

Canadian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies fonds

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Fonds Description

Canadian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies fonds. - 1970-1989.

1.02 m of textual records.

Administrative History

The Canadian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies ("CSECS") was created in 1970 by academics from the University of Toronto, York University, McMaster University and Carlton University. At its first general meeting, held in Toronto on March 19th, 1971, CSECS approved a constitution stating that the purpose of the society was to advance, within Canada, the study of the culture and history of the eighteenth century in Europe and the New World, to encourage research on a broad inter-disciplinary basis and to acquaint students of the eighteenth century with Canadian scholarship in that field. To advance these purposes CSECS, inter alia, held annual general meetings, organised academic conferences and published the proceedings thereof, and took part in academic conferences organised by other academic and scholarly societies. Its executive and membership held positions in academic institutions throughout Canada. It solicited and received grants from such public organizations as the Secretary of State of the Government of Canada, the Canada Council and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. It also solicited grants from a variety of private sector organizations.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of records generated by executive members of CSECS during the first nineteen years of the organization's existence. The records relate to on-going administrative activities in areas such as membership and finance, to operational activities such as meeting and conference organization, and to fundraising activities in support of both of these. The records are arranged in the following series: constitution; membership; executive correspondence; grant applications; conferences and annual general meetings; newsletters; financial; related societies; academic exchange programme; publications.

Notes

Title based on content of fonds.

Also known as *Fonds de la Societe Canadienne d'etude du Dix-huitieme Siecle*.

The records were donated by George Knox, a former member of the CSECS executive, in 1992.

Series titles have been supplied by the archivist. No restrictions were placed on access.

File list is available.

Some material is in French.

Series Descriptions

Formation and Early History of CSECS. - 1970-1973.

3 cm of textual records.

Series consist of summary of minutes of a meeting held at Victoria College, University of Toronto (6 May 1970) to consider the establishment of a society for the advancement of 18th century studies in Canada. It also includes minutes of meetings and correspondence created in the first year of CSECS's existence, on the subject of its creation, organization and funding options. Also includes draft copies of constitutions and minutes of meetings created during the first three years of CSECS's existence.

Executive Correspondence. - 1979-1989.

11 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence of executive members reflecting a range of CSECS's administrative and operational issues and activities, including funding and financial administration of meetings and conferences, administration of membership lists and collection of fees, grant applications and general revenue.

Grant Applications and Related Records. - 1977-1980.

11 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, minutes of meetings, application forms of funding agencies, lists of funding agencies, financial statements and brochures. The records reflect activities directed toward securing grants, from both public and private funding agencies, for general operating funds and for the funding of annual general meetings and conferences.

Financial Records. - 1976-1982.

9 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda, receipts, ledgers, forms and lists, reflecting activities relating to financial administration.

Newsletters and Related Records. - 1970-1985.

4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of newsletters, correspondence and notices arranged chronologically. Although the bulk of the material consists of folio-bound newsletters, one file includes material related to the production of these.

Records Relating to Conferences and Annual General Meetings. - 1973-1982.

23 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, notices, programmes and agendas, registration forms, memoranda, invoices, rejected paper proposals, press releases and press clippings. The bulk of the records reflect activities directed toward the planning and organization of annual general meetings and academic conferences that took place in the late 1970's and early 1980's.

Records Relating to Publications. - 1980.

5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, notices and minutes of meetings, relating to a proposed serial publication entitled "Proceedings of the Canadian Society for Eighteenth Century Studies."

Membership Records. - 1976-1981.

15 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, computer-generated membership lists, memoranda, renewal notices, handwritten lists of members, financial statements and treasurer's reports, generated in activities related to membership administration.

Records Relating to Related Societies. - 1977-1981.

8 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, memoranda and committee reports, as well as newsletters of related societies (such as, for example, the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies). The records relate to efforts to co-ordinate the activities of the organization with those of other academic and scholarly societies.

Records Relating to Academic Exchange Programmes. - 1976-1978.

8 cm of textual records.

Series consists of correspondence, guidelines for grant applications, application forms, reports of funding agencies and memoranda relating to proposals for the design, implementation and administration of academic exchange programmes.

Some material in the series is in French.

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Box 1

FORMATION AND EARLY HISTORY OF CSECS

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- 1-2 Constitution [1971]
- 1-3 Constitution [1973]

CORRESPONDENCE

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- 1-5 CSECS, 1982
- 1-6 Executive, 1979-1980
- 1-7 President's Correspondence, 1980-1982
- 1-8 Secretary's Correspondence, 1980-1981

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 1-9 Things to be Done to Fund the 8th General Meeting of the CSECS/SCEDS
- 1-10 Canada Council Grants to 1977
- 1-11 SSHRCC 1977-1980
CSECS: Applications to Social Science and Humanities
- 1-12 Research Council of Canada 1978-1979
- 1-13 Grant Applications [1979]
- 1-14 Grants Denied File [1979-1980]
- 1-15 Secretary of State 1980

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- 1-16 Finances 1976-1977
- 1-17/18 Finances 1979
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- 1-20 Business Meeting 1980
- 1-21 Committed Funds 1980
- 1-22 Finances 1980-1981

1-23 Finances 1981-1982

NEWSLETTERS

1-24 Letters, Newsletters and Notices to Members, 1970-1980

1-25 CSECS Newsletter 1980

1-26/27 CSECS Newsletter (1982-1985)

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CONFERENCES AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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2-2 XVIII Society 1973-1975

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2-5 CSECS Exhibition Conference [1977] CSECS Conferences - UBC

2-6 Programmes 1979

2-7 Planning Deposits 1979

2-8 Budget Applications 1979

2-9 Records Relating to the UWO [University of Western Ontario] Meeting 1980

2-10 CSECS Conference Press Releases [1979-1980]

2-11 Rejected Paper Proposals 1980

2-12 Edmonton Meeting 1980

2-13 Complete Kit Given to Delegates 1980

2-14/17 Conference Programmes 1980-1982

2-18 Registration and Membership

2-19 Lists CSECS/SJSNW Oct. 1982

2-20 Business 1982

2-21 Finances - Edmonton 1982

PUBLICATIONS

2-22 Publication Proposal 1980 "Transactions CSECS Vol. I"

MEMBERSHIP

- 2-23 Membership 1976-1977
- 2-24 CSECS 1977
- 2-25/26 Membership 1977-1979
- 2-27 Master Lists 1979

Box 3

- 3-1/2 Membership 1980
- 3-3 Membership 1980-1981
- 3-4 CSECS/SCEDS Membership/Financial Statements 1980-1982

RELATED SOCIETIES FILES

- 3-5 CFH [Canadian Federation for the Humanities] 1977-1980

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- 4-1 International Society Correspondence 1979-1980
- 4-2 Learned Societies 1980
- 4-3 American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies 1980
- 4-4 Societe Internationale 1980-1982
- 4-5 Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada 1981

ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

- 4-6 18th Century Exchange Project [1976-1977]
- 4-7 Canada Council Exchange Project [1977-1978]
- 4-8 CSECS Report on Faculty Exchange Program 1978