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SILEIKA (Antanas) Papers

Gift of Antanas Sileika, 2017

Dates of creation:

1988-2016

Extent:

8 boxes (1.5 metres)

Scope and content:

This accession of Antanas Sileika's papers includes manuscripts for his book, *The Barefoot Bingo: a memoir* (2017); files pertaining to the Humber School for Writers; and research files relating to Dr. Tillson Lever Harrison.

Contains series:

1. Manuscripts
2. Humber Schools for Writers files
3. Research on Dr. Tillson Lever Harrison
4. Photographs

Custodial history:

This is the second donation from Antanas Sileika to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. One previous accessions were donated in 2013.

Notes:

Folder descriptions are taken directly from titles given by Sileika.

SERIES 1: Manuscripts		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
	<i>The Barefoot Bingo Caller (2017)</i>	
1:1-1:6	Draft of memoir: 'Bingo' [with revisions]	[2015-2016]
1:7	Notes re: memoir	[2016]
1:8-1:11	Draft of memoir: 'Scribbles' [with revisions]	[2015-2016]
SERIES 2: Humber School for Writers files		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
1:12-1:25	Humber School for Writers 2003-2016 summer programs and workshops including writers' talks.	2003-2016
1:26	Humber School for Writers brochures	2012-2018
Box 2	10 digital video cassettes pertaining to talks from 2002 10 digital video cassettes pertaining to talks from 2003 17 digital video cassettes pertaining to talks from 2004	2002-2004
Box 3	16 CDs pertaining to talks from 2003 9 digital video cassettes pertaining to talks from 2005	2003-2005
Box 4	15 digital video cassettes for the Writing for Young Readers Workshop (2006) 10 digital video cassettes re: Authors and Industry Speakers (2006) 7 digital video cassettes for the 2009 summer writers' programs 2 CDs re: 2009 writing workshops 17 CDs re: 2010 writing workshops 22 CDs re: 2011 writing workshops	2006-2011
Box 5	4 CDs re: 2011 writing workshops 4 CDs re: various photos + HSW 15 year anniversary 3 CDs re: interviews: D.M. Thomas, Barry Unsworth, Scott Thompson, Edward Albee, Miriam Toews 19 CDs re: summer 2012 writing workshops 4 CDs re: 2016 writers' workshops	2011-2016

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SERIES 3: Research on Dr. Tillson Lever Harrison		
<p>Contains notes and files on Dr. Tillson Lever Harrison, Canadian adventurer, bigamist, and Chinese hero, grandson of the founder of Tillsonburg. Active with Pancho Villa, Chinese labour battalions WW1, etc. Antanas Sileika was considering writing a biography on Harrison but ended up writing a give-part CBC radio drama (tape included in MS Coll. 727).</p>		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
6:1-6:3	Correspondence re: Tillson Lever Harrison Contains various Antanas Sileika correspondence seeking information on T.L.S.	1988-1989
6:4-6:5	Antanas Sileika T.L.H. historical background reference notes.	[1980s-1990s]
6:6-6:8	Notes and clippings re: T.L.H.	1988-1989
6:9	Chronology of T.L.H. by Federation of Canada China Friendship Associations.	1989
6:10	Photocopies of photographs re: T.L.H.	[1980s]
6:11	T.L.H. Canadian army records	
6:12-6:16	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA) documents concerning T.L.H.'s mission in China. Also contains articles by the Canada China Friendship Association re: T.L.H.	[1940s]
6:17-6:19	Fictional stories by T.L.H. (photocopies)	n.d.
7:1	Agnes Christine McGregor memoir of Tillson family in Muskoka, 1890s-forward (photocopy)	
7:2-7:8	Photocopies of T.L.H. clippings, letters and fictional stories authored by him. Sent to his wife and copied with the permission of his daughter Rosalind Paquette during interviews carried out with Antanas Sileika in Newport Beach circa 1989.	[1980s]
7:9	Laurel Beechey booklets on Tillson family in Tillsonburg. Includes town newspaper clippings and Laurel Beechey	[1980s]

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7:10	Drafts of article for <u>Saturday Night Magazine</u> , 1988 [unpublished].	1988
7:11	Violet Bell memoir about China	
7:12	Antanas Sileika notes about 2017 donation to the Fisher Library.	2017
SERIES 4: Photographs		
BOX/ FOLDER #:	CONTENTS:	DATES:
Box 8	Humber School for Writers faculty photographs [includes signatures and some brochures]	2004-2016

Book:

1. Sileika, Antanas. *The barefoot bingo caller : a memoir*. Toronto, Ontario : ECW, [2017]. Signed copy.