

# John Smith, M.P fonds

1930, 1947, 1949-1951, 1954, 1956-1962, n.d.

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- Creator:** John Smith
- Extent:** 115 cm of textual records (3 boxes); 45 blueprints
- Abstract:** This archive contains materials relating to John Smith, M.P. for Lincoln County. The bulk of the materials are correspondence, personal and professional. Several items of correspondence are signed by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker. The materials have been kept in original order, except where noted.
- Materials:** Typed and handwritten correspondence, reports, media releases, clippings, photographs.
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## **Administrative/ Biographical History:**

John Smith (1894-1977), son of Daniel Smith and Annie Douglas was a native of Scotland, immigrating to Canada in 1913. He first worked as a coach builder, then as a carpenter, finally developing his own contracting business. During WWI he served overseas with the 10<sup>th</sup> Battery, RCA as a sergeant. In 1924 Smith married Jean Wood, and together they had a daughter Irene (Hugh Langley). Smith first entered politics in 1940

serving as an alderman for the next 11 years. In 1954 he was elected mayor of the city of St. Catharines, and was twice returned to office by acclamation, serving until 1957 when he successfully ran as the Progressive Conservative candidate representing Lincoln County in the federal election. He won the election by a 10 000 vote majority. He served his constituents in Ottawa until he was defeated in the 1962 election.

After leaving politics Mr. Smith was active in his community. He spearheaded the establishment of the St. Catharines Museum, and then was appointed its first director in 1966, serving in that capacity until 1972. He was an active member of the board of governors of the St. Catharines General Hospital and a life member and former president of the Lincoln County Humane Society. In 1971 he was voted Citizen of the Year for the city of St. Catharines. John Smith died on February 8, 1977 and was buried at Victoria Lawn Cemetery.

Source: The St. Catharines Standard, February 9, 1977, page 1

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**Scope and Content:** The fonds contains materials relating to Member of Parliament John Smith, from the late 1940s to mid 1960s. The materials included are correspondence, bills of sale, and blueprints. The materials are arranged alphabetically and then chronologically, except for the blueprints that are arranged according to a pre-designated number. The blueprints are stored?????

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**Organization:** The records were arranged into two series:

Series I, Administrative, 1930, 1949-1950, 1954, 1957-1962

Series II. Blueprints, n.d.

Sub-Series A. Concrete Conduits and Miscellaneous Grading –  
Towns of Thorold and Merritton R.K. Kilborn and Associates Ltd.  
Engineering Consultants, Toronto 14 (filed with other blueprints)

Sub-Series B. Channel Improvements, filling and grading –  
Thorold, Merritton and St. Catharines R.K. Kilborn and Associates  
Ltd. Engineering Consultants, Toronto 14

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**Inventory:**

**Series I. Administrative, 1930, 1949-1950, 1954, 1957-1962**

- 1.1 Bill of sale – A. Neuman and Co., 1949
- 1.2 Bill of sale – Davis Lumber Co. Ltd., 1949-1950
- 1.3 Bill of sale – Transit Mixed Concrete Ltd., 1949
- 1.4 Correspondence, 1957-1958, 1961; includes 125<sup>th</sup> Battery Association, the Pension Act sec.36, sub-sec. 3
- 1.5 Correspondence, 1962; includes Canada Council
- 1.6 Correspondence, 1959, 1961-1962; includes Canadian Horticultural Council
- 1.7 Correspondence, 1957-1958; includes canal tolls
- 1.8 Correspondence, 1959-1960; includes Carol Graham (personal correspondence)
- 1.9 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes City of St. Catharines
- 1.10 Correspondence, 1954; includes City of St. Catharines – brief to Ottawa
- 1.11 Correspondence, 1962; includes Civil War Pensions and Allowance Act, Bill C-64
- 1.12 Correspondence, 1957-1959; includes Clarence Lewis and Son, signed letter from Prime Minister Diefenbaker [1]
- 1.13 Correspondence, 1961-1962; includes Clarence W. Lewis
- 1.14 Correspondence, 1962; includes Columbia River Treaty
- 1.15 Correspondence, 1960-1961; includes Crown Assets Disposal Corporation, sale of obsolete aircraft
- 1.16 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Department of Agriculture, brochures on: “farm improvement loans”, and “crop insurance”, and “agricultural outlook Canada 1961 and 1962”, “Agricultural Rehabilitation and development Act, 1961”, media releases
- 1.17 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Department of Defense
- 1.18 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Department of External Affairs
- 1.19 Correspondence, 1957, 1959-1962; includes Department of Finance, “small business loans act”

- 1.20 Correspondence, 1961; includes Department of Forestry
- 1.21 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Department of Labour, media releases
- 1.22 Correspondence, 1959; includes Department of Mines and Technical Surveys
- 1.23 Correspondence, 1958-1962; includes Department of National Defence
- 1.24 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes Department of National revenue
- 1.25 Correspondence, 1960-1961; includes Department of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources
- 1.26 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes Department of Public Works
- 1.27 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes Department of Trade and Commerce
- 1.28 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Department of Veterans Affairs, Bill C-67
- 1.29 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Department of Veterans Affairs, minutes Standing Committee on Veterans Affairs Monday April 20, 1959
- 1.30 Correspondence, 1957-1961; includes English Electric Company of Canada
- 1.31 Correspondence, 1961; includes estate tax convention
- 1.32 Correspondence, 1960-1961; includes ETF Tools Limited
- 1.33 Correspondence, 1957-1959; includes Forester, Morrow and Morgan
- 1.34 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Foster Wheeler Ltd., "Heat Engineering June-July – August, 1958/March-April 1957"
- 1.35-1.37 Correspondence, 1958; includes general correspondence
- 1.38 Correspondence, 1962; includes Hanright and Co. Ltd.
- 1.39 Correspondence, 1960, 1962; includes Hayes Steel Products Ltd.
- 1.40 Correspondence, 1962; includes Holiday Farms Ltd.
- 2.1 Correspondence, 1957, 1959-1962; includes Industrial Docks and Supplies

- Ltd.; [1 col. photograph]
- 2.2 Correspondence, 1962; includes invitations
  - 2.3 Correspondence, 1961-1962; includes Japanese trade, media releases, "Canada-Japan trade and Immigration, 1961", clippings
  - 2.4 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Jordan Station
  - 2.5 Correspondence, 1961; includes Lakeshore Canning Co.
  - 2.6 Correspondence, 1959; includes Lancaster, Mix and Welch
  - 2.7 Correspondence, 1958; includes letters from fruit farmers
  - 2.8 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Lincoln County Council
  - 2.9 Correspondence, 1960; includes Lincoln County Winter Works Programme
  - 2.10-2.11 Correspondence, 1958-1961; includes Lincoln Fabrics Limited
  - 2.12 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes local trade unions (U.A.W.)
  - 2.13 Correspondence, 1959; includes Louth Township, Balls Falls property, clipping
  - 2.14 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes McKinnon Columbus Chain Ltd.
  - 2.15 Correspondence, 1961; includes Moyer and Diebel Metal Crafts Ltd., "hot tot" information package
  - 2.16 Correspondence, 1959-1960; includes Murton A. Seymour
  - 2.17 Correspondence, 1960-1962; includes Niagara Fruit and Vegetable Growers, clipping
  - 2.18 Correspondence, 1960-1961; includes Niagara Historical Society (Ft. Mississauga)
  - 2.19 Correspondence, 1961; includes Niagara peach marketing, clippings
  - 2.20 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes Niagara Township
  - 2.21 Correspondence, 1957-1960; includes N.J.M. Lockhart
  - 2.22 Correspondence, 1959-1960; includes Office of the Whip

- 2.23 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes Ontario Department of Labour, Hon. Charles Daley
- 2.24 Correspondence, 1960-1962; includes the Ontario Grape Growers Marketing Board, T.G. Bright and Co. Ltd., Annual Reports, 1961
- 2.25 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Ontario Tender Fruit Grower's Marketing Board
- 2.26 Correspondence, 1959, 1961; includes Port Weller Dry Docks Ltd., booklet
- 2.27 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Post Office Department
- 2.28 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Prime Minister's office, signed letters from Diefenbaker [2]
- 2.29 Correspondence, 1962; includes Productivity Council
- 2.30 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes public printing and stationary
- 2.31 Correspondence, 1960; includes request for establishment of Canadian Flag
- 2.32 Correspondence, 1960; includes Robert Welch
- 2.33 Correspondence, 1959-1960; includes Russian Embassy
- 2.34 Correspondence, 1958-1959; includes Secretary of State
- 2.35 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes shipbuilding (general), "Ship operation and ship building in Canada by Alex Watson... .Oct.13, 1959"
- 2.36 Correspondence, 1958-1962; includes Smithville
- 2.37 Correspondence, 1957-1962; includes speeches made in the House of Commons by Mr. John Smith, member for Lincoln
- 2.38 Correspondence, 1961; includes speeches
- 3.1 Correspondence, 1961-1962; includes speeches, election speeches, media releases, clippings
- 3.2 Correspondence, 1959-1960; includes St. Ann's
- 3.3 Correspondence, 1958-1960; includes St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce, clippings

- 3.4 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes St. Catharines city council
- 3.5 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes St. Catharines Collegiate Institute
- 3.6 Correspondence, 1960, 1962; includes St. Catharines and District Labor Temple Co. Ltd.
- 3.7 Correspondence, 1960-1961; includes St. Catharines Fuel Oils Limited
- 3.8 Correspondence, 1961-1962; includes St. Catharines Rowing Club
- 3.9 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority
- 3.10 Correspondence, 1960; includes St. Lawrence Seaway, grants in lieu of taxes
- 3.11 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes tolls
- 3.12 Correspondence, 1930, 1959-1962; includes town of Niagara, map (1930), booklets: "Historic Niagara-on-the-lake", "A brief guide to historic Niagara", "Sketches of Niagara", "Old Romance map of historical Niagara-on-the-lake"
- 3.13 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes Unemployment Insurance Commission
- 3.14 Correspondence, 1960-1962; includes V.C. Onslow
- 3.15 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Vineland
- 3.16 Correspondence, 1958-1962; includes Virgil post office
- 3.17 Correspondence, 1960-1961; includes (old) Welland Canal clean-up
- 3.18 Correspondence, 1959-1961; includes Wellandport
- 3.19 Correspondence, 1959-1962; includes Wellandvale Manufacturing Co. Ltd.
- 3.20 Correspondence, 1958-1962; includes William A. Blott

**Series II. Blueprints, n.d.**

**Sub-Series A.** Concrete Conduits and Miscellaneous Grading – Towns of Thorold and Merritton R.K. Kilborn and Associates Ltd. Engineering Consultants, Toronto 14 (filed with other blueprints)

617-A-8 Alternative A, channel and culvert – Thorold, Lyndon St. to 300’S. of Sullivan Ave. plan profile and sections

617-A-9 Alternative A, Culvert – Thorold 300’S of Sullivan Ave. to Regent St., plan profile and sections

617-A-10 Alternative A, culvert and channel – Thorold, Regent St. to Townline Rd., plan profile and sections

617-A-11 Storm Sewer Extensions-Thorold, Lyndon St. to Townline Rd., plan, profile and sections

617-A-12 Storm Sewer extensions - Thorold, catch basins, manholes and miscellaneous details

617-A-13 Alternative A, Culvert-Thorold, intake Lock25 and outlet Lock 22, conc. Reinf. and misc. details

617-A-14 Culvert- Thorold and Alternative B, Lyndon St. Intake, Concrete and reinforcing details

617-A-15 Alternative B, culvert- Thorold, Outlet Townline Road, concrete and reinforcing details

617-A-16 Lyndon St. and St. David’s Rd. – Thorold, earth embankments, plans sections and details

617-A-17 Townline Road- Merritton and Thorold, earth embankments, plans sections and details

617-A-18 Culvert – Merritton, Lock 18 to Lock 17, Plan Profile and Sections

617-A-19 Culvert – Merritton, Lock17 to Glendale Avenue, plan profile and sections

617-A-20 Culvert – Merritton, Glendale Avenue to Lock 13, plan profile and sections

617-A-21 Culvert – Merritton, outlet lock 13 and shafts s-1 to s-4, conc. Reinforcing and miscellaneous details

617-A-22 Culvert – Merritton, intake lock 18,concrete, reinforcing and miscellaneous details

617-B-8 Alternative B, Culvert – Thorold, Lyndon St. to 300’S. of Sullivan Ave., plan profile and sections

617-B-9 Alternative B, Culvert- Thorold 300'S. of Sullivan Ave. to Regent St., plan profile and sections

617-B-10 Alternative B, Culvert – Thorold, Regent St. to Town Line Road, plan, profile and sections

617-B-11 Sanitary Sewer Crossings, Thorold, Profile and Details

**Sub-Series B.** Channel Improvements, filling and grading – Thorold, Merritton and St. Catharines R.K. Kilborn and Associates Ltd. Engineering Consultants, Toronto 14

\*NB: Removed – already have in collection

617-A-0 General Location plan

617-A-7 Channel and grading- Thorold, O'Neill's Bridge to Lydon St., plan, profile and sections

617-A-23 Channel and grading – Merritton, town line road to Lock 20, plan, profile and sections

617-A-24 Miscellaneous grading- Merritton Lock 29 and Lock 19 to Merritt St. Plan and section

617-A-25 Channel and grading- Merritton, Lock 20 to Lock 17, plan profile and sections

617-A-26 Grading – Merritton, Lock 17 to Glendale Avenue, plan

617-A-27 Channel and grading – Merritton, Glendale Ave. to 440'N. of Lock 13, plan profile and sections

617-A-28 Channel and grading- Grading, 96'south of Lock 12 to Lock 10, plan profile and sections

617-A-29 Channel and grading- Merritton, Lock 10 to 850' North of Canal St., plan profile and sections

617-A-30 Channel and grading- Merritton, 850' N. of Canal St. to 850'N. of Lock 7, plan profile and sections

617-A-31 Channel and grading- St. Catharines, 450'N. of Lock 7 to 260'S. of Lock 5, plan profile and sections

617-A-32 Channel and Grading – St. Catharines, 260'S. to 100'N. of Westchester Ave., plan profile and sections

617-A-33 Channel and Grading – St. Catharines 1050’ to 2590’N of Westchester Ave., plan profile and sections

617-A-34 Channel and Grading – St. Catharines 2590’ N. of Westchester Ave. 33’ S. of Chestnut St. plan, profile etc.

617-A-35 Channel and Grading- St. Catharines, 33’ S. of Chestnut St. to Glenridge Ave. Embankment, plan etc.

617-A-36 Channel and Grading- St. Catharines, Glenridge Ave. to Twelve Mile Creek, plan profile and sections

617-A-37 New Weirs, Locks 4 to 12 and 17 to 21 incl. piling, concrete and reinforcing details

67-A-38 Carter’s Creek outlet structure, concrete and reinforcing details

67-A-39 Drainage, Miscellaneous Structures, plans and details

City of St. Catharines – Concrete Culvert – Glenridge Avenue Embankment to Chestnut Street (Lock4)

627-A-1 Culvert, Glenridge Ave. to Chestnut St., plan and profile

627-A-2 Culvert, Glenridge Ave. Log of Boreholes

627-A-3 Culvert, Glenridge Ave. to Chestnut St., concrete and reinforcing details

627-A-4 Culvert, Details of connection to existing culvert – Glenridge Ave.

627-A-5 Culvert, intake Lock 4 at Chestnut St., Plan sections and details

627-A-6 Culvert, catch basins and miscellaneous details

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**Added Entries:**      600      Smith, John

**Subject Access:**      650      Municipal government -- Ontario -- St. Catharines  
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