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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 Heralds, 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All users of this collection will be required to complete the "Application to Use Unpublished Records," and to observe the regulations specified in the "Patron Agreement" and "Researcher’s Code of Conduct."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

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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 75th 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  fld14  Conference minutes.
Box4  fld15  Letters.
Box4  fld16  Copies of and notes from the R. & H.
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Saskatchewan Conference

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IV. Education

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V. French Work

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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.
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Elementary Schools

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Academies

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Box 5 fld 17 Maritimes.

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Colleges

Box 5 fld 18 Canadian Union College.
Box 5 fld 19 Kingsway College: notes from bulletins.
Box 5 fld 20 Kingsway College: miscellaneous.
Box 5 fld 21 Kingsway College: graduates.

XI. Social Work

Box 5 fld 22 Miscellaneous clippings and notes.

XII. Temperance

Box 6 fld 1 Miscellaneous.

XIII. Ukrainian Work

Box 6 fld 2 Miscellaneous

XIV. Workers

Box 6 fld 3 Workers, 1905-1960: notes.
Box 6 fld 4 Conference officers.

XV. Youth Camps
Box 6 fld 5 Notes and clippings of youth work. Photographs and negatives of Camp Frenda.

XVI. Miscellaneous

- Box 6 fld 6 Information from G. C. Bulletins
- Box 6 fld 7 Meteoroic showers.
- Box 6 fld 8 Millerites.
- Box 6 fld 9 Millerites.
- Box 6 fld 10 The Sabbath Question.
- Box 6 fld 11 Statistics: Ontario membership list; unidentified dollar amounts.

XVII. Tape

- Box 6 tape 1 Calvin Smith, first S. D. A. to visit Peace River District in Alberta in 1918.

XVIII. Pictures

- Box 6 fld 12 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.

- Box 6 env 1 Heald, B. M. (printer's engraving)

- Box 6 env 2 Maritimes Conference Presidents:
  - Beaven, Eric
  - Bock, L. L.
  - Bothe, J. W.
  - Butler, Omar K.: president Maritime Conference.
  - Miller

- Box 6 env 3 Union treasures:
Gibson, T. D.
Hartwell, S. D.: first treasurer.
Lukens, T. Ray, West Canadian Union.
MacPherson, Verah, West Canadian Union.
Noftsger, 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. Lawerence 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.
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
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 souvenir
Williamsdale Academy, Nova, Scotia:
Boys dormitory, early 1900's
Girls dormitory, 1904-1906(?)
Student body, 1910-11(?)

Box6 env11 Medical pictures:
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?

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

Catholic Emancipation and Reform Bills


Catholic-Protestant Bickering


Evangelistic Meetings Advertisement of Matt. J. Allen


Lord’s Day Observance

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

Miller, Millerites, Millerism, Etc.

7. *The Catholic*, June 1, 1843.
11. *Public Ledger* (St. John’s Newfoundland), Mar. 10, 1843.
12. *Public Ledger* (St. John’s Newfoundland), Mar. 31, 1843.

___________ **Second Advent**

___________ **Unidentified Articles**
17. *The Loyalist* (Fredericton), n. d.

The End