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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Survival Research Institute of Canada was founded in 1991. The institute aimed to pursue and promote studies in the field of survival research, which is investigation into whether some part of the human consciousness or personality, commonly referred to as spirit, survives physical death and whether that spirit is able to communicate with the living. Based in Victoria, BC, its representatives carry out the following activities: undertaking research into the history of Spiritualism and psychical research in Canada (including study of the work of Canadian psychical researcher, Dr. Thomas Glendenning Hamilton, and the relationship of Spiritualist table-tilting phenomena documented by Hamilton and others to theories about psychokinesis); taking part in experiments connected to evidence of spirit survival brought through mediumship; sponsoring public education on subjects relevant to survival research through workshops, lectures, and demonstrations of mediumship; participating in media interviews; presenting academic lectures in Canada, the United States and Europe; and directing relevant records of Canadian organizations and individuals to appropriate archival repositories. On May 24, 2000, the institute was federally incorporated and became a registered charity. The founding members were: Walter Meyer zu Erpen and Debra Barr, two noted Canadian archivists, Walter Keoki Quan, Claus Michael Thomsen, Janice Irene Stromgren, Paul Dennis Biscop, and Lolita Nevon Wilson.

Custodial history

The fonds was donated by the Survival Research Institute of Canada in 2011 with Walter Meyer zu Erpen, President of the institution, acting as the transferring agent.

Scope and content

The fonds was arranged in part with the transferring agent in accordance with specifications he provided. Consisting of 643 records, primarily correspondence related to the various editions of the institute's "Directory of Spiritualist Organizations in Canada", this fonds takes up 0.39 linear metres of shelf space and is fully textual. The items and folders were organized by the donor, by directory edition (year) and province. The records pertaining to each year of publication are divided into their various components, as seen by the donor, such as the final copy, questionnaires and records relating to distribution. The fonds consists of six publication years: 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 2000 and 2006. Records bound together by staples, archival clips or other means were done so by the transferring agent and thus are treated as a single record, even those which contain what could be considered more than one document.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There may be some restrictions on this material.

Conditions governing use

Users must abide by relevant copyright legislation.

Related material

This fonds is one of a series of fonds and collections transferred to the Archives by Walter Meyer zu Erpen, President of the Survival Research Institute of Canada, related to survival and parapsychology research. Other such fonds and collections transferred by Meyer zu Erpen are the A.R.G. (George) and Iris M. Owen fonds "(MSS 373, PC 328, EL 38; A11-61)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/r-g-george-and-iris-m-owen-fonds;rad>, Survival Research Newsletters and Periodicals Collection "(MSS 374; A11-62)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/survival-research-newsletters-and-periodicals-collection;rad>, Debra Barr and Walter Meyer zu Erpen Research and Publication Collection "(MSS 375; A11-63)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/debra-barr-and-walter-meyer-zu-erpen-research-and-publication-collection;rad>, Jenny O'Hara Pincock fonds "(MSS 376; A11-64)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/jenny-ohara-pincock-fonds;rad>, Spiritualist Hymnals and Manuals Collection "(MSS 377; A11-65)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/spiritualist-hymnals-and-manuals-collection;rad>, Kenneth J. Batcheldor fonds "(MSS 378, EL 39; A11-66)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/kenneth-j-batcheldor-fonds;rad>, Mary Olga Park fonds "(MSS 380; A11-71)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/olga-park-fonds;rad>, Albert Batten fonds "(MSS 379, PC 329, EL 40; A11-67)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/albert-batten-fonds;rad>, Howard Reed fonds "(MSS 381, EL

41; A11-107)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/howard-reed-fonds;rad>. Also related, but not transferred by Meyer zu Erpen, is the Hamilton Family fonds "(Mss 14, Pc 12, Tc 70; A.79-21, A.79-41, A.79-52, A.79-56, A.79-65, A.80-08, A.80-25, A.81-09, A.86-56)":<http://nanna.lib.umanitoba.ca/icaatom/index.php/hamilton-family-fonds;rad>

Accruals

The transferring agent has indicated that further accruals are very likely.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Final Published Copy	1991		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Archivaria Article - Distribution and Request for Information For Compilation of First Edition of Directory of Spiritualist Organizations in Canada	1990-1991		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence	1991		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Distribution Correspondence	1991		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - Final Published Copy	1992		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0005
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence	1992		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0006
	File - Distribution Correspondence	1992		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0007
	File - Final Published Copy	1994		A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0008

	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence	1994	A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0009
	File - Distribution Correspondence	1994	A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0010
	File - Final Published Copy	1996	A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0011
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence	1996	A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0012
	File - Questionnaire - Spiritual Science Fellowship and Related Organizations	1996	A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0013
	File - Distribution Correspondence	1996	A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0014
	File - Distribution Correspondence - Advertised Bookstores	1996	A2011-060, Box 0001 File 0015
	File - Final Published Copy	2000	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence - Canadian Parent Organizations	2000	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence - Provinces	2000	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence - Other Canadian Organizations	2000	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - Distribution Correspondence	2000	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0005
	File - British and American Organizations	2000	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0006
	File - Final Published Copy	2006	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0007
	File - List of Mediums	2006	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0008
	File - Print Run Size	2006	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0009
	File - Update Process	2006	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0010
	File - Attempts to Promote and Resulting Publicity	2006	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0011

	File - Updating the Website Version	2006	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0012
	File - Introductory Sections and General Design	2006	A2011-060, Box 0002 File 0013
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence - Canadian Parent Organizations	2006	A2011-060, Box 0003 File 0001
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence - Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba	2006	A2011-060, Box 0003 File 0002
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence - Ontario and Quebec	2006	A2011-060, Box 0003 File 0003
	File - Questionnaires and Correspondence - Other Canadian Organizations	2006	A2011-060, Box 0003 File 0004
	File - Distribution Correspondence	2006	A2011-060, Box 0003 File 0005