

## **Guide to the Kansas Monument Site Collection (14RP1)**

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**Encoder:**

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

**Collection Dates:** 1948–1969

**Acquisition Number:** 041.1949

**Repository:**

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**Abstract:**

This project title takes into account the work, research, and correspondence that Carlyle S. Smith carried out at the Kansas Monument Site in 1949. This site was reported to be the Pawnee village visited by Zebulon Montgomery Pike as he traveled to find the southern borders of the Louisiana Purchase for President Thomas Jefferson.

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

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**Extent:** .5 linear foot

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

**Associated Records:**

correspondence / published manuscripts / unpublished manuscripts /  
abstracts / field notes / field journals / artifact catalogs / financial  
information / artifact data / feature data forms

**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 gunflints 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:**

This collection consists of correspondence, field notes, trip summaries, funding requests, published and unpublished manuscripts and abstracts in relation to Carlyle Smith's archaeological investigations at the Kansas Monument Site (14RP1). The occurrence of trade goods at the site caused Smith to contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation to inquire about methods to decipher heavily corroded material.

**Subject Terms:** Kansas Monument / Zebulon Montgomery Pike / Archaeology / Plains  
Archaeology

**Geographic Locations:** United States / Kansas / Republic County

**Personal Names:** Carlyle S. Smith / Jesse Jennings / Waldo Wedel / J. Edgar Hoover / Robert L.  
Stephenson

**Corporate Names:** Society for American Archaeology / The University of Kansas / Federal  
Bureau of Investigation / River Basin Surveys / Smithsonian Institution /

**Language:** English

**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 – 1948 to May 1949 (1 undated letter) (originals)
- Folder 2      General – 1948 to May 1949 (select fragile originals from folder 1, photocopies in original sequence in folder 1)
- Folder 3      General – June 1949 to 1950 (originals)
- Folder 4      General – June 1949 to 1950 (select fragile originals from folder 3, photocopies in original sequence in folder 3)
- Folder 5      General – 1951to1969 (originals)
- Folder 6      General – 1951to1969 (select fragile originals from folder 5, photocopies in original sequence in folder 5)

**MANUSCRIPTS / PUBLICATIONS**

- Folder 7      Carlyle S. Smith—Related Manuscripts and Publications
- “Fieldwork in Kansas Reservoirs”  
                  “Archaeological Investigations by the Museum of Natural History”  
                  “European Trade Material from the Kansas Monument Site”  
                  Newspaper article from Lawrence Journal World: May 26, 1949

**FIELD NOTES / DATA ANALYSIS**

- Folder 8      Site Survey – Elevation data – field book (originals)
- Folder 9      Site Survey – Elevation data – field book (photocopies of folder 8)
- Folder 10     Daily Work Logs – Includes survey of Florell Site/Glen Elder (originals)
- Folder 11     Daily Work Logs – Includes survey of Florell Site/Glen Elder (photocopies of folder 10)
- Folder 12     Journal and Work Log – C. S. Smith (originals)
- Folder 13     Journal and Work Log – C. S. Smith (photocopies of folder 12)
- Folder 14     Fieldwork Log of Vernon Mahon, undergraduate (originals)

- Folder 15 Fieldwork Log of Vernon Mahon, undergraduate (photocopies of folder 14)
- Folder 16 Analysis – Equipment Inventory – Carbon-14 Dates – Field Worker List – Site Maps – Pottery Analysis (originals)
- Folder 17 Analysis – Equipment Inventory – Carbon-14 Dates – Field Worker List – Site Maps – Pottery Analysis (photocopies of folder 16)
- Folder 18 Artifact lists, descriptions, and drawings on index cards (originals)
- Folder 19 Artifact lists, descriptions, and drawings on index cards (photocopies of folder 18)
- Folder 20 Field catalogue (typed); hand written artifact lists, descriptions, and drawings (originals)
- Folder 21 Field catalogue (typed); hand written artifact lists, descriptions, and drawings (photocopies of folder 20)
- Folder 22 Feature data forms (originals)
- Folder 23 Feature data forms (photocopies of folder 22)
- Folder 24 Equipment lists; site and artifact drawings; Glen Elder map and correspondence (originals)
- Folder 25 Equipment lists; site and artifact drawings; Glen Elder map and correspondence (photocopies of folder 24)
- Folder 26 Receipts and bills from fieldwork activities and equipment