Guide to the Tuttle Creek Reservoir Collection

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Creator of Collection: Carlyle S. Smith

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Abstract:

Based upon the proposed construction of the Tuttle Creek Reservoir in north-central 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.

Working in 1957, a crew from the University of Kansas excavated five sites in the Tuttle Creek Reservoir area. One site, Budenbender site, was much more productive than the others.

Carlyle S. 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, and photograph logs.

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Extent: 1 linear foot

Dimensions: Two 5”x12”x11” box
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:

This collection consists of correspondence, field notes, artifact analysis, photograph logs, and published and unpublished manuscripts directly relating to Carlyle Smith’s work at sites in the Tuttle Creek Reservoir area. Sites excavated include 14PO4 (Budenbender), 14MH1 (Bean Hollow), 14MH42 (Walls), 14PO1 (Eckdall), and 14MH44 (unnamed).

Subject Terms: Tuttle Creek Reservoir / Dam Construction / Salvage Archaeology

Geographic Locations: United States / Kansas / Pottawatomie County / Marshall County / Bigelow / Big Blue River / Tuttle Creek Reservoir

Personal Names: Carlyle S. Smith / Alfred Johnson / Robert Stephenson / Paul Beaubien / James Griffin / Maria E. Bozzoli Wille

Corporate Names: Army Corps of Engineers / United States National Park Service / University of Kansas / Kansas State Historical Society / River Basin Surveys / Kansas State College (Kansas State University) / Smithsonian Institution / University of Michigan

Language: English

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Folder 1 General—February 9, 1953 to April 13, 1971 (originals)

Folder 2 General—February 9, 1953 to April 13, 1971 (select fragile originals from folder 1, copies placed in folder 1 in original sequence)

**MANUSCRIPTS / PUBLICATIONS**

Folder 3 “Archaeological Investigations at Budenbender Site” by Alfred Johnson. Illustrations included.

Folder 4 “Archaeological Investigations at the Budenbender Site, Tuttle Creek Reservoir, North-Central Kansas, 1957” by Alfred E. Johnson. Field Work Performed Under the Direction of Carlyle S. Smith.

Folder 5 “Site Description, 14PO1 Eckdall Site”

Folder 6 “Description of Artifacts, 14MH1, Bean Hollow Site” by Maria E. Bozzoli Wille (not part of published report)

Folder 7 “14MH42, Walls Site” by Maria E. Bozzoli Wille (not part of published report)

Folder 8 “Description of Artifacts, 14PO4, Budenbender Site” by Maria E. Bozzoli Wille (not part of published report)

Folder 9 Field Report for Month of June 1957
Field Report for Month of July 1957
Summary of Work at 14MH1 for Week Beginning June 10, 1957 to June 14, 1957
Summary of Work at 14MH1 for Week Beginning June 17, 1957
to June 21 1957
Summary of Work at 14MH1 for Week Beginning June 24, 1957 to June 28, 1957
Summary of Work at 14PO4 for Week Beginning July 1, 1957 to July 6, 1957
Summary of Work at 14PO4 for Week Beginning July 8, 1957 to July 13, 1957
Summary of Work at 14PO4 for Week Beginning July 15, 1957 to July 19, 1957
Summary of Work at 14PO1 for Week Beginning July 22, 1957 to July 25, 1957
Two pages beginning with: “During the Last week of July….”

FIELD NOTES / DATA ANALYSIS

Folder 10 Financial Documents

Folder 11 Photo Log for sites 14PO4, 14MH1, 14MH42

Folder 12 Feature Forms for sites 14MH42, 14MH1, 14PO4 (originals)

Folder 13 Feature Forms for sites 14MH42, 14MH1, 14PO4 (photocopies of folder 12)

Folder 14 Botanical Data (14PO4), Carbon-14 Dates (14MH1) (originals)

Folder 15 Botanical Data (14PO4), Carbon-14 Dates (14MH1) (photocopies of folder 14)

Folder 16 Field Notebook – Carlyle S. Smith – 1957 for sites 14PO1, 14PO4, 14MH1, 14MH44 (originals)

Folder 17 Field Notebook – Carlyle S. Smith – 1957 for sites 14PO1, 14PO4, 14MH1, 14MH44 (photocopies of folder 16)

Folder 18 Artifact/Specimen tabulations (Bundenbender Site) (originals)

Folder 19 Artifact/Specimen tabulations (Bundenbender Site) (photocopies of folder 18)

Box 2

Folder 1 Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—1 of 6 folders (originals)
Folder 2  Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—1 of 6 folders (photocopies of folder 1)

Folder 3  Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—2 of 6 folders (originals)

Folder 4  Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—2 of 6 folders (photocopies of folder 3)

Folder 5  Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—3 of 6 folders (originals)

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Folder 8  Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—4 of 6 folders (photocopies of folder 7)

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Folder 10 Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—5 of 6 folders (photocopies of folder 9)

Folder 11 Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—6 of 6 folders (originals)

Folder 12 Artifact Worksheet and Analysis for 14PO4—6 of 6 folders (photocopies of folder 11)