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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
Reference code:	RBSC-ARC-1543
Date:	1927-1978 (date of creation)
Physical description:	1.4 m of textual records 327 photographs 1 audio cassette tape 7 reels microfilm
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Finding aid prepared by Katie Sloan (February 2016). Revised by Malcolm Fish, March 2024.
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.

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

- Seaholm, Olof
 - Swedish-Canadian Rest Home Association (subject)
 - Independent Order of Good Templars (subject)
 - Scandinavian Central Committee (subject)
 - Swedish (subject)
 - Health and social services (subject)
 - Land, settlement and immigration (subject)
 - Organizations (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: 1.2 m of textual records

324 photographs

1 audio cassette tape

7 reels microfilm

Language of the material:

Publication status:

published

File / item list

General research material

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

Scope and content:

The subseries contains newspaper and magazine clippings, index card notes by Seaholm on Swedish Canadians and Canadian history, photographs of Swedish Canadians, a handmade manuscript compiled by Seaholm of a chronology of Swedish Canadian contributions to the development of British Columbia, and a miscellaneous collection of stories on immigration in America. Clippings are in English and Swedish.

Physical description: ca. 20 cm of textual records

54 photographs

Publication status:

published

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	
RBSC-ARC-1543-06-01	File - Swedish Contributions to Canada Cronology on the history of the Swedish community in British Columbia and other parts	1977
RBSC-ARC-1543-06-02	File - [Index card notes on Swedish people, groups, and history]	n.d.
RBSC-ARC-1543-06-03	File - [Photographs]	1973
RBSC-ARC-1543-06-03-PH-01 to 54	Item - [Photographs]	

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

Publication status:

published

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.

<u>Physical description</u> : 120 photographs : col. slides ; 35 mm 1 audio cassette tape ca. 5 cm of textual records				
<u>Publication status</u> : published				
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				
<u>Date</u> : [1928 - 1970s] (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content</u> : 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.				
<u>Physical description</u> : ca. 35 cm of textual records				
<u>Publication status</u> : published				
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 Centennial 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 - Nybyggjarliv 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

Publication status:

published				
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

Publication status:

published

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: 1929-[1970s] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This subseries 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. Subseries also contains microfilmed versions of issues of the Swedish Press (some under its Swedish title Svenska Pressen) from 1929 to 1956.

Physical description: ca. 15 cm of textual records
7 reels microfilm

Publication status:

published

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]			
RBSC-ARC-1543-SPMicrofilm-01	File - Roll 467 Swedish Press Feb. 7, 1929-	1929		
RBSC-ARC-1543-SPMicrofilm-02	File - Roll 468 Swedish Press	n.d.		
RBSC-ARC-1543-SPMicrofilm-03	File - Roll 469 Svenska Pressen Dec 5 1935 to Dec 19 1940	1935-1940		
RBSC-ARC-1543-SPMicrofilm-04	File - Roll 470 Svenska Pressen Jan 2 1941 to Nov 7 1946	1941-1946		
RBSC-ARC-1543-SPMicrofilm-05	File - Roll 471 Svenska Pressen Nov 14 1946 to June 29 1950	1946-1950		
RBSC-ARC-1543-SPMicrofilm-06	File - Roll 472 Svenska Pressen July 6 1950 to Dec 25 1952	1950-1952		

RBSC-ARC-1543-SPMicrofilm-07	File - Roll 747 Swedish Press Jan 8 1953 to Dec 20 1956	1953-1956		
Newspaper clippings and miscellaneous articles				
<u>Date:</u> [1940 - 197-] (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
The series contains clippings from newspaper and magazine articles that Seaholm found relevant to his research. Articles are in both English and in Swedish.				
<u>Physical description:</u> ca. 8 cm of textual records				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
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				
<u>Date:</u> 1958-1971 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
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.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 5 cm of textual records 1 photograph				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
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

Publication status:

published

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

Publication status:

published

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			