



COLLECTIONS POLICY

SUBJECT: HISTORY

General Purpose

The general purpose is to collect materials in the subject of History to support undergraduate and graduate teaching, and research to the Ph.D. level. The Department participates with the Departments of History at the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University in a joint program, the Tri-University Doctoral Program in History. The Department also participates in the Intradepartmental Group on Scottish Studies, the Collaborative International Development Studies program, European Studies, Canadian Studies, Women's Studies, and Environmental Studies Programs.

Collection development should be maintained at the level of current collecting intensity objectives by the effective utilization of funds available each year.

Languages

Primarily English, but publications in other languages may be collected as dictated by research needs.

Geographic Areas

Materials from any part of the world may be collected to support teaching and research programs, subject to the language limitations, with emphasis on Europe and North America.

Chronological Limitations

There are no limitations. Collections range from ancient and medieval Europe to the modern era. (emphasis in Asia, Latin America, and Africa in the modern, post 1500 era)

Types of Material Collected

Monographs, periodicals, government documents and research reports are emphasized in print or microform format, but other types of material may be considered, e.g., CD-ROM, theses, electronic file, and audio-visual.

Types of Material Excluded

Normally patents, texts, and computer software are not acquired.

Access and Related Resources

Many external resources can be identified through the Library's catalogue. A broad spectrum of additional information and collection resources may be made available through cooperative arrangements and be accessed via library servers, the Internet, document delivery and interlibrary loan.

Subjects and Collecting Levels	Existing Collection Strength	Current Collecting Intensity Objective
Ancient History		
Asia	2E	0
Ancient Near East	2E	0
Classical Greece and Rome	3E	2E
China	2E	0
Medieval and Renaissance Europe		
Western Europe	3E	3E
Southern, Northern, Eastern Europe	2E	3E
Modern Europe		
Western Europe (1500-1950)	3E	3X
Southern, Northern, Eastern	2E	2S
Modern France	3V	3V
Great Britain, General	4E	4E
England, medieval and modern	4E	4E
Ireland and Wales, modern	3E	3E
Scotland, all periods	4E	4E
British Empire and Commonwealth, general	2E	2E
Africa and Asia	2E	3E
Canada, General	4E	4E
Pre-confederation	3E	3E
1850-1990	4E	4E
Ontario	4E	4E
Gender, Women and Family		
Canada, Europe (incl. Great Britain)	4E	4E
United States, general	3E	3E
Pre-1750	2E	2E
1750 to present?	3E	3E
Latin America, general	2E	3X
Caribbean	3E	3E

Subjects and Collecting Levels	Existing Collection Strength	Current Collecting Intensity Objective
Middle East		
Pre-modern	2E	3E
Modern	2E	3E
Africa		
Pre-modern	2E	3E
Modern	2E	3E
Asia, general	2E	3E
modern	2E	3E
Rural History		
Canada and Great Britain	4E	4E
Other (United States, Europe, Asia, Caribbean)	3E	3E
Auxiliary Historical Studies (e.g. Heraldry Genealogy, Archaeology, Archives)	2E	2E
Military Science	2E	2E
Modern Europe and North America	3E	3E

For related resources, see other collection policies for Collaborative International Development Studies, Economics, English, Family Studies, Geography, Philosophy, Political Studies, and Scottish Studies.

The attached Appendix indicates collection levels.

Archival and Special Collections

The University of Guelph library acquires primary source materials relating to several areas of history, and in addition, several topics are stressed in special collections. These subjects are subdivided whenever there is a particular collection strength existing in a specialized field and further subdivided in some cases, to list important collections by name. 4E

Agricultural and Rural History

Apiculture

Gates Collection

Agricultural Engineering

H.S. Turner Collection (threshing machinery)

Agricultural Extension Work

E.S. Archibald Papers, 1929-1962

Ghana-Guelph Project, 1970-1978

McConkey Papers, 1917-1974

Agricultural Periodicals

Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame Dossiers

C.A.V. Barker Collection
Helen C. Abell Collection
Hoodless Family Papers
Ontario Federation of Agriculture Emergency Task Force, 1981
Ontario Institute of Agrologists Records
United Co-operative of Ontario Records

Regional History

John Galt and the Canada Company
Lizars Collection, 1785-1887
Wellington and Grey Counties
Allan-Higinbotham Papers, 1834-1955 (Guelph)
Connon Collection (Elora)
Gilkison-Fraser Collection (Elora)
Goodwin Collection (Upper Canada)
Henry Wissler Papers, 1848-1950 (Elora)
John MacIntosh Duff Collection (Upper Canada)
Land Registration Copy Books (Wellington and Grey counties)

Scottish History

Aberdeen
Ewen Grahame Papers, 1723-1892
Church History
Disruption Pamphlets
Family and Clan Histories
Sir William Fraser editions
Glasgow
Jacobite Collection
Scottish Newspapers and Society Publications

Other Collections of Interest

Travel Literature
Early Canadian Travel Collection
French Canada
Chambly Papers, 1694-1881
Lillian Davies Memorial Collection
Witchcraft Collection
Centre for International Programs

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