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Royal Heraldry Society of Canada fonds

[textual record, graphic material].

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of textual records, photographs, and art that document the programs and activities of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. It includes records of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee; the financial direction and management of the society; its constitution and by-laws; committees, chapters and branches; the roll of arms and armorial bearings; publications; and annual dinners, social functions and events.

Custodial History

The Heraldry Society of Canada deposited its records and library with the City of Ottawa Archives in the 1970s, which designated the fonds as MG13. The city archives transferred the fonds and publications to Library and Archives Canada at the society's request in 2003 in two separate transfers. The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada formally donated ownership of the fonds to Library and Archives Canada in September 2003.

Administrative History

The Heraldry Society of Canada was founded in Ottawa in 1966 and incorporated by federal charter to represent Canadians with an interest in heraldry. With members in all provinces and territories, it was committed to the maintenance, fostering and development of the heraldic traditions of Canadians. It has fulfilled this mission by working to increase public awareness of heraldry and of the society; lobbying governments for the protection and proper use of heraldry in Canada; publishing an authoritative quarterly journal "Heraldry in Canada"; organizing an annual conference with lectures by prominent Canadian and foreign heraldists; and organizing heraldic displays, tours, and ceremonial events.

For many years, the Heraldry Society of Canada advocated and lobbied for the creation of a Canadian Heraldic Authority by the Government of Canada. It realized this objective in 1988 when the Queen vested heraldic authority in the Governor-General of Canada with the establishment of the Canadian Heraldic Authority, which reports to the Governor-General. Before then, Canadians could only receive grants of coats of arms, armorial bearings, badges, and flags from heraldic authorities in other countries. Since 1988, advising the Canadian Heraldic Authority on matters of mutual concern has been an important part of the society's mission.

In 2003, the society received royal assent to use the name "The Royal Heraldry Society of Canada".

Series descriptions:

Constitution and By-laws

The series comprises records relating to the constitution and by-laws of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. It holds drafts of the constitution, records of the review of the constitution in 1987 by Ian L. Campbell, and letters patent of the society. Correspondence and memoranda pertaining to by-laws document the debate and approval of new by-laws and the review and repeal of existing by-laws. By-laws regulated issues like membership fees, election of officers, the financial year, the creation of a faculty of fellows, and branches and chapters.

President's Office files

The series comprises records of the presidents and vice-presidents of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. It holds the correspondence of presidents like Robert Pichette and Rear Admiral S. Mathwin Davis dating from the 1970s; and Robert B. Salter, O. J. C. Cook, Harold D. E. Inns, and Ian L. Campbell from the 1980s and early 1990s. There are also extensive files of vice president Daniel Cogné, 1977-1994, and correspondence of Howard Warner from the late 1960s. In addition, the series includes memberships lists; files on the creation of a faculty of fellows, election of fellows and honorary fellows (including submissions and supporting documentation), and identification and appointment of honorary officers; texts of heraldic lectures, briefs and reports; and other records reflecting the business of the society.

Board of Directors and Executive Committee files

The series comprises correspondence, minutes of meetings, reports and other records of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Annual General Meetings of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. These files reveal the high-level decision-making of the society and almost all facets of its activities and programs. Some of the subjects discussed include membership, fund-raising, the publication of its journal "Heraldry in Canada", the succession of new officers, the creation of the Canadian Heraldic Authority, and the addition of arms to the register or roll of arms. The series also holds texts of some addresses to meetings by the president and others.

Committees and Branches

The series consists of correspondence, reports and minutes of meetings of the society's internal committees, and more general records of its regional chapters and local branches. Some of the committees whose records are found in this series are the Ad Hoc Committee for a Canadian Heraldic Authority, which coordinated the Royal Heraldry Society's successful campaign to have the government create a Heraldic Authority; the committee which briefed the Federal Cultural Policy Review Committee chaired by Louis Applebaum; the Arms Committee, charged with creating arms for the society itself; the Provisional Steering Committee which laid the foundation for the formal creation of the society in 1966; and the Way Ahead Committee which conducted long-range planning for the future. There are also records of the nominating committee, special projects committee, and the membership committee, the latter including membership lists.

The records of chapters and branches show the functioning of the society at a local and regional level, including records of the British Columbia and Yukon chapter, and branches like those for the Laurentians, Fraser Valley, Ottawa, Toronto, London, Vancouver, and Victoria.

Treasurer's files

The series comprises correspondence and reports of the treasurer, ledgers of expenditures, financial statements, and audit records. The records reveal the financial management and direction of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada, and document specific actions like the collection of membership fees, sale of publications, and hosting of conferences.

Correspondence

The series comprises incoming and outgoing correspondence largely of the officers of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada relating to its activities and issues of concern for heraldry. Its more significant and extensive files hold correspondence pertaining to its advocacy of the creation of a Canadian Heraldic Authority and its political campaign to lobby the government; correspondence of the editor of the journal "Heraldry in Canada"; correspondence of the master of the rolls regarding the roll of arms and related matters; and general correspondence on a variety of subjects, most of it to and from the society's secretary and honorary secretary.

The series also contains correspondence files relating to Alan Beddoe's book "Canadian Heraldry", the Commonwealth Heraldry Board, fraudulent arms, the roster of heraldic artists, flags, heraldic inquiries, and the society's library and archives. There are also some files for individual correspondents like Edward McNabb, Strome Galloway, and Dorothy Stone, among many others.

Annual dinners, social functions and events

The series consists of records of the annual dinners, banquets, conferences, and other social functions of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. It includes agendas, menus, invitations to guest speakers, and documents the participation of the Governor General, Lieutenant Governors, and other notable figures in heraldry community events. There is also a significant block of files pertaining to the national conference or forum held in March 1987 to discuss the formation of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.

Publications

The series consists of records relating to the publications and publishing projects of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. The largest group of files hold successive drafts of Alan Beddoe's manuscripts "Our Unknown Heritage: Heraldry in Canada" and "Canadian Heraldry". Revised and edited by Strome Galloway, the latter manuscript was ultimately published posthumously in 1981 as "Beddoe's Canadian Heraldry" by Mika publishing. Other records offer evidence of the society's role in the editing and publishing process.

The series also holds drafts of Gertrude Reay's unpublished manuscript "Steps to Heraldry" which featured the use of birds and animals in heraldry, letters of permission from armigers to publish their coats of arms, and other records of the society's unsuccessful efforts to complete and publish her

book. There is also a mimeograph of Herbert George Todd's apparently unpublished manuscript "Armory and Lineages of Canada". Finally the series includes correspondence, 1970-1986, related to the society's journal "Heraldry in Canada".

Photographs

The series consists of photographs documenting activities and events of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. It contains photographs from meetings and ceremonies at Ottawa, 26 April 1966; Montreal, October 1980; and Victoria, August 1990. There are also photographs of the "Symbols of Splendour" exhibition installations, and the unveiling of the hatchment. Some of the dignitaries and society members identified in photographs include Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; Mrs. Alan Beddoe; Dr. Jacquelyn Thayer-Scott, President of the University College of Cape Breton; Rev. Dr. Rokeby-Thomas; Sir Conrad Swan; Hon. George F. G. Stanley; Gordon Way; Auguste Vachon; Col. Andrew Galloway; Robert Pichette; Rt. Rev. Ralph Spence; Ven. Archdeacon Douglas Christie; and Gwillum Simcoe.

The photographers of the pictures include John Evans, J. Ross Osborne, Cavoute Portraits, Gibson Studio, Impact Studio, Studio C Marcil, Richard Burn, Harry MacKellar, and Robert Lansdale.

Coats of Arms and Armorial Bearings

The series comprises works of art representing coats of arms and other armorial bearings created or accumulated by the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada. Most of the arms were submitted to the society for approval or review, and the series often holds variations that were rejected as inappropriate. The armigers are individuals and corporate bodies, including municipalities like the cities of Ottawa and New Westminster.

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