIV. Workers**

Box6 fld3 Workers, 1905-1960: notes.  
Box6 fld4 Conference officers.

## **XV. Youth Camps**



Box6 fld5 Notes and clippings of youth work.  
Photographs and negatives of Camp Frenda.

## XVI. Miscellaneous

Box6 fld6 Information from G. C. Bulletins  
Box6 fld7 Meteoric showers.  
Box6 fld8 Millerites.  
Box6 fld9 Millerites.  
Box6 fld10 *The Sabbath Question*.  
Box6 fld11 Statistics: Ontario membership list; unidentified dollar amounts.

## XVII. Tape

Box6 tape1 Calvin Smith, first S. D. A. to visit Peace River District in Alberta in 1918.

## XVIII. Pictures

Box6 fld12 Campbell, M. N.  
Gilbert  
Guthrie, Wm. P.  
Moffett, W. C.  
Ochs, W. B.  
Olson, A. V.  
Rudy, H. L. (2)  
Ruskjer, W. S.  
Shaw  
Stewart  
Stray, F. W.  
Thurston, W. H. T.

Box6 env1 Heald, B. M. (printer s engraving)

Box6 env2 Maritimes Conference Presidents:  
Beaven, Eric  
Bock, L. L.  
Bothe, J. W.  
Butler, Omar K.: president Maritime Conference.  
Langdon, George: superintendent Maritime Mission,  
first president Maritime Conference.  
Miller

Box6 env3 Union treasures:

Gibson, T. D.  
Hartwell, S. D.: first treasurer.  
Lukens, T. Ray, West Canadian Union.  
MacPherson, Verah, West Canadian Union.  
Noftsgger, B. B.  
Perrin, W. E.  
Shepard, H. A.  
Wilson, Amy, East Canadian Union.

Box6 env4 Quebec Conference:

Campbell, M. N. And Tanner, W. J.  
Howard, Walter, president of St. Lawrence  
Conference.  
Lane, F. G.: president Quebec Conference.  
Owen, R.S.: Quebec Conference  
Rickard, H. E.  
Tanner.  
William, I. N.

Box6 env5 Maritimes Conference:

Academy building, Williamsdale, Nova Scotia.  
Cook, Brother and Sister Joseph.  
Cooke, R. H.: lay worker.  
Corkham, David A.: first Maritimes convert.  
First Halifax Church after explosion, 1917.  
Indian Harbor, Nova Scotia Church.  
Covey, Charles  
Covey, Mrs. Charles  
Covey, Arthur  
Covey, Jennie  
Longard, Levi  
Israel, J. R.: pioneer worker in Maritimes.  
Longard, Levi: pioneer colporteur in Nova  
Scotia.  
Morse, F. W.  
Rice, A. J.: early Maritimes colporteur  
Steward, T. M.

Box6 env6 Newfoundland Conference:

Adams, G. O.: Newfoundland president.  
Hersum, S. J.: first S. D. A. preacher to labor in  
Newfoundland Conference  
Joyce, C.: superintendent Newfoundland Mission.  
Moores, P.: Newfoundland president.  
Rick, P. A. and Mrs.: Newfoundland president.  
Tinkler, D. E.: Newfoundland president.  
Toop, J. A.  
Tracy, Fred. Arthur (negative)

Webber, R. S.: superintendent Maritime Missions  
Weis, C.: Newfoundland president  
Williams, H. N.: Newfoundland president.

Box6 env7 Saskatchewan Conference residents:

Butterfield, C.  
Walker, J. G.  
Ziprick, O. J.

Box6 env8 Alberta pioneers:

Cornell, Stella B. Lowry: first Alberta Conference treasurer  
Holdeman, Brother and Mrs. C. L.: first canvasser.  
Group picture:  
Sitzer, Brother and Sister Hommel, Elder and Sister Boynton (Alberta Mission Superintendent), Stella Lowry (first Alberta Conference treasurer)

Box6 env9 Manitoba Conference pictures:

Adams, W. M.  
Beeson, Curtis.  
Chapman,  
Perry, F. L.  
Reiner, D. E.  
Sandness, O. E.  
Shepard, Lyle.  
Young, Wm.

Box6 env10 Educational pictures:

Drown, Carroll: Fitch Bay principal.  
Nelson, Anna (Dybdahl): first Ontario church school teacher.  
Rutland school  
South Stukely, Quebec: winter term souvineer  
Williamsdale Academy, Nova, Scotia:  
Boys dormitory, early 1900's  
Girls dormitory, 1904-1906(?)  
Student body, 1910-11(?)

Box6 env11 Medical pictures:

Alberta Sanitarium  
Hommel, F. L.: founder of Alberta Sanitarium.  
Knowlton Sanitarium  
Rest Haven Sanitarium

Box6 env12 Webster, F. C.: Quebec president.

Box6 env13 Manitoba Campmeeting workers:

Campbell, George  
Cobb.  
Gilbert, A. C.  
Gulbranson.  
McGill.  
Paddock, C. L.  
Pettit: missionary, India.  
Prescott, W.  
Reiswig, J. J.  
Shepherd.  
Skinner.  
Soper.  
White, Semple.  
Ziprick.

Quebec camp meeting scene.

Unidentified camp meeting scene.

Box6 env14 Canadian Junior College

1924 - Students and faculty.

1925 - Students and faculty.

Box6 env15 Ontario Conference presidents:

Barrett, D. J. C.  
Bock, Lowell L.  
Campbell, M. V.  
Clemenson, W. A.  
Hare, M. M.  
Jones, G. Eric.  
Lukens, H. A.  
McEachern, Jolin H.  
Millner, A. E.  
Olson, A. V.  
Richards, H. M. J.  
Starr, F. D.  
Stray, F. W.  
Thompson, George B.

Box6 env16 Canadian Union College

Miscellaneous students and buildings

College presidents (?)

Beardsley, J. I.  
Burman, C. A.  
Cobb, L. W.  
Dick, E. D.  
Johnson, H. M.  
Klooster.  
Martin, H. K.

Smith, C. O.  
Stone, C. L.

Box6 env17 Unidentified.

**XIX. Papers, Manuscripts, etc. By J. Ernest Monteith**

- Box7 vol1 *History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, Vol. I.*
- Box7 vol2 *History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada, Vol. II.*
- Box7 fld1 Epilogue (to History?).
- Box8 vol1 *A History of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Canada.*
- Box8 vol2 *My Teaching Experiences.*
- Box8 vol3 *My Teaching Experiences* (loose leaves tied with string).
- Box8 fld1 Autobiographical Information.
- Box8 fld2 Monteith s seminary research notes.

**XX Oversize Photographs - located following collection**

1. Unidentified group picture including Mrs. Courser, Mrs. McCready, L. W. Cobb, E. D. Dick. 1914?
2. Presidents of British Columbia Conference 1904-1960.

**XXI. Copies of Newspaper Articles - in rolls following collection.**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Catholic Emancipation and Reform Bills*

1. *The Loyalist* (Fredericton), Oct. 17, 1844.
2. *The Loyalist* (Fredericton), Oct. 17, 1844.

*Catholic-Protestant Bickering*

3. *The Loyalist* (Fredericton), p. 168.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Evangelistic Meetings Advertisement of Matt. J. Allen*

4. *The Evening Record* (Windsor, Ontario), Sept. 1, 1916.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Lord s Day Observance*

5. *The Church* (Toronto), Sept. 16, 1842.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Miller, Millerites, Millerism, Etc.*

6. *The Catholic*, Dec. 28, 1842.
7. *The Catholic*, June 1, 1843.
8. *Montreal Transcript*, Nov. 9, 1844.
9. *The Nova Scotian*, Sept. 30, 1844.
10. *The Patriot*, Apr. 5, 1844.

11. *Public Ledger* ( St. John s Newfoundland), Mar. 10, 1843.
12. *Public Ledger* ( St. John s Newfoundland), Mar. 31, 1843.

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*Second Advent*

13. *Royal Gazette* (Charlottstown), Jan. 21, 1843.
14. *Royal Gazette* (Charlottstown), Feb.11, 1845.

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*Unidentified Articles*

15. *Bytown Gazette*, Apr. 25, 1844.
16. *Bytown Gazette*, Apr. 25, 1844.
17. *The Loyalist* (Fredericton), n. d.
18. *Montreal Transcript*, Oct. 31, 1844.
19. *Montreal Transcript*, Oct. 31, 1844.

The End