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John Siebert Nelles Papers

Gift of Ginger Nelles Papers, 2021

Dates: 1908-[1930s]

Extent: 3 boxes (1 metre)

Biographical sketch:

John Siebert Nelles was 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.

Scope and content note:

This collection contains material relating to the work of John Siebert Nelles and his work as a surveyor for the National Transcontinental Railroad.

It 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 in 2021 by Ginger Nelles, from the estate of John Steven Nelles, grandson of John Siebert Nelles.

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-]