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Garth Hampson fonds. – [sound recording]. – 1989. – 1 audio cassette tape.

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### **Biographical history**

Sidney Garth Hampson was born on April 1, 1934 in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan to Sidney Thomas Hampson and Mae Sealy. He was raised in Moose Jaw and studied at the Regina Conservatory of Music.

Hampson joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in 1955 and served at detachments in Alberta, Yellowknife, and the Northwest Territories. In 1964, he transferred to Ottawa, Ontario, where he served until his retirement in 1989.

Hampson has had a distinguished musical career. A baritone, he has performed various musical styles, including operetta, opera, classical, choral and music hall. From 1964 to 1989, Hampson was principal soloist with the RCMP Band, performing nationally and internationally. He was a member of the English cabaret group Plus Six in Song and has been very active in Ottawa's musical community, singing lead roles for the Savoy Society, the Orpheus Society, and the Studio Opera Guild. He has also served as soloist at Christ Church Cathedral and other parishes in the Diocese of Ottawa.

Garth Hampson is the recipient of numerous honours and awards, including the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal (1977); the RCMP Long Service medal; the Order of St. Hubert; and awards from the City of Ottawa.

Garth Hampson married Eleanor Elizabeth Stebner on April 29, 1961. They have two children: Bradley Thomas and Diana Louise.

As of 2017, Hampson continues to reside in Ottawa.

### **Scope and content**

This fonds contains one cassette tape of the singing of Garth Hampson.

### **Conservation note**

This fonds was boxed in 2017.

### **Note of immediate source of acquisition**

This material was donated to the archive as accession 19.2017 by Tom and Irene Rogers on March 12, 1994.

### **Accruals**

No further accruals expected.

**Finding aids**

See file list.

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