

## Guide to the Perry Reservoir Collection

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**Encoder:**

**Creator of Collection:** Carlyle S. Smith

**Collection Dates:** 1964–1967

**Acquisition Number:** 539.1965

**Repository:**

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**Abstract:**

Based upon the proposed construction of the Perry Reservoir on the Delaware River in northeastern Kansas, the results of which would eventually inundate numerous archaeological sites along its length, a memorandum of agreement between the University of Kansas and the National Park Service was drawn up which provided for archaeological investigations within the reservoir area (quoted from Perry Reservoir final report, 1968).

Working in 1965, a crew from the University of Kansas visited sites in the southern portion of the reservoir area and concentrated their excavations along Big Slough and Evans Creeks. The work was directed by Carlyle S. Smith and supervised by graduate student Jack M. Schock.

Carlyle Smith's directorship of this project led to the collection of these manuscript materials, which include project correspondence, site feature forms, ceramic data and tabulation, Jack Schock's supervision field journal, media clippings, maps, and photograph logs.

**Access Restrictions:** Prior notification to ARC staff is required.

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**Extent:** 0.5 linear feet

**Dimensions:** One 5"x12"x11" box

**Associated Records:**

correspondence / published manuscripts / site feature forms / ceramic analysis / field journal / photograph log / press clippings

**Biographical Name:** Carlyle S. Smith

**Biographical Note:** Carlyle Smith was born in 1915 in Great Neck, New York. He received his PhD from Columbia University where he trained under William Duncan Strong and was initially exposed to Plains archaeology. He joined the University of Kansas faculty in 1947 as an assistant professor with the Department of Anthropology and Sociology and assistant curator with the Natural History Museum. His fieldwork spanned 1938 to 1975 and included investigations in New York, South Dakota and Kansas, Easter Island and the Marquesas. Carlyle Smith's fieldwork and research significantly added to the collections at KU while his contribution to teaching prepared many students for a professional career in Anthropology. His leadership was a significant contribution to the development of a separate department of Anthropology in 1962 and the creation of the Museum of Anthropology in 1976.

**Scope and Contents:**

As Carlyle Smith was the director of this project, the materials collected here are of a managerial nature.

Sites associated with this collection include 14JF3, 14JF4, 14JF6, 14JF7, 14JF9, 14JF11, 14JF12, 14JF15, 14JF16, 14JF19, 14JF20, 14JF21, 14JF23, 14JF24, 14JF30, 14JF35, 14JF37, 14JF38, 14JF39, 14JF40, 14JF41, 14JF42, 14JF43, 14JF44, 14JF45, 14JF50, 14JF51, 14JF53, 14JF54, 14JF55, 14JF56, 14JF57, 14JF58, 14JF60, 14JF62, 14JF64, 14JF65, 14JF310, and 14JF318.

The collection consists of a small group of correspondence from 1964 to 1967; one thorough and descriptive daily journal kept by Jack Schock before and during the investigations; site feature forms; ceramic data and tabulations; photocopy of the final report on investigations; article about investigations from Topeka Capital-Journal; and photography logs.

**Subject Terms:** Perry Reservoir / Dam Construction / Salvage Archaeology

**Geographic Locations:** United States / Kansas / Jefferson County / Perry Reservoir / Delaware River / Big Slough Creek / Evans Creek / Kansas River System / Missouri River Drainage Basin

**Personal Names:** Carlyle S. Smith / Jack M. Schock / Bruce A. Jones / Anta White / Alfred Johnson / Thomas A. Witty, Jr. / Wilfred D. Logan

**Corporate Names:** Army Corps of Engineers / United States National Park Service / University of Kansas / Kansas State Historical Society / Inter-Agency Archaeological Salvage Program / Topeka Capital-Journal

**Language:** English

**Acquisition Information:** Documents were generated as the compliance project with the National Park Service for Perry reservoir was completed. The documents and associated collections are curated at the ARC under a curation agreement with the Kansas City District, Army Corps of Engineers.

**Custodial History:** Contents of the offices of the late Carlyle S. Smith at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas and at his home.

**Inventory:**

Box 1

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| Folder 1 | Correspondence—December 30, 1964 to March 22, 1967 (originals)  |
| Folder 2 | Correspondence—December 30, 1964 to September 19, 1967 (select fragile originals from folder 1, photocopies placed in folder 1 in original sequence)  |
| Folder 3 | Related Manuscripts and Publications<br><br>“Archaeological Investigations in the Perry Reservoir, Jefferson County, Kansas, 1965” by Bruce A. Jones, prepared under the direction of Carlyle S. Smith, principal investigator, 1968 (legacy photocopy) |
| Folder 4 | Publication<br><br>“On Hands and Knees,” from Midway Magazine of the Topeka Capital-Journal, August 1, 1965   |
| Folder 5 | Publication   |

“Dig at Perry Reservoir Site to Preserve Archaeological Artifacts,”  
Judith Taggart (unspecified outlet)

- Folder 6 Field Notes / Data Analysis – Site locations; Ceramic data, tabulations, and drawings (originals)
- Folder 7 Field Notes / Data Analysis – Site locations; Ceramic data, tabulations, and drawings (photocopies of folder 6)
- Folder 8 Field journals – one pre-investigation journal of Jack Schock, one investigation journal of unknown author (possibly Jack Schock) (originals)
- Folder 9 Field journals – one pre-investigation journal of Jack Schock, one investigation journal of unknown author (possibly Jack Schock) (photocopies of folder 8)
- Folder 10 Project resources and preparatory work – “How the Government will Acquire Land for Perry Reserve,” published by the Army Corps of Engineers, March 1963; “Perry Dam and Reservoir: Presenting a Plan for Recreational Development,” proposed by U.S. Army Engineer District, Kansas City, Corps of Engineers, 1964
- Folder 11 Field Notes / Data Analysis – feature forms from sites 14JF44A, 14JF64, 14JF318, 14JF58, 14JF19, 14JF59, 14JF54, 14JF4, 14JF20, 14JF11 (originals)
- Folder 12 Field Notes / Data Analysis – feature forms from sites 14JF44A, 14JF64, 14JF318, 14JF58, 14JF19, 14JF59, 14JF54, 14JF4, 14JF20, 14JF11 (photocopies of folder 11)
- Folder 13 Map (illustration plate) – Archaeological Resources of the Perry Reservoir
- Folder 14 Photograph log sheets from sites 14JF4, 14JF18, 14JF58, 14JF64 (539.1965)