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Ginger Nelles Papers

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Dates: 1908-[1930s]

Extent: 3 boxes (1 metre)

Scope and contents:

This collection contains material relating to the work of John Siebert Nelles and his work as a surveyor for the National Transcontinental Railroad. John Nelles graduated from Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto in April 1908. He was offered a job as a surveyor/instrumentman to accompany a party as they surveyed and staked out the last section of track for what would become the short-lived National Transcontinental Railway. This collection, which was donated to the library by John Nelles's granddaughter, Ginger Nelles, includes a book titled *Pioneer Trails* that Nelles wrote to describe his experiences, three photograph albums, a diary, a notebook of recipes, and a camera, which all relate to his work as a surveyor.

Custodial History:

This collection was donated to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library by Ginger Nelles in 2021.

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

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Box 1	Photograph album containing 118 photographs of survey work and railroad construction, 1908-1910	1908-1910
Box 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Photograph album containing 193 photographs of railroad construction, [1910]2. Photograph album containing 163 photographs of survey work and family life in Manitoba, [1910-1916]3. Diary for 19164. Notebook of recipes, [1908].5. Camera, [1908].7. 10 photographs of survey work in Ontario and Manitoba, 1910-19168. Photograph of railroad at the Mattagami River, Ontario, [1930s]9. Correspondence and documents relating to John Siebert Nelles' employment with railroad companies, 1907-1909	[1908-1930s]
Box 3	<i>Pioneer Trails</i> by John S. Nelles, [Manitoba: John Siebert Nelles, [191-].	[192-]