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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Smith family fonds
Reference code:	MS-2-501
Date:	1870-1958 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	37 cm of textual records. - . -- 20 photographs. -- 23 notebooks.
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Olive and Clauda Smith fonds, MS-2-501, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Olive Winifred Smith was a member of the prominent Halifax Smith family who owned and operated the Smith Company (a fish merchant company) in Downtown Halifax. She lived with her mother Louise and sister Clauda for most of her life, and traveled in Europe, specifically Switzerland. Olive Smith studied at both Acadia Seminary and Dalhousie University from which she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1911.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Smith family of Halifax is best known for owning and operating prominent companies including A.M and Company, a Halifax-based fish merchant.

Family members include Lousie Smith and her daughters Olive Winifred and Clauda Louise Smith. Olive traveled in Europe, specifically Switzerland, and lived with her Clauda and Louise for most of her life.

Olive Smith studied at both Acadia Seminary and Dalhousie University from which she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1911.

Custodial history

Materials donated by Fletcher Smith in 1984

Scope and content

Fonds includes the personal archives of Olive Smith as well as materials created by her sister Clauda and her mother Louise. Materials include medical papers and correspondence between Clauda and Olive Smith and their doctors; personal writings; incoming correspondence from friends and family; artwork (pencil drawings and paintings); family photographs; family papers (pages from the family Bible); financial information for Olive, Clauda and Louise Smith; financial correspondence between the Smiths and various companies; and school diplomas, papers, and notebooks.

Notes

Title notes

- **Variations in title:** Formerly known as Olive Smith fonds.

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
 - **Level of detail:** Full
 - **Status description:** Final
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Access points

- A.M. Smith and Company.
 - N.and M. Smith Limited.
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Textual record (documentary form)
 - Correspondence (subject)
 - Families--Nova Scotia (subject)
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- Financial statements (subject)
 - Folk art (subject)
 - Medical humanities (subject)
 - Notebooks (subject)
 - Personal archives (subject)
 - Photographs (subject)
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Collection holdings

Series: Medical papers

Title: Medical papers

Date: 1908, 1928-1940 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of prescriptions, medical bills, prescription import notices (from medicines imported into Canada from Switzerland), as well as correspondence between Dr. Spengler in Switzerland to Clauda Smith in Halifax spanning 1934-36, 1939 and 1940. Also included in this series is one chest x-ray of Clauda Smith, taken in 1929. Clauda ultimately died of tuberculosis, and many of the papers refer to that particular ailment.

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 1 - Certificate of entry

Title: Certificate of entry

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1939 (prescription import) (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 2 - Prescriptions written by Dr. Spengler

Title: Prescriptions written by Dr. Spengler

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: 1908, 1931, 1933, 1936 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 3 - Prescription bills and receipts

Title: Prescription bills and receipts

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: 1928-1929, 1934, 1937 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 4 - Chest x-ray

Title: Chest x-ray

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1929 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 5 - Medical correspondence

Title: Medical correspondence

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1934-36, 1939, 1940 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 6 - Notes on medicine and ailments

Title: Notes on medicine and ailments

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Series: Artwork

Title: Artwork

Date: 1890-1901 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series includes unsigned artwork that likely belongs to Olive or Clauda Smith. Included are pencil drawings of landscapes, houses, and people, as well as monotone water paint drawings of people and landscapes. Some include a note on where the subject of the artwork is located.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 9 - Pencil drawings

Title: Pencil drawings

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 9

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 10 - Paintings

Title: Paintings

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 10

Series: Personal correspondence

Title: Personal correspondence

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains personal correspondence of the Smith family. Many of the letters are short notes or cards from friends and family; some are incomplete or have pages missing. Many letters contain information about daily life in Halifax, and, in the case of the letters from Lillie Smith and her daughter Elsie, information about Lillie Smith's death. A number of letters are from unidentified correspondents; where possible, an attempt has been made to identify the relationships of correspondents with the Smith sisters.

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 11 - Address book

Title: Address book

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 11

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 12 - Letters from Lillie (sister)

Title: Letters from Lillie (sister)

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 12

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 13 - Letters from Howard (son)

Title: Letters from Howard (son)

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 13

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 14 - Letters from "mother" (Louise Smith)

Title: Letters from "mother" (Louise Smith)

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 14

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 15 - Letters from Elsie, Adele, Diane, Pauline, Arnold, J. Dumaresq (nieces and nephews)

Title: Letters from Elsie, Adele, Diane, Pauline, Arnold, J. Dumaresq (nieces and nephews)

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 15

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 16 - Letters from Frithiof Stenhagen of Sweden

Title: Letters from Frithiof Stenhagen of Sweden

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 16

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 17 - Letter from Edith

Title: Letter from Edith

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 17

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 18 - Letter from Albert Fenn(?)

Title: Letter from Albert Fenn(?)

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 18

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 19 - Miscellaneous correspondence from unknown

Title: Miscellaneous correspondence from unknown

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 19

Series: Education papers

Title: Education papers

Date: 1893-1911 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains notebooks, diplomas, and other materials created through the education of various members of the Smith family. It is sometimes unclear if the school notes in this series belong to Olive or Clauda. The notebooks from 1908 and 1909 certainly belong to Olive and date from the time she was enrolled at Dalhousie University. A number of loose school notes without date or subject also appear here. A convocation programme from Dalhousie (1911) included in this series lists Olive Winifred Smith as graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Physical description: 8 cm of textual records. - 10 notebooks

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 20 - Diploma from Acadia Seminary

Title: Diploma from Acadia Seminary

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 20

Date: 1900 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 21 - High school certificate for Albert Smith

Title: High school certificate for Albert Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 21

Date: 1893 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 22 - High school certificate for Clauda Louise Smith

Title: High school certificate for Clauda Louise Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 22

Date: 1893 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 23 - High school certificates for Olive Smith

Title: High school certificates for Olive Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 23

Date: 1897; 1898 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 24 - Dalhousie University convocation programme

Title: Dalhousie University convocation programme

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 24

Date: 1911 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 25 - Loose school notes

Title: Loose school notes

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 25

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 26 - Chemistry notebook

Title: Chemistry notebook

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 26

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 27 - Ethics notebook

Title: Ethics notebook

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 27

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 1 - Student's notebook with bible notes

Title: Student's notebook with bible notes

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 2 - School notebook with miscellaneous notes

Title: School notebook with miscellaneous notes

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 3 - Philosophy notebook

Title: Philosophy notebook

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 4 - Science notebook

Title: Science notebook

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 5 - School notebook

Title: School notebook

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: 1908-1909 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 6 - English literature notebook

Title: English literature notebook

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: 1909 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 7 - Miscellaneous school notes

Title: Miscellaneous school notes

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 8 - School notebook with miscellaneous notes

Title: School notebook with miscellaneous notes

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 8

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Series: Family records

Title: Family records

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Some pages in this series were photocopied from the Smith family Bible and contain birth and death information. Also included are three radio operation licenses belonging to Louise and Claudia Smith.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 8 - Diaries and personal writings

Title: Diaries and personal writings

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 8

Scope and content:

File contains four undated diaries; the writings appear to be short stories and personal reflections on various subjects including religion and daily life.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 9 - Photocopied pages from the family bible

Title: Photocopied pages from the family bible

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 9

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 10 - Radio operation licenses

Title: Radio operation licenses

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 10

Series: Financial correspondence

Title: Financial correspondence

Date: 1916-1954 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The letters contained within this series are all from companies writing to the Smith sisters about various financial matters including the transference of stock and payment for shares.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 11 - Government financial correspondence

Title: Government financial correspondence

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 11

Date: 1931, 1938 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 12 - Correspondence from Burchell and Ralston (solicitors)

Title: Correspondence from Burchell and Ralston (solicitors)

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 12

Date: 1925, 1937, 1954 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 13 - Correspondence from Smith Company

Title: Correspondence from Smith Company

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 13

Date: 1916, 1920 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 14 - Correspondence from Seaboard-Prairie Land Company

Title: Correspondence from Seaboard-Prairie Land Company

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 14

Date: 1945-1946, 1950 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 15 - Correspondence from miscellaneous companies

Title: Correspondence from miscellaneous companies

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 15

Date: 1925, 1947 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 16 - Correspondence from Royal Trust Company

Title: Correspondence from Royal Trust Company

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 2, Folder 16

Date: 1924, 1930 (date of creation)

Series: Financial Papers of Clauda, Louise and Olive Smith

Title: Financial Papers of Clauda, Louise and Olive Smith

Date: 1870-1958 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The financial papers in this series range in content from Municipal tax bills and receipts to income tax forms. Tax forms cover a span from 1918 to 1943. There are a number of cash-memo notebooks listing household expenses (amount paid for fish, bread, etc). Several finance notebooks listing money coming in and going out of various committees are also included.

Physical description: 15 cm of textual records. -- 9 notebooks.

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 1 - Municipal taxes

Title: Municipal taxes

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 1

Date: 1917-1954 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 2 - Municipal water service

Title: Municipal water service

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 2

Date: 1916-1944 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 3 - Halifax fire protection

Title: Halifax fire protection

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 3

Date: 1949, 1951 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 4 - Insurance papers

Title: Insurance papers

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 4

Date: 1947, 1953 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 5 - Income tax forms, Olive Smith

Title: Income tax forms, Olive Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 5

Date: 1919-1943 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 6 - Income tax forms, Clauda Smith

Title: Income tax forms, Clauda Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 6

Date: 1919-1929 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 7 - Income tax forms, Louisa Smith

Title: Income tax forms, Louisa Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 7

Date: 1918-1923 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 8 - Miscellaneous bills and receipts

Title: Miscellaneous bills and receipts

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 8

Date: 1870-1958 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 9 - Bank passbooks

Title: Bank passbooks

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 9

Date: 1917-1934 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 10 - Miscellaneous finance notebooks

Title: Miscellaneous finance notebooks

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 10

Date: 1904-1915, 1916, 1933-1935 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 11 - Cash memo notebooks and misc. notes

Title: Cash memo notebooks and misc. notes

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 11

Date: [192-?] (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 12 - Finance notebooks

Title: Finance notebooks

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 12

Date: 1911, 1917 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 13 - Finance notebooks

Title: Finance notebooks

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 3, Folder 13

Date: 1920, 1936 (date of creation)

Series: Smith family photographs

Title: Smith family photographs

Scope and content:

Series contains photographs of the Smith family.

Physical description: 30 photographs

File: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 7 - Family photographs

Title: Family photographs

Reference code: MS-2-501, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The family photographs are undated. Some include details handwritten on the back of the photographs, others simply have a list of first names identifying who is in the photo.

Physical description: 20 photographs

File: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 41 - Portrait of Mrs. Smith, mother of Olive Smith

Title: Portrait of Mrs. Smith, mother of Olive Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 41

Date: 18-- (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Photograph is a full length portrait of Mrs. Smith, the mother of Olive Smith.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 9.5 cm(sight) 25 x 17 cm in mat

File: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 42 - Photograph of boating on a lake or harbor

Title: Photograph of boating on a lake or harbor

Title [statRep]: Donated by Fletcher Smith in July 1984.

Reference code: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 42

Date: 18-- (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 13.5 x 9.5 cm(sight) 25 x 17 cm in mat

File: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 43 - Portrait of Nelson Smith

Title: Portrait of Nelson Smith

Title [statRep]: Donated by Fletcher Smith in July 1984.

Reference code: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 43

Date: 18-- (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a half portrait of Nelson Smith. Inscription on the verso states, " Nelson Smith of Smith, Proctor. Son of Martin Smith. Built one of the first houses on Oxford St.

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 16 x 10.5 cm

File: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 45 - Photographs belonging to the Smith family

Title: Photographs belonging to the Smith family

Title [statRep]: Donated by Fletcher Smith in July 1984. These negatives are copies of the originals, which were returned to Fletcher Smith.

Reference code: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 45

Date: 18-- (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains family portraits and photographs of buildings The photographs are accompanied by a handwritten sheet from Fletcher Smith that identifies the subjects.

Physical description: 25 photographs : b&w negatives ; 2.5 x 3 cm : 1 contact sheet

File: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 44 - Portrait of Nathaniel Smith

Title: Portrait of Nathaniel Smith

Reference code: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 44

Date: 18-- (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph : b&w ; 16 x 10.5 cm

File: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 46 - Portrait of an unidentified woman

Title: Portrait of an unidentified woman

Reference code: MS-2-501, PB Box 11, Folder 46

Date: 18-- (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 photograph, b&w ; 12.5 x 9 cm (sight) 18 x 14 cm in mat
