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Lawrence R. Smith Fonds Description

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TITLE:

Lawrence R. Smith Fonds

COLLECTION NUMBER:

Special Collections Number I.12 and I.13
Accession Number 83-281 and 83-358

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

110 cm textual records
304 audio recordings

DATES:

1972-1981

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Lawrence R. Smith (Larry Smith) was a professor in the Department of Linguistics at Memorial University for 16 years. He was appointed Lecturer in the Department of Linguistics on September 1, 1968, promoted to Assistant Professor September 1, 1972, promoted to Associate Professor September 1, 1977, and reigned on April 30, 1984. During his tenure, he conducted various linguistic research projects around the island of Newfoundland and Labrador.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

Fonds consists of two series pertaining to two linguistic research projects undertaken by Smith during his tenure at Memorial University.

The first series, Labrador Inuktitut dictionary project, comprises of 162 original audio recordings made by Sam Metcalfe, Larry Smith, and Fred Lyle in various formats along with many copies and second copies; 114 cm textual material consisting of notes, translations, and transcripts of these recordings and related textual material pertaining to the Computerized Database of Labrador Inuktitut (CDLI); 22 issues of an Inuit publication entitled *I Kinatuinamot Illegajuk*. The CDLI (1972-1981) consists of texts of Labrador Inuktitut from newspaper articles, life stores, tape transcripts, personal experience narratives, and fictional narratives of speakers of all ages from Nain, Makkovik, and Hopedale. The texts have been phonemicized and grammatically analyzed.

Series two, Sociolinguistic Survey of the Southern Avalon (SSSA), comprises of 142 audio cassettes and textual materials, including brief biographies of informants. The SSSA was conducted by paid student interviews in the communities of Branch, St. Bride's, Patrick's Cove, Cuslett, St. Vincent's, St. Shott's, Tors Cove, Colinet, Bay Bulls, and Witless bay in 1980-1982, and consisted of the answers to a prepared questionnaire and casual conversation examples.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS:

Certain restrictions apply because of agreements between informants and collectors. Access with permission or archivist; appointment required.

FINDING AID AVAILABLE:

Tape inventories and indexes to texts are available.

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LANGUAGE:

English

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Title based on creator of fonds