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Summary information

Repository:	Royal Ontario Museum
Title:	Stuart L. Thompson fonds
Reference code:	SC52
Date:	1902-1969 (creation)
Physical description:	45 cm of textual records
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Finding aid revised January 2016. Series and file descriptions added September 2021

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Stuart Logan Thompson was born 10 August 1885 in Toronto, Ontario. Like his uncle Ernest Thompson Seton, he was a naturalist who amassed an extensive of natural history specimens. He served overseas during the First World War having enlisted in February of 1916 and was discharged by demobilization in June of 1919. His service file is available digitally from the Library and Archives Canada Database. He married Elizabeth Eleanor Miller on August 19, 1924. She is often referenced in his diaries as Eleanor. Thompson served as president of the Toronto Field Naturalists Club. He published widely in the popular press and authored three books. He died 23 June 1961 in Toronto. The ROM holds 493 bird specimens collected by Thompson, the majority in Ontario, with some from Manitoba, New Mexico, Quebec, and British Columbia.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of Stuart L. Thompson's personal diaries in which he documents his daily life in the City of Toronto along with noting bird and mammal sightings. There are a number of special diaries documenting Thompson's various travels. The fonds also consists of bird sighting charts and of two items of Thompson's correspondence. The fonds does not include two diaries documenting Thompson's overseas service during World War I.

Where specimens were collected, Thompson made a notation in his diary with a collection number. Several of the diaries have indexes of his collection at the back.

Notes

Restrictions on access

Open

Finding aids

A finding aid is available in the Royal Ontario Museum's main Library & Archives

Related material

University of Toronto President's Report from 1963 p. 149 notes Stuart L. Thompson's bequest of 172 specimens to the Museum.

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Thompson, Stuart Logan (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Diaries (documentary form)
- Fieldnotes (documentary form)
- Environment (subject)
- Exploration, discovery and travel (subject)
- Toronto (place)

Collection holdings

Series: SC52-1 - Daries

Title: Daries

Reference code: SC52-1

Date: 1902-1961 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of Stuart Thompson's diaries. The diaries describe his life in Toronto, his work at the Royal Ontario Museum, and his nature observations. Note: the diaries documenting Stuart Thompson's service during WWI are not included in the ROM's collection.

Physical description: 28 volumes of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-1 - Bird diary vol. A

Title: Bird diary vol. A

Reference code: SC52-1-1

Date: 1902 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-2 - Bird diary for Toronto and North Bay [vol. B]

Title: Bird diary for Toronto and North Bay [vol. B]

Reference code: SC52-1-2

Date: 1903-1904 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-3 - Bird diary [vol. C]

Title: Bird diary [vol. C]

Reference code: SC52-1-3

Date: 1905-1907 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-4 - Bird diary vol. D

Title: Bird diary vol. D

Reference code: SC52-1-4

Date: 1907-1908 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-5 - Bird diary [vol. E]

Title: Bird diary [vol. E]

Reference code: SC52-1-5

Date: 1908-1909 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-6 - Bird diary vol. F

Title: Bird diary vol. F

Reference code: SC52-1-6

Date: 1910 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-7 - Bird diary vol. G

Title: Bird diary vol. G

Reference code: SC52-1-7

Date: 1911 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-8 - Bird diary vol. H

Title: Bird diary vol. H

Reference code: SC52-1-8

Date: 1911-1912 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-9 - Bird diary [vol. I]

Title: Bird diary [vol. I]

Reference code: SC52-1-9

Date: 1912-1914 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-10 - Bird diary vol. J

Title: Bird diary vol. J

Reference code: SC52-1-10

Date: 1915 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-11 - Bird diary vol. K

Title: Bird diary vol. K

Reference code: SC52-1-11

Date: 1916-1925 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-12 - Bird diary vol. L

Title: Bird diary vol. L

Reference code: SC52-1-12

Date: 1926-1927 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-13 - Special diary vol. La

Title: Special diary vol. La

Reference code: SC52-1-13

Date: 1926-1956 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-14 - Bird diary vol. M

Title: Bird diary vol. M

Reference code: SC52-1-14

Date: 1928-1929 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-15 - Bird diary vol. N

Title: Bird diary vol. N

Reference code: SC52-1-15

Date: 1930-1931 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-16 - Diary of trip to New Mexico and Colorado Springs, vol. Na

Title: Diary of trip to New Mexico and Colorado Springs, vol. Na

Reference code: SC52-1-16

Date: 1932 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-17 - Bird diary vol. O

Title: Bird diary vol. O

Reference code: SC52-1-17

Date: 1932-1935 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-18 - Bird diary vol. P

Title: Bird diary vol. P

Reference code: SC52-1-18

Date: 1936-1940 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-19 - Bird diary vol. Q

Title: Bird diary vol. Q

Reference code: SC52-1-19

Date: 1939-1943 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-20 - Bird Diary vol. R

Title: Bird Diary vol. R

Reference code: SC52-1-20

Date: 1944-1948 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-21 - Trip diary, vol. Ra

Title: Trip diary, vol. Ra

Reference code: SC52-1-21

Date: 1944-1948 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-22 - Bird diary vol. S

Title: Bird diary vol. S

Reference code: SC52-1-22

Date: 1948-1950 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-23 - Bird diary vol. T

Title: Bird diary vol. T

Reference code: SC52-1-23

Date: 1951-1953 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-24 - Bird diary vol. U

Title: Bird diary vol. U

Reference code: SC52-1-24

Date: 1954-1956 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-25 - Tracks & Trails Qa

Title: Tracks & Trails Qa

Reference code: SC52-1-25

Date: 1943-1961 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-26 - Bird diary vol. V

Title: Bird diary vol. V

Reference code: SC52-1-26

Date: 1957-1959 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-27 - Field diary vol. Va

Title: Field diary vol. Va

Reference code: SC52-1-27

Date: 1958-1961 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-1-28 - Bird diary vol. W

Title: Bird diary vol. W

Reference code: SC52-1-28

Date: 1960-1961 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 volume of textual records

Publication status:

published

Series: SC52-2 - Bird sighting charts

Title: Bird sighting charts

Reference code: SC52-2

Date: 1905-1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of large bird sighting charts.

Physical description: 3 files of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-2-1 - Bird sighting charts

Title: Bird sighting charts

Reference code: SC52-2-1

Date: 1905-1909 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Consists of five large folded bird sighting charts. Each chart consists of a grid where date, location and species are noted. The chart dated 1909 is marked “interrupted by taking job in Field Museum in Chicago.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-2-2 - Bird sighting chart

Title: Bird sighting chart

Reference code: SC52-2-2

Date: 1922 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Consists of one large folded chart – which consists of a grid showing date, location and species of bird seen.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-2-3 - Bird sighting chart

Title: Bird sighting chart

Reference code: SC52-2-3

Date: 1931-1932 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Consists of one large folded chart – which consists of a grid showing date, location, and bird sighted.

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Publication status:

published

Series: SC52-3 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: SC52-3

Date: 1943, 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content: Consists of one file of two pieces of correspondence. January 11, 1943 from J. Dewey Soper – Chief Federal Migratory Bird Officer for the Prairie Provinces regarding bird specimens collected. March 22, 1947 from [Earl Calvert?]

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Publication status:

published

File: SC52-3-1 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: SC52-3-1

Date: 1943, 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content: File consists of two pieces of correspondence. January 11, 1943 from J. Dewey Soper – Chief Federal Migratory Bird Officer for the Prairie Provinces regarding bird specimens collected. March 22, 1947 from [Earl Calvert?]

Physical description: 2 items of textual records

Publication status:

published
