

## Guide to the Milford Reservoir Collection

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**Encoder:**

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

**Collection Dates:** 1963–1964

**Acquisition Number:** 531.1963

**Repository:**

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**Abstract:**

In 1963, by cooperative agreement, the University of Kansas and the National Park Service undertook a survey of the archaeological resources of the Milford Reservoir (Geary, Clay, Riley, and Dickinson Counties, Kansas) under the direction of Carlyle S. Smith. A surface survey was carried out by Jack M. Schock and Jon D. Muller.

Carlyle Smith's work as the principle investigator produced the correspondence, field log, receipts and manuscripts included in this collection.

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

**Use Restrictions:** ARC staff may determine use restrictions dependent upon the physical condition of the document. Researchers may be required to either purchase or use photocopies of fragile documents

**Extent:** 0.5 linear feet

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

**Associated Records:**

correspondence / published manuscripts / unpublished manuscripts / field journal / receipts

**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. During excavations in South Dakota, he developed an expertise in the identification of gun flints and gun parts. 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, consisting of correspondence, one field journal, receipts, and final reports.

Sites associated with this collection include 14CY1, 14CY11-13, 14CY15, 14CY19, 14CY20, 14CY22, 14CY23, 14CY25-53, 14CY301, 14DN, 14GE1-6, 14GE13-33, 14RY51, and 14RY52.

The collection consists of a small group of correspondence from 1963 and 1964; one thorough and descriptive daily journal kept by Jon Muller (presumably) during the investigations; receipts from field expenses and travel expenses; and drafts of final report on investigations.

**Subject Terms:** Milford Reservoir / Dam Construction / Salvage Archaeology / Floyd Schultz

**Geographic Locations:** United States / Kansas / Geary County / Clay County / Riley County / Dickinson County / Wakefield / Milford Reservoir / Republican River Valley

**Personal Names:** Carlyle S. Smith / Jack M. Schock / Jon D. Muller / Wilfred Logan / E. Raymond Hall

**Corporate Names:** United States National Park Service / University of Kansas / Missouri River Basin Survey Project / Kansas State Historical Society / Army Corps of Engineers

**Language:** English

**Acquisition Information:** Documents were generated as the compliance project with the National Park Service for Milford 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—March 1963 to November 1964  |
| Folder 2 | Financial data and receipts, 1963   |
| Folder 3 | Related Manuscripts and Publications<br><br>“Appraisal of the Archaeological Resources of the Milford Reservoir” by Jon D. Muller and Jack M. Schock, 1963 version  |
| Folder 4 | Related Manuscripts and Publications<br><br>“Appraisal of the Archaeological Resources of the Milford Reservoir” by Jon D. Muller and Jack M. Schock, 1964 version – submitted to Inter-Agency Archaeological and Paleontological Salvage Program (KUMA report series #2) |
| Folder 5 | Field Notes (originals)<br><br>One weekly report – Jon D. Muller<br><br>Field journal (unidentified author – presumably Jon D. Muller)  |
| Folder 6 | Field Notes (photocopies of folder 5)<br><br>One weekly report – Jon D. Muller<br><br>Field journal (unidentified author – presumably Jon D. Muller)  |