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Summary information

Repository: University of Victoria Special Collections and University Archives

Title: Theodore Benning Monk fonds

ID: SC081

Date: 1844 - 1959 (date of creation)

Physical description: 47 cm of textual records
180 drawings

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Lieutenant Colonel Theodore Benning Monk, well-known Victoria soldier and realtor was born in Winnipeg in 1884. In 1907 he enlisted with the active militia and in 1908 he became a gunner with the 13th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery (Manitoba Regiment). He turned to law when defective eyesight barred him from the permanent army then left that as "tedious". He followed his next employer to Victoria in 1908 and started work in the city engineer's department. His real estate career started with Pemberton & Sons, but he soon founded his own firm with Roger Monteith, which was responsible for forming several sub-divisions. He also was interested in developing Clo-ose as a resort area, but a change in the government planning halted the scheme. In the First World War he started service with the 54th Battalion, and fought in Vimy Ridge. Working between the wars as a realtor, he became Commanding Officer of the 5th Regiment. He was Commanding Officer of the Cadet Training Camp on the site of the present campus from 1940-41. After his Gordon Head post he became a liaison officer of the U.S. Army from 1942-44. From 1930 until his death in 1959 Colonel Monk campaigned actively for a uniquely Canadian flag: designing flags, writing to M.P.'s and appealing to the general public.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Monk's army service and course certificates and correspondence with the Monk family, records of the commander of the Gordon Head camp, and the Seattle liaison officer concerning the 5th Regiment and other army and business matters; personal records, including correspondence regarding a new Canadian flag, notes on the Monk family tree, insurance and investment records; photographs of Monk with officers and with Sir Arthur Currie, and drawings of proposed new flags for Canada.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Monk's papers were presented to The University of Victoria Special Collections by David R. Monk through the offices of Dr. Reg Roy in August 1978.

Finding aids

Finding aid available with box and file level control.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Description identifier:** theodore-benning-monk-fonds-2

Access points

- Canada. Canadian Army. Battalion, 54th
- Canada. Canadian Army. Canadian Expeditionary Force
- Canada. Canadian Army. Canadian Militia Training Centre No. 111
- Currie, Arthur, Sir, 1875-1933 (subject)
- Monk (family)
- Canada. Parliament. Flag Debate, 1968 (subject)
- Canada--History, Military--20th century (subject)
- Gordon Head Army Camp (Victoria, B.C.) (subject)
- Military history (subject)
- World War, 1914-1918--Regimental histories--Canada (subject)

Collection holdings

Series: SC081-1 - Army

Title: Army

ID: SC081-1

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File: SC081-1-1 - Records to do with 5th Regiment, Correspondence from and to

Title: Records to do with 5th Regiment, Correspondence from and to

ID: SC081-1-1

Date: 1914-1940 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 1, Folder 1

Publication status:

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File: SC081-1-2 - World War I: Correspondence to Family, Business, Army forms

Title: World War I: Correspondence to Family, Business, Army forms

ID: SC081-1-2

Note [generalNote]:

Box 1, Folder 2

Publication status:

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File: SC081-1-3 - World War II: Correspondence to and from Commander, Gordon Head Camp

Title: World War II: Correspondence to and from Commander, Gordon Head Camp

ID: SC081-1-3

Date: 1940-1941 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 1, Folder 3

Publication status:

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File: SC081-1-4 - World War II: Correspondence to and from Liaison Officer in Seattle

Title: World War II: Correspondence to and from Liaison Officer in Seattle

ID: SC081-1-4

Note [generalNote]:

Box 1, Folder 4

Publication status:

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File: SC081-1-5 - Certificates covering service and courses in the army

Title: Certificates covering service and courses in the army

ID: SC081-1-5

Note [generalNote]:

Box 1, Folder 5

Publication status:

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Series: SC081-2 - Personal

Title: Personal

ID: SC081-2

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-6 - Flag: Correspondence to and from D.B. Plunkett, M.P.

Title: Flag: Correspondence to and from D.B. Plunkett, M.P.

ID: SC081-2-6

Date: 1932-1933 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 2, Folder 6

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-7 - Flag: Correspondence to and from Cameron R. McIntosh

Title: Flag: Correspondence to and from Cameron R. McIntosh

ID: SC081-2-7

Date: 1937-1938 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 2, Folder 7

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-8 - Flag: Correspondence to and from Dept. of National Defence

Title: Flag: Correspondence to and from Dept. of National Defence

ID: SC081-2-8

Date: 1938 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 2, Folder 8

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-9 - Flag: Correspondence to and from R.W. Mayhew, M.P.

Title: Flag: Correspondence to and from R.W. Mayhew, M.P.

ID: SC081-2-9

Date: 1939-1954 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 2, Folder 9

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-10 - Flag: Correspondence to and from Ministry of Secretary of State for Canada, (Paul Martin, O.G. Emerson, Ph. Thibault, W.H. Measures, Roch Pinard)

Title: Flag: Correspondence to and from Ministry of Secretary of State for Canada, (Paul Martin, O.G. Emerson, Ph. Thibault, W.H. Measures, Roch Pinard)

ID: SC081-2-10

Date: 1945-1955 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 2, Folder 10

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-11 - Flag: Correspondence to and from F.T. Fairey, M.P.

Title: Flag: Correspondence to and from F.T. Fairey, M.P.

ID: SC081-2-11

Date: 1954-1955 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 2, Folder 11

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-12 - Flag: Correspondence to and from A. Chasse, Committee Clerk House of Commons

Title: Flag: Correspondence to and from A. Chasse, Committee Clerk House of Commons

ID: SC081-2-12

Date: 1946-1955 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 2, Folder 12

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-13 - Flag: Correspondence with the press

Title: Flag: Correspondence with the press

ID: SC081-2-13

Date: 1954-1957 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 13

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-14 - Flag: Magazines, Booklets and Pamphlets

Title: Flag: Magazines, Booklets and Pamphlets

ID: SC081-2-14

Date: 1926-1953 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 14

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-15 - Flag: Essay "The National Flag of Canada" drafts

Title: Flag: Essay "The National Flag of Canada" drafts

ID: SC081-2-15

Date: 1930-1937 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 15

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-16 - Flag: Clippings on the Flag

Title: Flag: Clippings on the Flag

ID: SC081-2-16

Date: 1939-1957 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 16

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-17 - Flag: Stencil for Flag designs

Title: Flag: Stencil for Flag designs

ID: SC081-2-17

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 17

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-18 - Flag: "Proposed Distinctive Canadian Flag" showing stages of development

Title: Flag: "Proposed Distinctive Canadian Flag" showing stages of development

ID: SC081-2-18

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 18

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-19 - Flag: Early designs incorporating Union Jack

Title: Flag: Early designs incorporating Union Jack

ID: SC081-2-19

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 19

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-20 - Flag: Later Flags without Union Jack

Title: Flag: Later Flags without Union Jack

ID: SC081-2-20

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 20

Publication status:

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File: SC081-2-21 - Correspondence re civil aid force for China, to: Sir Arthur Currie, H.H. Stevens, Lt. Col. K. Stuart from Nanette Stuart and H.H. Stevens

Title: Correspondence re civil aid force for China, to: Sir Arthur Currie, H.H. Stevens, Lt. Col. K. Stuart from Nanette Stuart and H.H. Stevens

ID: SC081-2-21

Date: 1932 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 21

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-22 - Correspondence with friends (from only)

Title: Correspondence with friends (from only)

ID: SC081-2-22

Date: 1943-1944 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 22

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-23 - Family Papers, including notes on family, family tree, clippings

Title: Family Papers, including notes on family, family tree, clippings

ID: SC081-2-23

Date: 1844-1930 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 23

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-24 - Minute Book of BCAA, containing Minutes of 5 meetings

Title: Minute Book of BCAA, containing Minutes of 5 meetings

ID: SC081-2-24

Date: 1923-1924 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 24

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-25 - Clippings about Monk collected by archivist

Title: Clippings about Monk collected by archivist

ID: SC081-2-25

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 25

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-26 - Formal invitations and calling cards

Title: Formal invitations and calling cards

ID: SC081-2-26

Date: 1911-1934 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 26

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-2-27 - Miscellaneous letterhead paper

Title: Miscellaneous letterhead paper

ID: SC081-2-27

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 27

Publication status:

Published

Series: SC081-3 - Business

Title: Business

ID: SC081-3

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-3-28 - Insurance Policies

Title: Insurance Policies

ID: SC081-3-28

Date: 1915-1959 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 28

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-3-29 - Investments (including 1941 Statement of Taxable Income)

Title: Investments (including 1941 Statement of Taxable Income)

ID: SC081-3-29

Date: 1940-1941 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 29

Publication status:

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File: SC081-3-30 - Monk and Monteith & Co. Ltd.: Blotters, receipts, indenture, certificatesTitle: Monk and Monteith & Co. Ltd.: Blotters, receipts, indenture, certificatesID: SC081-3-30Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 30

Publication status:

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File: SC081-3-31 - Publications found with papersTitle: Publications found with papersID: SC081-3-31Note [generalNote]:

Box 3, Folder 31

Publication status:

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Series: SC081-4 - PhotographsTitle: PhotographsID: SC081-4Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-1 - Portrait of Monk as a young man (1 of 2), taken by Gray & Smith, 574 1/2 Main St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

Title: Portrait of Monk as a young man (1 of 2), taken by Gray & Smith, 574 1/2 Main St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

ID: SC081-4-1

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 1

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File: SC081-4-2 - Portrait of Monk as a young man (2 of 2), taken by Gray & Smith, 574 1/2 Main St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

Title: Portrait of Monk as a young man (2 of 2), taken by Gray & Smith, 574 1/2 Main St., Winnipeg, Manitoba

ID: SC081-4-2

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 2

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-4-3 - Monk as a young man, taken by Bryant's Studio, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Title: Monk as a young man, taken by Bryant's Studio, Winnipeg, Manitoba

ID: SC081-4-3

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 3

Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-4 - Monk as a young man in a great coat, taken by C.H. Boyes, Kingston

Title: Monk as a young man in a great coat, taken by C.H. Boyes, Kingston

ID: SC081-4-4

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 4

Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-5 - Group of officers and curate, Fort MacCauley

Title: Group of officers and curate, Fort MacCauley

ID: SC081-4-5

Date: 1914 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 5

Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-6 - Officers including Sir Arthur Currie

Title: Officers including Sir Arthur Currie

ID: SC081-4-6

Date: 1922-1923 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 6

Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-7 - W.W.I? "Canadians at Bisley" including Miss A. Monk

Title: W.W.I? "Canadians at Bisley" including Miss A. Monk

ID: SC081-4-7

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 7

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-4-8 - "5th B.C. coast Canadian Artillery Band", taken by Robert Fort, Victoria, B.C.

Title: "5th B.C. coast Canadian Artillery Band", taken by Robert Fort, Victoria, B.C.

ID: SC081-4-8

Date: 1931 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 8

Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-9 - Victoria Times shot of Brigadier C.V. Stockwell reviewing the "21 Class" on Pandora Avenue

Title: Victoria Times shot of Brigadier C.V. Stockwell reviewing the "21 Class" on Pandora Avenue

ID: SC081-4-9

Date: 1940 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 9

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-4-10 - Victoria Times shot of Brigadier C.V. Stockwell reviewing the "21 Class" on Pandora Avenue

Title: Victoria Times shot of Brigadier C.V. Stockwell reviewing the "21 Class" on Pandora Avenue

ID: SC081-4-10

Date: 1940 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-11 - Shot of officers reviewing troops on Pandora St.

Title: Shot of officers reviewing troops on Pandora St.

ID: SC081-4-11

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 11

Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-12 - Demonstration Squad, 'A' Coy., N.P.A.M., No. 111, 1st Course

Title: Demonstration Squad, 'A' Coy., N.P.A.M., No. 111, 1st Course

ID: SC081-4-12

Date: 1940 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 12

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-4-13 - Clippings and locket of hair enclosed in book, Gold Dust

Title: Clippings and locket of hair enclosed in book, Gold Dust

ID: SC081-4-13

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Envelope 13

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-4-1 - "Bugle Band", 121st "Western Irish", Vernon, B.C.

Title: "Bugle Band", 121st "Western Irish", Vernon, B.C.

ID: SC081-4-1

Date: 1916 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Roll 1

Publication status:

Published

File: SC081-4-2 - Officers, Gordon Head Camp, Photo no. 10962/2

Title: Officers, Gordon Head Camp, Photo no. 10962/2

ID: SC081-4-2

Date: 1940 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Box 4, Roll 2

Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-32 - Flag designs

Title: Flag designs

ID: SC081-4-32

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-14 - The entire 5th Regiment, Victoria

Title: The entire 5th Regiment, Victoria

ID: SC081-4-14

Date: 1914 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-15 - Officers of the 5th Regiment Fort MacCauley

Title: Officers of the 5th Regiment Fort MacCauley

ID: SC081-4-15

Date: 1914 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-16 - Officers of the 5th Regiment, R.C.A., taken by W. Simmonds Victoria, B.C.

Title: Officers of the 5th Regiment, R.C.A., taken by W. Simmonds Victoria, B.C.

ID: SC081-4-16

Date: 1913 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

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File: SC081-4-17 - Monk, T.B. Some of the 8th Field Battery at Ft. Sarcee

Title: Monk, T.B. Some of the 8th Field Battery at Ft. Sarcee

ID: SC081-4-17

Date: 1926 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

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Publication status:

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**File: SC081-4-1 - Map Roll: 1."Symbolical Maple Tree of Canada" 3' x 2'.
2."Standard of Canada and Personal and Service Flags."**

Title: Map Roll: 1."Symbolical Maple Tree of Canada" 3' x 2'. 2."Standard of Canada and Personal and Service Flags."

ID: SC081-4-1

Note [generalNote]:

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