

MS-0392
Frank Cyril Swannell
Originals 1811-1968 1.38 m
Microfilm (neg.) 1934 35mm [A01285(5)]

Frank Cyril Swannell (F.C.S.) was born in Hamilton, Ontario, on May 16th 1880. He obtained a certificate in assaying from the University of Toronto in 1899. He worked on surveys in the interior of B.C. He served in World War I and retired from surveying in 1932. In 1969, at the age of 88 he died in Victoria.

The records include: diaries, field books, scrapbooks and subject files containing notes and correspondence covering Swannell's career as a surveyor in Northern British Columbia, his army service in the First World War in Europe and Russia and his later travels in British Columbia, Europe and Asia. The diaries and field books are profusely illustrated with photos. Albums transferred to Visual Records accession 198002-17, maps to the Map Division, registration numbers 11507, 14104-14150, and 14281-14287. For a list of negatives placed in the BC Archives see volume 77, file 14. For a list of maps and BC Archives map call numbers see volume 77, file 25.

Restriction: use microfilm reel A01285(5) instead of volume 65.

Related records in MS-1635, diaries (copies), 1913-1914. For a list of records at the National Archives see correspondence in volume 76, file 8a.

Records presented by L.F. Swannell (son), Victoria, 1975.

Biographical sketch taken from BCAUL. A detailed biographical sketch of F.C. Swannell is available in the *Report of proceedings of the Fifty-first Annual General Meeting of the Corporation of British Columbia Land Surveyors*, 1956 (NW_526.9_C822r_1956).

Box	Vol	File	Contents	Date
			Diaries	
1	1		Diaries	1906-1907
1	2		Diaries	1908-1909
1	3		Diary, Omineca exploration	1913
1	4		Diary and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1915
1	5		Diary and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1916

1	6	Diary and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1917
1	7	Diary	1918
2	8	Diary and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1919
2	9	Diary	1920
2	10	Diary, Kitlope-Tahtsa and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1921
2	11	Diary, Ootsa-Eutsuk	1922
2	12	Diary, Nadinz-Nanika Sibola	1925
2	13	Diary, Bella Coola–Ootsa and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1926
2	14	Diary, Bella Coola–Dean and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1927
2	15	Diary, Thutade Lake and folder of loose diary pages and correspondence removed from diary	1931
3	16	Diary, South Seas	1932
3	17	Diary, world tour	1933
3	18	Diary, Vancouver Island	1938
3	19	Diary, Portland Canal	1940
3	20	Diary, Mackenzie River	1941
3	21	Diary, Royal Canadian Air Force (R.C.A.F.)	1942
3	22	Diary, Royal Canadian Air Force	1943
3	23	Diary, local surveys	1944
4	24	Diary	1945
4	25	Diary, Kootenay, Osoyoos, Barkerville, Stuart Lake	1946
4	26	Diary, Alaska-Yukon	1947
4	27	Diary, United Kingdom, Eire, Norway	1948
4	28	Diary [see also vol. 76/11]	1949
4	29	Diary, loose material dated 1950 removed	1951
4	30	Diary, Okanagan and north	1952
4	31	Diary, Lord Glanely	1953
4	32	Diary, B.C., Yellowstone	1954
5	33	Diary, Stickeen River [contains some entries for 1950]	1955
5	34	Diary	1956
5	35	Diary	1957
5	36	Diary	1958
5	37	Diary, Bedaux reunion / New Zealand	1959
5	38	Diary	1960
5	39	Diary	1961
5	40	Diary	1962
5	41	Diary	1963
6	42	Diary	1964

6	43	Diary, Norsk-Engles	1965
6	44	Diary	1966
6	45	Diary	1967
6	46	Diary	1968
6	47	Diary, kept by Mrs. F.C. Swannell	1947
6	48	Diary, kept by Mrs. F.C. Swannell	1948

Illustrated journals [apparently written in retrospect]

7	49	Illustrated journals	1811-1900
7	50	Illustrated journals	1901-1905
7	51	Illustrated journals	1910-1912
8	52	Illustrated journals	1913-1914

Field books

9	53	Transit book, Cheslatta Lake triangulation	1910
9	54	Field book, Indian reserves: Bear Lake, Takla Lake Pinchi Lake	1911
9	55	Trench surveys, Messines sector	1915
9	56	Field book, Finlay River	1916
9	56	Field book, Whitesail Lake	1920
9	57	Field book, Natalkuz Lake, Euchu Lake	1922
9	58	Field book, Morrison Lake, Babine-Takla, Troitsa Lake	1923
9	59	Field book, Whitesail Lake-Kitlope; Upper Nechako river; Morice and Atna Lakes	1924
9	60	Field book, Poplar-Nanika-Sibola	1925
9	61	Field book, Algatcho trail	1926
9	62	Field book, Dean-Bella Coola River	1927
9	63	Field book, Morice River and loose material in folder beside diary	1928
9	64	Field book, Thutade	1931
10	65	Field book, Bedaux expedition [use microfilm [A01285(5)]]	1934
10	66	Field book, Portland	1940
10	66	Field book, Finlay	1939
10	67	Field book, R.C.A.F. - Elk Lake Pipe Line location	1943

Miscellaneous bound volumes

10	68	Account book	1931-1940
10	69	Account books	[ca. 1901- 1958]

10	70		Notes taken from Samuel Black's Rocky Mountain Journal	
10	71		Sketch book, F.C.S. as boy	
10	72		Account book, Mary Foster [aunt? in Ontario]	
Scrapbooks				
11	73		Scrapbook, mainly newspaper clippings on war and poems	[ca. 1932-1944]
11	74		Scrapbook, postcard album, some B.C. scenes	
11	75		Scrapbook, "The Great War", clippings and memorabilia	
Subject files containing notes and correspondence				
12	76	1	Notes re Alexander Mackenzie, including report on triangulation and topographical survey of the Coast Mountains between the Dean and Bella Coola rivers	1928
12	76	1	Copies of diary	1941
12	76	1	List of lantern slides given to Public Archives of British Columbia (PABC)	
12	76	2	Notes on Finlay River and Finlay family, notes on Samuel Black, notes on place names;	
12	76	2	Correspondence re exploration of the Finlay with C.N. Bell, President, Manitoba Historical Society [2 letters]	Dec 1927
12	76	3	Notes and correspondence relating to Father A.G. Morice (A.G.M), letters from A.G.M. to F.C.S., 6 Feb 1929, 27 May 1929, 10 Jun 1929, 27 Jul 1929, 3 Jan 1930, 24 May 1930, 24 Nov 1930, 3 Nov 1936	[ca. 1929-1936]
12	76	4	A.G.M. correspondence with Department of Lands re place names in northern B.C. Includes memo by G.G. Aitken, Chief Geographer, on Department of Lands map of 1912, typescript of A.G.M. memo re place names on his map, 1919 [15 pages]	
12	76	5	Gerald Smedley Andrew re A.G.M., "Impressions of Father Morice," typescript, 3 pages	1945
12	76	5	Correspondence with University of Ottawa Archives, Oblate Archives Ottawa, and reply re Morice letters belonging to F.C.S.	1956-1957
12	76	5	Letter from G. Carriere, re O.M.I. place names in B.C. [6 pages]	25 Mar 1956
12	76	6	J.L. Coudert, O.M.I. to F.C.S., re Deserter's Canyon; Father Morice	17 Jan 1939, 22

				Jan 1955
12	76	7	Miscellaneous re Morice, price list of books, newspaper clipping from <i>Victoria Colonist</i> 29 Sep 1929	
12	76	8	Miscellaneous re Bedaux expedition, photocopied extracts from F.C.S. diary	1934
12	76	8	Miscellaneous re Bedaux expedition, correspondence with <i>McLean's</i> magazine [3 letters]	1956
12	76	8	Miscellaneous re Bedaux expedition, letter from O.S. Longman, Research Officer, Glenbow Foundation	10 Nov 1964
12	76	8	Miscellaneous re Bedaux expedition, letter, photo and invitation from R.C. White (original member of expedition); card containing signatures of original members of party; notes and clippings [4 items]	
12	76	8a	Correspondence with Public Archives of Canada (PAC), including inventory of F.C.S. collection in PAC	1954-1970
12	76	9	Notes and correspondence re Holland Point, Victoria	[ca. 1945]
12	76	10	Notes re Henry Spencer Palmer; Chilcotin War of 1864	
12	76	11	Pages taken from diary	1949
12	76	12	Diaries and reminiscences collected by F.C.S.: Sidney Williams diary, 1895; A.H. Phipps, "Reconnaissance Survey"; S. Prescott, diary of 1914 trip from Jasper to Hudson Hope; G.V. Copley, Fraser Lake to Ashcroft, 1910	1895, 1910, 1914
12	76	13	Letters	1930, 1932-1933
13	77	1	Letters to Cousin Mary	1915-1927
13	77	2	Letters inward	1898-1904
13	77	3	Letters inward	1915-1934
13	77	4	Letters inward	1943-1961
13	77	5	Letters from F.C.S. to his wife, Ada [some originals, some copies]	1903-1904
13	77	6	Family letters and papers	[ca. 1851- 1911]
13	77	7	Letters from officers of ships on which F.C.S. travelled	1934-1935
13	77	8	Letters from officers of ships on which F.C.S. travelled	1948-1954
13	77	9	Letters from friends in Europe	1898-1964
13	77	10	Letters from passengers and crew, S.S. Passat	1949-1958
13	77	11	Notes and clippings re S.S. Passat	
13	77	12	Christmas cards sent by F.C.S.	
13	77	13	Various lists of F.C.S. papers and photos	
13	77	14	Lists of negatives placed in Public Archives of British Columbia	
13	77	15	F.C.S. certificates [some in oversize]	

13	77	16	British Columbia Land Surveyors (B.C.L.S.) publications, 4 menus from annual dinner; list of members	1955
13	77	17	Letters from crew, City of Batavia	
13	77	18	H.P. Fay "The Canadian Rockies between Yellowhead Pass and the Peace River," <i>Appalachia</i> , vol. xiii, no. 3 annotated by H.P. Fay	
13	77	19	Clippings and notes re pioneers, surveyors	
13	77	20	Condor memorial concert programme	
13	77	21	World War II: messages to troops from C.inC.s	
13	77	22	Miscellaneous clippings	
13	77	23	Sample celluloid cards for field notes	
13	77	24	Maps showing F.C.S.'s travel routes	
13	77	25	List of maps transferred to Map Division	
13	77	26	Copy of letter from F.C.S. to Theodora Swannell Fletcher, complimenting her on <i>Driftwood Valley</i> and commenting on people, place names, and events she mentions	31 Oct 1948

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Number	Subject	Date
	Photograph albums	
1	British Columbia and career	1856-1902
2	British Columbia and career	1902-1905
3	British Columbia and career	1906-1909
4	British Columbia and career	1908-1928
5	British Columbia and career	1914-1920
6	British Columbia and career	1917-1918
7	British Columbia and career	1918
8	British Columbia and career	1919
9	British Columbia and career	1921-1922
10	British Columbia and career (Alcan, north)	1954
11	British Columbia and career (Stickine river, Dease Lake, New Zealand, Ceylon	1944
12	British Columbia and career	1940-1947
1	Family and Victoria	1901-1916
2	Family and Victoria	1904-1944
3	Family and Victoria	[ca. 1904-1929]
1	Travel, Panama Canal, Eastern U.S., Yellowstone Park, Grand Coulee	[ca. 1953]

2	Travel, Passat around Cape Horn	
3:	Travel, Mediterranean	
4	Travel, World tour	1923-33
5	Travel, England and Europe	[ca. 1958]
6	Travel, S.S. Chumleigh to England; Norway	
7	Travel, South Seas	1932

Negative albums [numbers in brackets are those marked on albums]

1	Family	
2	(7) Panama Canal	
3	Russia	1919
4	South Seas	1932
5	(17) Great War	1914
5	(18) R.C.A.F	1942-1943
6	(18) M.V. Chumleigh / R.M.S. Makura	
7	(20) Family, Fiji, New Zealand	[ca. 1858-1947]
8	(21) Yukon river, Stikine, Mackenzie	1941
9	(24) Passat, Africa, Australia	
10	(24A)	
11	Sunda, Buffalo, Lundefjet.	1967
12	(20)	1966