

# Dick Smith Collection, 1894-1974:

## A Guide

### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Dick Smith

**Title:** Dick Smith Collection, 1894-1974

**Inclusive Dates:** 1894-1974

**Abstract:** Most of the Dick Smith Collection consists of lecture notes and resource materials for government classes taught at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas from 1933-1973. The collection is divided into the following three series: Teaching materials, Personal papers, and Sheet music.

**Identification:** AR31

**Extent:** 12 boxes (5.64 cubic feet)

**Shelf location:** 6:A:3, 6:E:4-6

**Language(s):** Collection is in English.

**Repository:** Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas

### Biographical Note/Organizational History

Dick Smith was born on September 9, 1908 in Milford, Texas, to Jesse R. and Addie Smith. The family moved to Breckenridge, Texas where Jesse R. Smith served as a County Judge and a State Senator from Stephens County, and Addie Smith taught high school. In 1926 Dick Smith graduated from Breckenridge High School and attended Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Texas in 1930 and earned a master's degree in political science the next year. Smith entered Harvard University to pursue a Ph.D. in political science, but when his mother became ill in 1932, he returned to Texas. In 1933 he was hired as instructor of history at Tarleton. Smith remained at Tarleton until 1973 when he retired.

In 1935, Smith took a leave of absence and returned to Harvard in order to continue work on his doctorate. By 1937 he was ready to work on his dissertation, which he did while teaching college courses at Tarleton. He received his Ph.D. in 1939, becoming the second professor at Tarleton with a doctorate.

During World War II, Smith served as an Army field artillery corporal in Europe. He returned to Tarleton after he was discharged in 1946.

Smith was named head of the Department of History and Government in 1947. When that department merged with the Department of Economics and Sociology in 1948, it became the Department of Social Sciences under Smith. He remained head of the new department until 1967, when he voluntarily stepped down in order to return to full-time teaching. He retired from Tarleton in 1973 and received the honorary title of professor emeritus.

Smith co-authored two textbooks on Texas government in the 1940s. *Texas Government* was a college level textbook Smith wrote with Stuart MacCorkle. The book went through six editions in twenty years. *Texas Civics* was a high school textbook that Smith wrote with MacCorkle and Thomas P. Yoakum.

Smith died on January 6, 1974. In his will he left the major portion of his estate to Tarleton to establish the Dick Smith Scholarship for students from the College of Arts and Sciences. In addition to donating his private library to the Tarleton Library, he left instructions that at his death mourners donate funds to the university library. Tarleton Library was renamed the Dick Smith Library in his memory.

### **Sources:**

Guthrie, Christopher. *John Tarleton and his Legacy: The History of Tarleton State University, 1899-1999*. Acton, MA: Tapestry Press, 1999. pp. 385-388.

### **Scope and Contents**

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The formats included in the Teaching materials series are journal articles, reports, magazine articles, news clippings, transparencies, lecture notes, bills from state legislation, newsletters, booklets, gray literature, and brochures. These materials are arranged in alphabetical order by subject. The transparencies were discarded if a paper copy was available.

The Personal papers series includes letters, a certificate of election, a military leave of absence, passports, degrees, and a 1926 issue of *The Grassburr*. There are 58 pieces of music dated from 1894 to 1947 in the Sheet music series. They are listed by title in the Container List section of the finding aid. **The list includes the copyright date for each item of music.**

### **Organization**

The Dick Smith Collection is organized in three series:

- Series I. Teaching materials
- Series II. Personal papers
  - A. Educational records
  - B. Family papers
  - C. Military records
  - D. Correspondence
  - E. Travel documents
  - F. Notes
  - G. Articles about Russia
  - H. Miscellaneous
- Series III. Sheet Music

### **Rights and Access**

#### **Access Restrictions**

Collection is open for research.

### **Physical Access Restrictions**

None.

### **Technical Access Restrictions**

None.

### **Publication Rights**

Copyright restrictions may apply.

### **Index Terms**

These materials are indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

#### **Persons**

Smith, Dick, 1908-1974

#### **Organizations**

Tarleton State University

#### **Subjects**

College teaching  
Texas (state)—Politics and government  
United States—Government  
United States—History, Political  
United States—Politics and government

#### **Places**

State of Texas  
Stephenville, Texas

### **Administrative Information**

#### **Provenance**

Donated to the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University by Dick Smith.

## Preferred Citation

Dick Smith Collection, AR31, [Box no.], [Folder no.], [Series number], Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives and Special Collections, Stephenville, Texas.

## Processing Information

Finding aid prepared by Phyllis Kinnison, 2018.

## Related Collections

Randall Popken Papers  
C. Richard King Papers

## Note to the Researcher

The collection is processed, but advance notice is required with time allowed to retrieve the records from offsite storage before conducting research. There may be occasions when staffing or weather conditions may prevent retrieval of the records. Some materials originally housed in binders have been placed in folders and boxes. For more information, contact Librarian/Archivist Phyllis Kinnison at [pkinnison@tarleton.edu](mailto:pkinnison@tarleton.edu).

## Container List

<u>Stack Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Series Title and Folder Contents (with dates)</u>
6E5	1	1	Amendment and revision of state constitutions, 1965-1973, undated
		2	The American characteristics, 1964, undated
		3	American Federalism and national supremacy, undated
		4	Back ground of American government, undated
		5	British Commonwealth of Nations, 1961-1966, 1968-1969, 1971-1972, undated
		6	British crown and the monarchy, 1969, 1971, undated
		7	British law and the courts, 1959,1962, 1969, 1971, undated
		8	British ministry and the cabinet, 1960, 1965, undated
		9	British Parliament and Common, 1962, 1964-1965, 1968-1969, 1971-1972, undated
		10	British parties and elections, 1963-1968, 1970, 1973, undated
		11	British national administration, 1962, 1964, 1966-1972, undated
		12	British political heritage – its development, undated
		13	Citizenship and immigration, 1968, 1970, undated
		14	The Communist Party, 1964-1965, 1968-1969, 1971-1973, undated
		15	Congress – party organization, 1958, 1969-1973, undated
		16	Congress – procedure, 1970-1971, undated

		17	Congress – structure and powers, 1954, 1957, 1968-1973, undated
6E5	2	1	Constitution, 1967-1969, undated
		2	The Constitutional Convention, undated
		3	County government, 1966-1971, undated
		4	Decision making in state legislatures, 1965-1967, 1973, undated
		5	Education, 1968
		6	Election of president, 1969, 1971-1972, undated
		7	English local government, 1962-1963, 1965, 1968-1972, undated
		8	Equality under the law, 1969-1973, undated
		9-10	Constitutional revision – The State of Texas, 1961, 1967-1969, 1972
		11	The Federal Executive of Germany, 1972
		12	Federal state relations, 1964, 1966-1969, 1972-1973, undated
		13	Financial procedure, 1957, 1958, 1969, 1965, 1971, 1973
		14	First Amendment freedoms, 1969-1973, undated
6E5	3	1	The first state constitutions, undated
		2	Forces which influence legislation, 1967-1969, 1971, 1973, undated
		3	France – the Fourth Republic and its overthrow, undated
		4	French administration and local government, 1969, 1971-1972, undated
		5	French constitutional history, undated
		6	The French executive, 1961-1962, 1965, 1967, 1972, undated
		7	The French court system, 1967, 1969, 1971, undated
		8	French Parliament – structure and organization, 1968, undated
		9	French political parties, 1965-1966, 1968-1969, 1973, undated
		10	The German court system, undated
		11	The federal system of the West German Republic, 1968-1969, undated
		12	The German Parliament, undated
		13	German political parties and elections, 1961, 1965-1972, undated
		14	German state and local government, 1970, undated
		15	Government 3033, 1972-1973
		16	Government 4053 – reading lists, undated
		17	The Governor 1969-1970, 1972, undated
		18-19	Government and business, 1967-1971, undated
6E5	4	1	Governor I, undated
		2	Governor II, 1970, undated
		3	Governor III, 1969, 1971, undated
		4	Government 3033 Dr. Smith, 1966-1968, undated
		5	Government finance, 1966-1973, undated
		6	Government 2013, undated
		7	Government as promoter – welfare, 1973-1974
		8	Growth of the national government, 1968, undated
		9	The House of Lords, 1968-1969, undated
		10	Improvements in state legislatures, 1968-1972, undated
		11	History of the governorship, 1965, undated
		12	Interstate relations, undated
		13	“A Proposed New Constitution for Texas,” 1973, undated

		14	The legislators, 1966, undated
		15	The living constitution, undated
		16	Local government, 1965-1972, undated
		17	Marxism, 1962, 1964-1965, 1968-1969, undated
		18	Municipal government, 1966, 1970, undated
		19	The national judiciary and judicial review, 1970-1971, undated
		20	Nomination and election of the presidents, 1956, 1964, 1968-1973, undated
6E5	5	1	Nominations and elections, 1964-1965, 1968-1971, 1973, undated
		2	The nature of the Union, 1966, undated
		3	The New Federalism, 1968-1969, 1971-1972, undated
		4	Present-day constitutions, 1968, undated
		5-6	Problems of metropolitan government, 1962, 1965-1973, undated
		7	Parliamentary Procedure, undated
		8	Political parties, 1967-1970, 1972-1973, undated
		9	President and Congress, 1965, 1970-1971, undated
		10	President and executive power, 1969-1973, undated
		11	President and foreign policy, 1966, 1969-1970, undated
		12	Procedural rights, 1966, 1968-1969, 1971-1972, undated
		13	Progressives and Prohibition, undated
6E5	6	1	Ratifying the new Constitution, 1944, undated
		2	Representation in state legislatures, 1961, 1965, 1967, 1969-1973, undated
		3	Revision and amendment of state constitution, 1961, undated
		4	Russia – The Constitution and the Federal System, 1973, undated
		5	Russian Executive Power, 1965, undated
		6	Audit Report – The Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Texas, August 31, 1969
		7	Government 3033 – reading list, undated
		8	Representation in state legislatures, 1965-1968, 1971, 1973, undated
		9	Soviet law and justice, 1963, 1970, undated
		10	Special districts, 1966, 1970, undated
		11	State administration, 1965, 1968, 1972, undated
		12	State court systems, 1965-1966, 1970-1972, undated
		13	State legislatures – power and structure, 1965-1969, 1971, undated
6E5	7	1-2	State and local finance, 1966-1973, undated
		3	State parties, 1965-1966, 1968, 1972, undated
		4	Switzerland, undated
		5	State procedure, 1971-1973, undated
		6	Soviet legislative organization, undated
		7	Special districts, undated
		8	Structure and organization of state legislatures, 1967-1968, 1971-1973, undated
		9	Suffrage, 1964, 1970-1973, undated
		10	Texas administrative organization, 1967-1971, undated
		11	Texas administrative reorganization, 1966, 1968, 1973, undated
6E6	8	1	The Texas Constitution, 1968-1969, 1971-1973, undated

		2	Texas court system, 1965, 1969, 1972, undated
		3	Voting Behavior, 1968-1969, 1971-1972, undated
		4-5	British history lecture notes, undated
		6	Educational records: university papers and essays, 1937, undated
		7	Personal Papers: Family papers: correspondence between Jessie R. Smith and Bessie Parker, 1903
		8	Personal Papers: Family papers: Certificate of Election (Stephens County, Texas Judge) for Jessie R. Smith, November 29, 1930
		9	Personal Papers: military records: leave of absence, 1943
		10	Personal Papers: correspondence, 1936-1937, 1943, 1945
		11	Personal Papers: travel documents: International Certifications of Vaccination and passports, 1956, 1961, 1964, 1966, 1972
		12	Personal Papers: travel documents: items removed from 1961 passport
		13	Personal Papers: notes, undated
		14	Personal Papers: articles about Russia, 1958
		15	Personal Papers: miscellaneous, undated
6E6	9		<i>The Grassburr</i> , 1926
6E6	10	1	Sheet music: Roamin' In The Gloamin', 1911
		2	Sheet music: When I'm Gone You'll Soon Forget, 1920
		3	Sheet music: Forgotten, 1894
		4	Sheet music: The Student Prince: Serenade, 1925
		5	Sheet music: Peter Pan (I Love You), 1924
		6	Sheet music: The Sheik of Araby, 1922
		7	Sheet music: The Last Round Up, 1933
		8	Sheet music: On The Road To Mandalay, 1907
		9	Sheet music: Brigadoon: Come To Me, Bend To Me, 1947
		10	Sheet music: Ah! Sweet Mystery Of Life, 1910
		11	Sheet music: The Hills Of Home, 1926
		12	Sheet music: Only A Rose, 1930
		13	Sheet music: Rounded Up In Glory (A Cowboy Hymn), 1923
		14	Sheet music: Plantation Lullaby, 1921
		15	Sheet music: Loves Golden Star, 1907
		16	Sheet music: Sentimental Blues, 1928
		17	Sheet music: Longing, 1920
		18	Sheet music: Texas U, undated
		19	Sheet music: If You Are There, 1904
		20	Sheet music: Juba, 1913
		21	Sheet music: The Sneak! 1922
		22	Sheet music: Day Dreamland, 1922
		23	Sheet music: Lasses White Music Album, 1924
		24	Sheet music: Shadow Fingers, 1927
		25	Sheet music: Tuck Me To Sleep In My Old 'Tucky Home, 1921
		26	Sheet music: Dapper Dan, 1921
		27	Sheet music: Old Pal Why Don't You Answer Me? 1920
		28	Sheet music: Memory Lane, 1924
		29	Sheet music: Rose-Marie, 1924
		30	Sheet music: Don't Bring Me Posies (It's Shoesies That I Need), 1921

		31	Sheet music: Oh! Sister, Ain't That Hot! 1923
		32	Sheet music: Marchéta, 1923
		33	Sheet music: Lullaby Time, 1919
		34	Sheet music: Indian Love Call, 1924
		35	Sheet music: Listening, 1921
		36	Sheet music: Tain't Nobody's Biz-ness If I Do, 1922
		37	Sheet music: A Song of Summer, 1925
		38	Sheet music: Give Me Today (And You Can Have Tomorrow), 1926
		39	Sheet music: At Dawning, 1906
		40	Sheet music: Let Us Waltz As We Say Goodbye, 1925
		41	Sheet music: I Love You Truly, 1906
		42	Sheet music: Saxophobia, 1920
		43	Sheet music: Waitin' For The Evenin' Mail, 1923
		44	Sheet music: Dreamer of Dreams, 1924
		45	Sheet music: High Brown Blues, 1922
		46	Sheet music: The Twinkle In Your Eye, 1922
		47	Sheet music: My Sunny Tennessee, 1921
		48	Sheet music: Forgive Me, 1927
		49	Sheet music: The Sunset Trail: An Operatic Cantata, 1925
		50	Sheet music: Old Paint, 1927
		51	Sheet music: Me Too, 1926
		52	Sheet music: I'm In Love With You That's Why, 1926
		53	Sheet music: I'm Waiting for Ships That Never Come In, 1919
		54	Sheet music: Country Gardens, 1919
		55	Sheet music: Valencia, 1925
		56	Sheet music: You May Be Lonesome, 1924
		57	Sheet music: E.T. Paul's March Folio, undated
		58	Sheet music: On Music's Wing, undated
6E4	11 (tube)	1	Personal papers: Certificate, Tarleton Ex-Students Association life membership, July 26, 1973
		2	Personal papers: Educational records: Master of Arts degree from The University of Texas, Mrs. Elizabeth Parkes Smith, 1927
		3	Personal papers: Educational records: Master of Arts degree from The University of Texas, Dick Smith, 1931
		4	Personal papers: Educational records: Doctor of Philosophy degree from Harvard University, Dick Smith, 1939
6A3	Artifacts	Artifact 3	Artifact: trinket box, undated