

Guide to the Kanopolis Reservoir Collection

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Creator of Collection: Carlyle S. Smith

Collection Dates: 1947–1966

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Abstract:

From June 19 to August 20, 1948, for the Division of Anthropology, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, Carlyle S. Smith carried out archaeological investigations in the Kanopolis Reservoir area on the Smoky Hill River in Ellsworth County and also along the Little Arkansas River in Rice County, Kansas.

The River Basin Surveys of the Smithsonian Institution undertook the preliminary reconnaissance and found more than twenty sites in the area of the Reservoir.

William O. Leuty, who also gathered surface collections that were eventually given to the Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, gave geographic guidance to both parties.

Carlyle S. Smith's responsibilities as director of investigations for these sites produced the associated materials of this collection.

Access Restrictions: Prior notification to ARC staff is required.

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Extent: 0.5 linear foot

Dimensions: One 5"x12"x11" box

Associated Records:

correspondence / published manuscripts / ceramic tabulations / field catalogs / equipment inventories / site drawings / burial data forms / site feature data forms / journals / financial information / maps / 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:

The contents of this collection document the archaeological investigations of the Kanopolis Reservoir area carried out by the Division of Anthropology, Museum of Natural History, University of Kansas, in 1948.

Sites include 14EW1, 14EW6, 14EW12, 14EW13, 14EW15, 14EW22, 14EW24, 14EW26, 14RC2, and 14RC3.

The collection consists of general correspondence (1947–1966) between Carlyle S. Smith and his colleagues regarding the preparation and findings of the investigations. Four daily field journals are included from the investigations, along with one field catalog, equipment inventories, site drawings, site feature data forms, burial data forms, ceramic tabulation, and ceramic type descriptions. Typed reports (in draft and final form) are also included as well as press clippings and a small amount of financial information.

Subject Terms: Kanopolis Reservoir / Dam Construction / Salvage Archaeology

Geographic Locations: United States / Kansas / Ellsworth County / Rice County / Kanopolis Reservoir / Smoky Hill River / Little Arkansas River / Kansas River System /

Personal Names: Carlyle S. Smith / William O. Leuty / Robert Stephenson / Waldo Wedel / Howard Baker / Frank H. Roberts

Corporate Names: Army Corps of Engineers / United States National Park Service / University of Kansas / Kansas State Historical Society / Inter-Agency Archaeological Salvage Program / Coleman Company Incorporated / Coleman The Outdoor Company

Language: English

Acquisition Information: Documents were generated as the compliance project with the National Park Service for Kanopolis 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

Folder 1	Correspondence – general – September 5, 1947 to December 24, 1948 (originals)
Folder 2	Correspondence – general – September 5, 1947 to December 24, 1948 (select fragile originals from folder 1, photocopies in original sequence in folder 1)
Folder 3	Correspondence – general – June 22, 1949 to January 20, 1966 (originals)
Folder 4	Correspondence – general – June 22, 1949 to January 20, 1966 (Select fragile originals from folder 3, photocopies in original sequence in folder 3)
Folder 5	Pottery data tabulation; Site feature data forms; Pottery type descriptions (originals)
Folder 6	Pottery data tabulation; Site feature data forms; Pottery type descriptions (photocopies of folder 5)

- Folder 7 Field catalogue (June-August, 1948); Inventory of equipment for field use (originals)
- Folder 8 Field catalogue (June-August, 1948); Inventory of equipment for field use (photocopies of folder 7)
- Folder 9 Site feature data forms; Burial data forms; Site drawings; Ceramics data (originals)
- Folder 10 Site feature data forms; Burial data forms; Site drawings; Ceramics data (photocopies of folder 9)
- Folder 11 Daily field journal—Carlyle S. Smith, 1947 (original)
- Folder 12 Daily field journal—Carlyle S. Smith, 1947 (photocopy of folder 11)
- Folder 13 Daily field journal—Carlyle S. Smith, 1948 (original)
- Folder 14 Daily field journal—Carlyle S. Smith, 1948 (photocopy of folder 13)
- Folder 15 Daily field journal—Ferd Okada, 1948 (student worker); daily field journal—Gary Vescelius, 1948 (student worker) (originals)
- Folder 16 Daily field journal—Ferd Okada, 1948 (student worker); daily field journal—Gary Vescelius, 1948 (student worker) (photocopies of folder 15)
- Folder 17 Manuscripts and publications—Carlyle S. Smith:
 “Archeological Reconnaissance in the Kanopolis Reservoir, Ellsworth County, Kansas, September 11 to 15, 1947”
 “Field Work in the Kanopolis Reservoir, November 8, 1947”
 “Field Work in the Kanopolis Reservoir by the University of Kansas Museum of Natural History”
 “Field Work in the Kanopolis Reservoir, Kansas, July 20 to August 20, 1948”
 Pottery Type Description—“Type Name: Little River Cord Roughened”
 Rough draft of newspaper article written in the field at Ellsworth, Kansas in 1948
 “Archaeological Investigations in Ellsworth and Rice Counties, Kansas”

- Folder 18 Manuscripts and publications—Miscellaneous
- From *The Globe-Republican*, Dodge City, Kansas, December 7, 1894, p. 1, col. 2, “Important Discovery: A Civil Engineer Discovers Unmistakable Evidence of This Land Being Farmed by Irrigation Ages Ago.”
- “K.U. Students to Camp Here: Will Spend Two Months Exploring Indian Village Sites Near Dam”
- “Some Observations on Ceramics from Archeological Sites in the Kanopolis Reservoir Area, Ellsworth County, Kansas” by Gary R. Leaf
- Folder 19 Financial information—expense reports and travel vouchers
- Folder 20 Commercial map of Kanopolis Reservoir
- Folder 21 Photograph Log—Kanopolis Reservoir 1947–1948 (023.1947)