

John Crosse Collection

Dates of Creation: 1975-2005

Physical Extent: 20 cm. of textual, graphic and cartographic materials

Administrative History:

John Crosse was born in New Zealand in 1917. After attaining an undergraduate degree from Cambridge, Cross completed a Master's degree in Engineering at Purdue University in Indiana. In 1959 he immigrated to Canada with his young family. Although he worked for some time as an engineer, Crosse was most passionate about British Columbia's maritime history. By 1968 he had written and published a centennial history of the Thermopylae, a clipper ship that patrolled British Columbia's coast in the 19th century. In the 1980s, Crosse began researching the first explorations of Europeans to North America's West Coast. He spent a number of summers in the 1990s following and documenting the precise route taken by Spanish explorers through British Columbia's Gulf Islands. As part of his research of these explorations, Crosse traveled to Spain and California to acquire background information and photocopies of rare maps made by the early European explorers. In 1994 he wrote and published some of the findings of his research trips in an article titled "In the Wake of the Spaniards: Through the Rosario Strait". Crosse continued to write and complete other manuscripts including "In the Wake of Narvaez" and "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover". John Crosse passed away in 2006.

Scope and Content:

The Collection consists of records created by John Crosse, local maritime historian. The records relate to his research and writings of numerous maritime-themed journal and newspaper articles as well as drafts of his self-published manuscripts: "Thermopylae"; "In the Wake of Narvaez", and "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover".

Notes:

Source of Title: Title based on the name of the creator of the records.

Immediate source of acquisition: Records donated by John Crosse and family members after his death.

Arrangement: Records arranged by Archivist.

Related Records: See the "John Crosse Fonds" at the UBC Rare Books and Special Collections Department. A copy of the finding aid for these records is included in Box 1.

Language: The records are in English.

Restrictions on access: None

Finding aids: A box/file list exists for these records.

Accruals: No future accruals are expected.

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Box / File List

PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 1
File No: 1	Date: 1975-2005
Title: Thermopylae research file, vol. 1	
PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 1
File No: 2	Date: 1975-2005
Title: Thermopylae research file, vol. 2	
PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 1
File No: 3	Date: 2005
Title: "Thermopylae: The Challenge" - master book draft	
PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 1
File No: 4	Date: 2003
Title: "In the Wake of Narvaez" - second draft, vol. 1	
PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 1
File No: 5	Date: 2003
Title: "In the Wake of Narvaez" - second draft, vol. 2	
PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 1
File No: 6	Date: 2003
Title: "In the Wake of Narvaez" - master photographs and illustrations	
PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 1
File No: 7	Date: 2003
Title: "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover" - master photographs and illustrations	
PartOf John Crosse Collection	Location: Box 2
File No: 8	Date: 2002
Title: "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover" - third draft, vol. 1	

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PartOf **John Crosse Collection**

Location: Box 2

File No: 9

Date: 2002

Title: "Thomas Manby: Seaman and Lover" - third draft, vol. 2