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Canada. Centennial Commission.  
Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant fonds

## **1. Fonds-level description**

### **Title**

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### **Dates**

1966-1967

### **Extent**

18 cm of textual records, 5 photographs

### **Biographical sketch**

The Centennial Commission was established circa 1963 to organize events celebrating the Canadian Centennial in 1967. The Commission disbanded circa 1968. The Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant, organized by Reg Fife, involved a canoe race from Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, to Montreal, Quebec, and took place from May to September, 1967. A trial race was held in 1966 from Lachine, Quebec, to New York City.

### **Scope and content**

Fonds consists of records relating to the Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant, including subject files of organizer Reg Fife, notes relating to preparation and planning, publicity, weather reports, correspondence, speeches, personal data of participants, clippings and activity reports of the trial race, photographs of Alberta team, reproduction of painting of canoe trip on Lake Superior (ca. 1873), and clippings and activity reports of trial race, 1966, from Lachine, Quebec, to New York, N.Y.

### **Notes**

Gift of Don Lewis, April 1977.

## **2. Structure**

(no series or files)

### **3. Inventory**

#### **Accession 1977-039**

##### **Box 1**

- 1.1 Preparation and Planning - background, information, itinerary.
- 1.2 Correspondence, speeches, July 1967.
- 1.3 Weather File, March-April 1967.
- 1.4 Ceremonies held in cities en route, May - August 1967.
- 1.5 TV Set-Ups.
- 1.6 Personal data - lists of participants and information on each participant's address, age, place of birth, next of kin, medical history.
- 1.7 Manual - Operation Instructions for the Pageant. Includes organization and breakdown of duties; financial regulations; itinerary; safety procedures; procedures for campsites etc.; public relations.

##### **Box 2**

- 2.1 Itinerary for paddlers, Quebec, 27 August 1967 - in French and English.
- 2.2 5 b & w photos of Alberta canoeing crew; reproduction of painting by Mrs. Frances Ann Hopkins of Canoe Brigade on Lake Superior, ca. 1873.
- 2.3 Trial Races, 1966, Lachine to New York, and from Fort St. James to Victoria [did not take place]. Correspondence and notes of Reg Fife, organizer; activity reports, including clippings re. Lachine-New York race, August 1966.
- 2.4 Notes; blank travelling expenses sheet.