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Endangered Scott Studio Negatives Preserved

With funding received from Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian Council of Archives under the National Archival Development Program, the Archives was able to treat and preserve a large volume of plastic acetate negatives from the Scott Studio fonds affected by "vinegar syndrome."

More than 1,100 negatives were selected and removed from the collection for treatment, digitization, re-cataloguing and transfer to off-site freezer storage.

Each negative was digitized, and entries in the Archives public access online database were modified or created for each negative to include storage location changes, condition assessments, and links to both low resolution thumbnails and higher resolution full size digital images for each negative.

Each negative was then inserted into an individual archival storage envelope. Groups of ten envelopes were sealed in a Ziploc® Freezer Bag (17.7cm x 19.6cm) and inserted into a larger Ziploc® Freezer Bag (26.8cm x 27.3cm) with an identifying label and a humidity strip.

The negatives have been stored in a Frigidaire® 20 cubic-foot upright frost-free freezer at the Archives' off-site storage facility at Elgin Manor, a County of Elgin-owned long-term care home that was chosen because it has a back-up generator system to ensure the freezer's continued operation in the event of a power failure.

The project was completed in August, 2008.