

Percy Saltzman fonds

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Fonds Description

Percy Saltzman fonds. – 1949-2003.

2.62 m of textual material.

19 videocassettes

8 audiocassettes

13 photographs.

6 slides.

Biographical Sketch

Percy Saltzman was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1915. He graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1934, eventually moving to Montreal's McGill Medical School to become a doctor. In Montreal, he left McGill and married Rose (1935). In 1943, he embarked on a career in meteorology, as a Met. Officer in the BCATP (British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (1940-1945), the Aerodrome of Democracy, following which Percy remained in meteorology as a full time employee of the official federal weather service for 25 years (1943-1968). In 1953 he became Canada's first TV Weatherman (1952-1982). He co-hosted the CBC show *Tabloid*, and CTV's *Canada AM*. Saltzman gave thousands of weather forecasts, conducted numerous interviews, and was also involved in radio broadcasting. In 2002 he was awarded The Order of Canada and in 2004 he became a member of The Broadcast Hall of Fame. He married twice: Rose (1935-1988) and Audrey (1990.)

Biographical information primarily from: <http://www.percysaltzman.com/index.htm>.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of material created by Saltzman, primarily in relation to the various productions in broadcasting he was a part of. Material has been arranged in nine series: Early Career series, Mid-Career series, Canada AM and "701" series, General Career and Personal series, ACTRA series, Meteorology material series, Order of Canada series, Audiovisual series, and Photographs series.

Notes

File list available.

Titles of folder taken from previous housing in most cases; other titles based on contents.

Series Descriptions

Early Career series. -- 1955-1966.

30cm textual material

Series includes materials related to early career endeavors. Includes newspaper clippings, fan mail, scripts, and correspondence.

Box 1-1 to 1-22

Mid-Career series. -- 1949-1976, primarily 1972-1976.

67cm textual material

Series includes materials related to Saltzman's career in the 1970's on various programs in television and radio. Includes newspaper clipping, fan mail, scripts, and correspondence.

Box 2-1 to 3-4; 3-10 to 4-8

Canada AM and "701" series. -- 1962-1974.

48cm textual material

Series includes materials related to Saltzman's involvement as co-host of Canada AM and the cancellation of the show "701" (formerly Tabloid.) Materials include handwritten notes on guests, fan mail, clippings, and scripts.

Box 4-9 to 5-20

General Career and Personal series. -- 1964-2006.

52cm textual material

Series includes miscellaneous material related to career endeavors, as well as scripts and financial materials for Saltzman's production work. Materials include scripts, fan mail, notes, and personal material.

Box 6-1 to 6-3; 7-13 to 9-1

ACTRA series. -- 1964-2002.

20cm textual material

Series includes materials relating to Saltzman's membership and involvement of the organization ACTRA (Association of Canadian Television and Radio Artists before 1984, currently stands for the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio

Artists.) Saltzman was president of ACTRA-Toronto in 1960. Materials include scripts, contracts, correspondence, and legal documents.

Box 6-7 to 7-9

Meteorology Material series. -- 1964-1982.

40cm textual material

Series includes materials collected by Saltzman regarding meteorology and other weather-related interests. Series includes publications, historical weather material, correspondence, and photographs.

Box 6-4 to 6-6; 7-10 to 7-12; 9-1 to 9-19

Order of Canada series. – 2003.

5cm (1 book?)

Series includes materials related to Saltzman's receipt of the Order of Canada in 2003. Includes correspondence, brochures and testimonials.

Box 3-5 to 3-9

Photographs series. -- 1948-2003.

13 photographs

6 slides

Series includes 6 colour slides and 13 black and white and colour photographs of Saltzman over the years.

Audiovisual series.

1 letter

8 audiocassette tapes

Etc.

Series consists of VHS tapes, U-matic tapes, and audiocassette tapes collected by Saltzman that usually feature him in some capacity. Letter was included with audiocassette tape XX, "Interview with Len Scher 'Intermarriage' 1992."

File List

EARLY CAREER SERIES

Box 1

- 1-1 Duplicate clippings 1956-1959
- 1-2 Fan Mail 1955
- 1-3 Scripts 1955
- 1-4 Clippings 1955
- 1-5 Correspondence 1955
- 1-6 Clipping 1957
- 1-7 Scripts 1956
- 1-8 Fan Mail 1956 (1)
- 1-9 Fan Mail 1956 (2)
- 1-10 Clippings 1956
- 1-11 Correspondence 1956
- 1-12 Scripts 1957 & 1958
- 1-13 How About That Scripts 1953-1955
- 1-14 Fan Mail Jul-Dec 1959
- 1-15 Scripts and Program Info 1959
- 1-16 Clippings 1959
- 1-17 Personal [1955-1959]
- 1-18 Per: Obits [1993-1966]
- 1-19 Fan Mail Jan-Jun 1959 (1)
- 1-20 Fan Mail Jan-Jun 1959 (2)
- 1-21 Canada Theatrical Arts Guide, First Edition 1958-1959
- 1-22 Canada Theatrical Arts Guide, Second Edition 1959-1960

Box 2

MID-CAREER SERIES

- 2-1 [*Starweek* magazine May 23 to 30]
- 2-2 [Symposium on a History of Meteorological Challenges, 1971]
- 2-3 F.J.M.? Correspondence involving ACTRA fracas 1964
- 2-4 ACTRA Versus PPS correspondence and copies of legal documents 1964
- 2-5 [1961-1973 newspaper clippings, Photostats and cartoons]
- 2-6 [PPS 1964 correspondence relating to ACTRA matter]

- 2-7 [Resumes etc fan mail 1973-1974]
- 2-8 [1964-1965 correspondence and copies of legal documents ACTRA lawsuit]
- 2-9 [Conquest of Space material 1969]
- 2-10 [1982 fan mail] (1)
- 2-11 [1982 fan mail] (2)
- 2-12 [Budget and materials related to the Conquest of Space, 1969]
- 2-13 [Hobby Club 1964-correspondence pertaining to the TV program Hobby Club]
- 2-14 [ACTRA 1964-1965 correspondence]

Box 3

- 3-1 [Transcript of interviews conducted by PS]
- 3-2 [Canada AM promotional material 1973]
- 3-3 [Sample of handwritten interview notes on individuals, possibly interviewees (Stanfield, Diefenbaker, Tommy Douglas) 1973]
- 3-4 [Letter to PS including fan mail]

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ORDER OF CANADA SERIES

- 3-5 Order of Canada Materials-2003
- 3-6 Order of Canada certificate-ceremony-2003
- 3-7 Nomination Documents Order of Canada 2003
- 3-8 Tributes and Testimonials-2003
- 3-9 Percy Order of Canada Documents-1982-2003

MID-CAREER SERIES cont'd

- 3-10 Personal Clippings, Obits 1959-2004
- 3-11 "Free for All" Research Notes Dec 21/1975
- 3-12 "Free for All" Interview Notes January 18 1976
- 3-13 "Free for All" Interview Notes May 16/1976
- 3-14 Clippings 1972
- 3-15 [Handwritten Notes 1975]
- 3-16 Percy's Alberta File 1975
- 3-17 1970's Manitoba Development, Notes, Articles, Lists, Politics

- 3-18 Canada AM Staff Info, guests 1970's (?)
- 3-19 Items of General Interest 1961-1973
- 3-20 [Insurance 1972]
- 3-21 Blerb on PPS 1969-1970
- 3-22 Space and Weather Material 1953-1954
- 3-23 Stamp Collection 1968-1969
- 3-24 Canada AM 1972
- 3-25 Meteorological Material 1949-1952
- 3-26 Canada AM-Percy's Appointment 1972
- 3-27 Correspondence concerning Percy's move to CTV 1972
- 3-28 Canada AM September 1972
- 3-29 CTV 1972
- 3-30 CTV correspondence 1972
- 3-31 Clippings and notes on schizophrenia
- 3-32 Correspondence 1972
- 3-33 Clippings, reviews, correspondence, and scripts 1972
- 3-34 Research 1972
- 3-35 Clippings on Percy's replacement 1972

Box 4

- 4-1 Miscellaneous receipts, correspondence 1967-1968
- 4-2 Book request slips-notes 1968
- 4-3 Celsius Conference 1968
- 4-4 CYC 1966-1968
- 4-5 Financial Records-Correspondence-Expenses 1966
- 4-6 "Cross Country Check Up" and "Speak Your Mind" correspondence
- 4-7 "Cross Country Check Up" fan mail 1966
- 4-8 ACTRA materials 1966

CANADA AM AND "701" SERIES

- 4-9 Can AM 1972
- 4-10 Can AM OW 1973
- 4-11 Can AM 1972 ML Gerald Levesque, M. Richard, Danielle Olimet, Jacque Carrigue, Frank Hanley, ?, Rene Levesque, AISLIN, Jack Horner, Jean Drapeau, Jerome Choquette, Richard Lafferty
- 4-12 NFLD History by AB Perlin
- 4-13 Can AM 1973 [correspondence]

- 4-14 Can AM 1972 Dec Wm Davis, Arthur Porter, Jeanne Sauvé, Judith Merrill, Heward Grafftey, Alan Borovoy, W.H. Kelly (RCMP), Jack Ramsay, Gordo Bell, Gen E CM Burns, Otto Lang, JK Galbriath
- 4-15 Can AM 1973 Alex Comfort, Karsh, Jed Baldwin, Siobhan McKenna, John Parker, Dennis Gabon, Mel Hurtig, Gabriel Kokko, Andrew Brewin, ?, Michale MacLear, Louis L'Amour, Sen. Therese Casgraw, Michael Cain, Alex Campbell, Ed Schreyer, Dough Henning, Keith Spicer, ?
- 4-16 Can AM 1973 Robt Bourrassa, Jerome Choquette, Marcel Pepin
- 4-17 Can AM 1973 Uri Avner
- 4-18 Can AM 1973 Gerald Haddon on Oct 20/72 forgot to tell me about the weather, Lord Mayor Oct 30 clocks all wrong EDT EST; Mikis Theodorakis (Zorba), Malcolm, ?, Lillian Gish, Lollobrigida, Rene Levesque
- 4-19 Can AM 72 George Swinton 1973
- 4-20 Can AM 72 Apollo 17 TV schedule 1972-1973
- 4-21 Can AM Marion Bruce Goulet 1972-1975
- 4-22 Can AM 73 John Ertl Irving Layton, Audrey, Topping, Chester Ronning.
- 4-23 Can AM 73 Art Phillips
- 4-24 Can AM 1974 Keith Campbell
- 4-25 Can AM 74 Steele Henry Steele, Lorne Nystrom, Piere Juneau, Warren Almond, Bobby Rigo, Chartrand, Laberge
- 4-26 Canada AM 74 John Deané
- 4-27 Can AM 73 Cherton Ronning, PD Mctc, John Whitrow, Stansfield, Cheraskin, Hoffa, Harold Town, Foth
- 4-28 Can AM 73 Cherton Ronning et al.
- 4-29 Can AM 74 Tom Bennet, Pitman, Emmett Hall, Jesse Jackson, Miler, Laing, W.M. Kelly (RCMP)
- 4-30 Can AM 73
- 4-31 Can AM 73 Phil Edmonston, Farley Mowat

Box 5

- 5-1 Can AM 73 Eric Kierans, Mel Watkins, Rolog Benny
- 5-2 Can AM 74 Buster Crabbe, Geo Plimpton
- 5-3 Can AM 74 John Turner, Max Saltzman
- 5-4 Can AM 74 XPNS Claims
- 5-5 May 20-74 Astronaut Ed Mitchell
- 5-6 Can AM 74 Jean Chrétien, Fleur MacDonald, John Holt, Jocco Thomas
- 5-7 Can AM 72 Oil
- 5-8 Can AM 74-Engergy Conference
- 5-9 Can AM 73 & 74 SJ Perelma, Otto Jelinek, Month Hall, Geo ?

- 5-10 [Clippings, letters, cards and fan mail to Saltzman 1962]
- 5-11 1962 [clippings, scripts, and fan mail] (1)
- 5-12 1962 [clippings, scripts, and fan mail] (2)
- 5-13 1962 [clippings, scripts, and fan mail] (3)
- 5-14 1963 [scripts, contracts, mail, and material regarding "701" cancellation and Arcand controversy] (1)
- 5-15 1963 [scripts, contracts, mail, and material regarding "701" cancellation and Arcand controversy] (2)
- 5-16 1963 [scripts, contracts, mail, and material regarding "701" cancellation and Arcand controversy] (3)
- 5-17 PPS Confidential 1963 [clippings and letters]
- 5-18 [Fan mail and clippings, primarily about "701" cancellation] (1)
- 5-19 [Fan mail and clippings, primarily about "701" cancellation] (2)
- 5-20 [Fan mail and clippings, primarily about "701" cancellation] (3)

Box 6

GENERAL CAREER AND PERSONAL SERIES

- 6-1 Script for "Horizon-The Open Grave" [1964 Easter special, fictional debut of documentary show "Horizon"]
- 6-2 Script for "The Conquest of Space" June 1969
- 6-3 "Story of America" copyright 1975 Doug Hutton Music

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METEOROLOGY MATERIAL SERIES

- 6-4 [Transparencies of weather maps]
- 6-5 Historical weather information] (1)
- 6-6 Historical weather information] (2)

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ACTRA SERIES

- 6-7 [Correspondence and contracts regarding performance career. Material related to program "How to Start a Small Business"]

- 6-8 "From the Montreal Producer's Strike to the Laskin Report: A Brief and Unfortunate History of the Canadian Council of Authors and Artists." Pat O'Neill, May 17, 1981.
- 6-9 [Sampling of greeting cards from global meteorological centers]
- 6-10 CBC Prior (PS) Change to CTV
- 6-11 [Invoices and Contracts 1974]
- 6-12 [ACTRA-petition, contracts, general material 1964-1975]
- 6-13 [ACTRA legal proceedings 1965]
- 6-14 [ACTRA legal proceedings 1964]
- 6-15 [Scripts 1973-2002]
- 6-16 [Correspondence and fan mail 1980-2005]
- 6-17 [Miscellaneous personal material 1973-1980]
- 6-18 [Clippings 1971-2003]
- 6-19 [Magazine and other publications on PS and family 1954-1998]

Box 7

- 7-1 [CBC Productions] 1999
- 7-2 Clippings-Obits-Deepa Mehza 1997-2001
- 7-3 Correspondence Kanya -mailing list 1973-1977
- 7-4 Miscellaneous 1951
- 7-5 Money Matters-1995
- 7-6 Magazines-Newsletters 1955
- 7-7 ACTRA-Benefits-1991-1996
- 7-8 ACTRA-Certificates of Insurance 1991-2002
- 7-9 Global Fan Letters 1980-1981

METEOROLOGY MATERIAL SERIES cont'd

- 7-10 Meteorological Publications 1982
- 7-11 Meteorological Publications (2) 1940-1980
- 7-12 Meteorological Publications (3)

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GENERAL CAREER AND PERSONAL SERIES cont'd

- 7-13 90th Birthday Cards 2006
- 7-14 CBC Calendar 1998

- 7-15 Travel-Fan mail-Correspondence 1972
- 7-16 Fan mail 1971
- 7-17 Fan mail 1970
- 7-18 Viewers' mail-Newspaper clippings 1969 (1)

Box 8

- 8-1 Viewers' mail-Newspaper clippings 1969 (2)
- 8-2 Viewers' mail-Newspaper clippings 1969 (3)
- 8-3 Fan mail 1969
- 8-4 Fan mail 1968
- 8-5 Fan mail 1967
- 8-6 Fan mail 1966
- 8-7 Fan mail 1965
- 8-8 Fan mail and correspondence 1964
- 8-9 Career: Financial considerations 1992-1995
- 8-10 Correspondence and personal material 1972-1981
- 8-11 Career: Publicity 1980-1995
- 8-12 Career: Script and poem 1973-1990
- 8-13 [Canada AM promotional material and proofs 1972]
- 8-14 Career: CV 1997
- 8-15 Career: Notes 1989-1993
- 8-16 Correspondence and personal material 1967-1968
- 8-17 Jack Cowan's "Memoirs and Reflections"
- 8-18 "Nothing but the Truth" James Montgomery (annotated)

Box 9

METEOROLOGY MATERIAL SERIES cont'd

- 9-1 Career: Miscellaneous 1986-1994
- 9-2 Ontario Hydro presents "Air Pollution: Cause and Cure" (final shooting script)
- 9-3 Percy 1968 - Shell promotional material from 1937
- 9-4 Volunteer Work 1966-1970
- 9-5 Meteorological correspondence (includes 4 photographs) 1963-1968
- 9-6 Meteorological correspondence (include 6 photographs) 1968
- 9-7 Retirement Literature, ACTRA material, meteorology 1965
- 9-8 Correspondence, fan mail, and 4 weather photographs 1968

- 9-9 Retirement, notes and correspondence 1968
- 9-10 Meteorological and other material 1968
- 9-11 Correspondence, primarily thank-you notes 1968
- 9-12 Canada AM notes 1969
- 9-13 Alper-Ergd, financials 1967-1970
- 9-14 Resignation from Met. Branch of Transport, 1968
- 9-15 Weathercasters conference in Tampa, Florida 1967
- 9-16 Advertising work materials 1967
- 9-17 Correspondence and personal material 1967
- 9-18 "The Development of Laboratory and Demonstration Equipment for Meteorological Instruction." Frank R. Bellaire, Albert W. Stohrer, The University of Michigan, January 1963
- 9-19 "Memorabilia of Activities of William W. Judd while with the Canadian Meteorological Serviced During World War II, 1942-1945." By W.W. Judd, 2001
- 9-20 Interview with Len Scher "Intermarriage" 1992 (letter was included with audiocassette tape)

PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES

- 157.1/1 Photo release Canada AM: Percy Saltzman of "Canada AM," travels to Ottawa as "Canada AM" originates live from the nation's capitol the week of February 12-16, 1973.
- 157.1/2 Black and white photograph of Percy Saltzman [1970's].
- 157.1/3 Black and white headshot of Percy Saltzman [1970's].
- 157.1/4 Camp Binder Free Day June 9 1956 (black and white photograph of Percy and two unknown persons.)
- 157.1/5 Black and white photograph of Percy Saltzman and one unknown man at a weather office booth, 1948.
- 157.1/6 Negatives of Percy Saltzman (portrait.)
- 157.1/7 Colour print of Percy Saltzman receiving the Order of Canada, 2003. In holder.
- 157.1/8 Negatives 1956 (from envelope.)
- 157.1/9 Percy Saltzman reports the weather twice nightly on Global news: 6:00 O'Clock and 11:00 O'Clock reports [1970's].
- 157.1/10 Letter from J.S. Seddon (Mrs.) from the University of Toronto containing 12 weather photographs and a negative of PS on CBC. April, 1968.
- 157.1/11 5 photographs of an event hosted by Percy Saltzman involving several individuals labelled in notation. Mounted on boards.

- 157.1/12 Strips of proofs from March, 1956 of PS doing the weather. Accompanied by a letter, Oct 1980.
- 157.1/13 6 colour slides of Saltzman and others at Canada AM. (Aug 1973). Slides are 3in x 3in (7cm x 7cm).

AUDIOVISUAL SERIES

VHS Tapes

- UBC VT 2050 TVTV-Percy Saltzman Clip
- UBC VT 2051 Magic Time (16-4-94) Zenith VCR
- UBC VT 2052 Extreme Weather Pt. 1 Toronto Video Post November 22, 2005
- UBC VT 2053 Wild for Weather (Dec 12, 2000)
- UBC VT 2054 Wild for Weather Dec 12/00
- UBC VT 2055 Magic Time 11/4/94
- UBC VT 2056 Dub of "Magic Time" Network Promos & End of Show Promo
April/94
- UBC VT 2057 CanAM Sep 11-97
- UBC VT 2058 Percy Saltzman Interview "Wild for Weather" Galafum Inc. Oct
2000
- UBC VT 2059 Getting on the Air Cass #11 TC 2 User: Burn-in 30:00 16/09/93
- UBC VT 2060 "Getting on the Air" Cass #12 T.C. 2 user: Burn-in 30:00 16/09/93
- UBC VT 2061 Silent "Getting on the Air" Roll #13 vis.t.c. (ol.f.) 22:00 Sept 20/93
- UBC VT 2062 CBMT Opening Canadian Broadcasting Corporation 13min
06/07/89

U-matic Tapes

- UBC VT 2063 Percy Saltzman's "Of All Things . . ." Promo/Demo Copies ³/₄
- UBC VT 2064 Esso Aug 13/74
"Colo Lake" 6018-60
"Beau Fort Sea" 6016-60
"Seaway" 6021-60
"Borrowing" 6019-60
(Shareholder-6020-60-missing)
- UBC VT 2065 Global Television Network 11pm Tuesday Sep 30/80 Cass #25
- UBC VT 2066 Global Television Network "Percy's Weather" Monday Oct 20/80
- UBC VT 2067 Imperial Oil PA-6015, 17, 18, 16 July 15, 1974

Audiocassette Tapes

UBC AT 3650	Interview with Len Scher "Intermarriage" 1992
UBC AT 3651	CBO Morn Archer-Mon
UBC AT 3652	Media Report 28/11/96 "Weather"
UBC AT 3653	Sept 09/02 Saltzman Voices CBC
UBC AT 3654	Harris Pearson July 2003
UBC AT 3655	Metro Morning Sept 17/93 Hr 2 re: PPS Gil Xtie-Tabloid
UBC AT 3656	CBC Radio March 22/93 O'Hawg 725815 & 1820
UBC AT 3657	CBO Morning Aircheck Mon