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Swedish-Canadian research collection

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Summary information

Repository:	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
Title:	Swedish-Canadian research collection
ID:	RBSC-ARC-1543
Date:	1927-1978 (date of creation)
Physical description:	1.3 m of textual records 273 photographs 1 audio cassette tape
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	This collection was originally to be titled the Olof Seaholm Collection. It is unclear why this title was changed to the Swedish-Canadian Research Collection.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Olof Seaholm was born in Sweden in 1897. He came to Canada in 1928 and then to British Columbia in 1929. He was employed primarily in the construction industries in Vancouver. Seaholm had a continued interest in Swedish immigration history and was a member of the leading Swedish organizations in Vancouver, including the Hariedals Society and the Swedish Press Society.

Scope and content

The collection consists of research material created or collected by Olof Seaholm pertaining to Swedish immigration and organizations to Canada and North America. The collection mainly consists of general research material related to these themes, but there is some more specialized research into specific areas of Swedish Canadian history, such as the Scandinavian Central Committee and the International Order of Good Templars. Textual records in this collection include minute books, clippings, a constitution, correspondence, research notes, newspaper and magazine issues and clippings, books, and photographs documenting Swedish communities in British Columbia and research material about Swedish activities in North America.

The collection contains four series related to Seaholm's research. They include the Swedish Canadian research material series; Scandinavian Central Committee series; Independent Order of Good Templars series; and the Swedish Canadian Rest Home material series.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the collection.

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated to Rare Books and Special Collections at UBC Library by Olof Seaholm in March 1979.

Arrangement

Upon processing the fonds in 2016, a set of white metal poles and three small wooden boards were found in one of the boxes. These items were removed from the collection.

Related material

Some of Seaholm's records are also housed at the City of Vancouver Archives.

Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
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Access points

- Swedish-Canadian Rest Home Association (subject)
 - Independent Order of Good Templars (subject)
 - Scandinavian Central Committee (subject)
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Series descriptions

Swedish Canadian research material

Date: 1928 - 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

During the 1960s, Seaholm received a grant from the New Horizon program to write a history about Swedish immigration to Canada. Although he never finished writing a book about this topic, this collection contains much of his research related to this ambition. The collection consists of correspondence, reports, minute books, newspaper and magazine issues and clippings, periodicals, books pertaining to Sweden and/or Swedish immigrant history, and research material about Swedish activities in North America. The series also contains a photograph collection of the Swedish community in British Columbia.

The series contains eight subseries: General research material; Photo collection; "They left something behind" collection; Book Collection; Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly periodicals; The Bridge (Brggyan in Swedish); Swedish Press Publishing Company; and Newspaper clippings and miscellaneous articles.

Physical description: 1.14 m of textual records

270 photographs

1 audio cassette tape

Language of the material:

File / item list

General research material

Date: [1960s - 1970s] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains newspaper and magazine clippings, as well as a miscellaneous collection of stories on immigration in America. These clippings are in English and Swedish.

Physical description: ca. 10 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-16	File - Bishop Hill and John Hanson Monolith			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-17	File - Olof Seaholm research notes			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-18	File - Olof Seaholm research notes - Swedish organizations			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-19	File - Olof Seaholm research notes - Swedish immigrants			
RBSC-ARC-1543-4-07	File - Sven Seaholm and Swedish newspaper clippings			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-27	File - Olof Seaholm research notes - in Swewish			

Photo collection

Date: [19-] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of approximately 500 prints and photos of immigrants and their institutions in U.S. and Canada. There is an index list with names, when available, that accompanies this series.

Physical description: ca. 100 negatives

ca. 50 photographs

ca. 1 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-09	File - Duplicate Index to Olaf Seaholm photo collection			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-10	File - Photos and postcards			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-11	File - Anderson cabin			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-12	File - Film negatives			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-29	File - Photo from City of Vancouver Archives			

"They left something behind" collection

Date: [1970s?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains photographs and research material towards Seaholm's proposed book, *They Left Something Behind*. The slides contain information on the history and institutions of the Swedish immigrants to the United States and Canada. The slides are accompanied with a manual which provide context and other information about the slides.

Physical description: 120 photographs : col. slides ; 35 mm

1 audio cassette tape

ca. 5 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-01	File - Tape cassette of "What they left behind"			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-02	File - Northland Cruise 1969, Sherrie's holiday 1969, Xmas in Calgary, 1969-1970			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-03	File - Property of City of Vancouver Archives			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-04	File - Introduction - "They left something behind"			

Book Collection

Date: [1928 - 1970s] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains over 20 books on Swedish culture, history, and emigration and immigration to North America. Some of the books are in English while the others are in Swedish. A book index is available.

Physical description: ca. 35 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-05	File - Drommen om Ammerika by Ulf Beijbom			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-06	File - American Swedish '73			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-07	File - Amerikaemigrationeon I dokument by Albin Widen			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-08	File - Folkdrakter: och bygdedrakter fran hela sverige			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-09	File - Bishop Hill Svensk koloni pa prarien			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-10	File - Harjedalingar I Vasterled			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-11	File - Tough Timber: the loggers of British Columbia and their story			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-12	File - A Very Ordinary Life as told to Rolf Knight			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-13	File - Var sista folkvandring			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-14	File - A Conspectus of Canada Cenntenial Year 1967			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-15	File - A Nation of Immigrants – John F. Kennedy			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-16	File - Charlie Farquharson's History of Canada			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-17	File - Scandia – Then and now			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-18	File - Emigranter – en bok om den stora utvandringen till Amerika			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-19	File - Vad Gjorde Farfar I Amerika?			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-20	File - Vancouver's Svenskar: A history of the Swedish community in Vancouver			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-21	File - Trad Som bara gronska by Arthur Landfors			
RBSC-ARC-1543-1-22	File - Trad Som bara gronska by Arthur Landfors			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-01	File - The Swedish Heritage in America			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-02	File - Swedish America 1914-1932: Studies in Ethnicity with Emphasis on Illinois and Minnesota by Sture Lindmark			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-03	File - American Swedish Historical Foundation Yearbook 1967			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-04	File - American Swedish Historical Foundation Yearbook 1968			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-05	File - American Swedish Historical Foundation Yearbook 1969-1970			

RBSC-ARC-1543-2-06	File - Canada and Immigration: Public Policy and Public Concern
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-07	File - The Canadian Family Tree
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-08	File - Nybyggarliv I Svensk – Amerika by Albin Widen
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-09	File - English Swedish and Svedish English Dictionary Purchased in Johenburg, Sweden, July 1928 for 50 cents by OLOF SEAHOLM

Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly periodicals

Date: 1965-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains copies of the Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly from, 1967 to approximately 1976. There is an index included with this series.

Physical description: ca. 30 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-14	File - Correspondence			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-15	File - 1965 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-16	File - 1966 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-17	File - 1967 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-18	File - 1968 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-19	File - 1969 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-20	File - 1970 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-01	File - 1971 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-02	File - 1972 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-03	File - 1973 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-04	File - 1974 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-05	File - 1975 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-06	File - 1976 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-07	File - 1977 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-08	File - 1978 run of The Swedish Pioneer Historical Quarterly			

The Bridge (Brggyan in Swedish)

Date: 1969-1976 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains copies of the periodical *The Bridge*, which is in English and printed in Sweden. The issues contain feature articles regarding Swedish immigration to Canada and the United States that Seaholm used in his research.

Physical description: ca. 10 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-10	File - The Bridge issues for the years 1969 and 1970			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-11	File - The Bridge issues for the years 1971 and 1972			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-12	File - The Bridge issues for the years 1973 and 1974			
RBSC-ARC-1543-2-13	File - The Bridge issues for the years 1975 and 1976			

Swedish Press Publishing Company

Date: 1953-[1970s] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains newspaper clippings and issues, meeting minutes, and Seaholm's research notes about the Swedish Press, a newspaper based out of Vancouver, but published in Swedish.

Physical description: ca. 15 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-13	File - Index in Swedish Press 1929-1970			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-14	File - Swedish Press research			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-15	File - Swedish Press clippings?			
RBSC-ARC-1543-4-01	File - Report and Meeting minutes of the inauguration of Swedish Press Publishing Company			
RBSC-ARC-1543-4-03	File - Copies of the Swedish Press newspapers, 1954-1965 [incomplete]			

Newspaper clippings and miscellaneous articles

Date: [1940 - 197-] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The series contains clippings from newspaper and magazine articles that Seaholm found relevant to his research. Articles are in both English and in Swedish.

Physical description: ca. 8 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-20	File - Magazine clippings			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-21	File - Newspaper clippings			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-22	File - Newspaper clippings			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-23	File - Newspaper clippings			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-24	File - Magazine clippings			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-25	File - Magazines			
RBSC-ARC-1543-3-26	File - Vasastar magazines			

Scandinavian Central Committee

Date: 1958-1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains material pertaining to the Scandinavian Central Committee, located in Vancouver. The records include Seaholm's personal research and notes, meeting minutes, news bulletins, photographs, and news clippings.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

1 photograph

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-4-04	File - Harjedals-Gillet, Vancouver			
RBSC-ARC-1543-4-05	File - Records of Scandinavian Central Committee			
RBSC-ARC-1543-4-06	File - Scandinavian Central Committee and related material			

Independent Order of Good Templars

Date: 1927-1934 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains information pertaining to the Linnea Lodge No. 76 of the International Order of the Good Templars of the Province of British Columbia. Records include a roll book and constitution, a membership book, regalia, and what appears to be an account book.

Physical description: 10 cm of textual records

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-5-01	File - Good Templars roll book and constitution			
RBSC-ARC-1543-5-02	File - Good Templars membership book			

RBSC-ARC-1543-5-03	File - Good Templars address and attendance book
RBSC-ARC-1543-5-04	File - Good Templars accounts book?
RBSC-ARC-1543-5-05	File - Good Templars list-regalia expense

Swedish Canadian Rest Home material

Date: 1970-1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains research material Seaholm collected or created on the Swedish Canadian Rest Home located in Burnaby BC. Records include handwritten notes, newspaper clippings, and copies of reports. The photographs are of the Rest Home.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records
2 photographs

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1543-4-02	File - Search material reference material Swedish Canadian Rest Home 1800 Duthie Ave. North Burnaby BC			