



MG 493 – *Corner Gas* fonds

Dates: 2003-2006 (inclusive).

Extent: 0.04 m textual records, 1 photograph, 5 optical discs (11 hours, 45 minutes), 1 key chain, 1 hat, 1 shirt, 1 mug.

Administrative History: *Corner Gas* was a live-action Canadian comedy television program which was filmed in Saskatchewan and aired on the CTV television network from 2004 to 2009. *Corner Gas* was produced by Prairie Pants Productions, which was comprised of Virginia Thompson of Vérité Films and 3-35 Productions Inc., a partnership of Brent Butt and David Storey. *Corner Gas* was CTV's first original narrative comedy series. The first episode of *Corner Gas* debuted in January 2004 and quickly became a popular Canadian program. By its second season, it was the most-watched Canadian program in any genre in Canada. *Corner Gas* was filmed at Regina's Canada/Saskatchewan Production Studios and on location in Rouleau, Saskatchewan. Over its broadcast run, *Corner Gas* won numerous awards including six Gemini Awards and nine Canadian Comedy Awards. The show was followed by *Corner Gas: The Movie* which was released in 2014 as well as *Corner Gas Animated* which debuted in 2018.

Corner Gas was set in the fictional small town of Dog River, Saskatchewan and starred Saskatchewan comedian Brent Butt as Brent Leroy, the owner and operator of Corner Gas, the local gas station in Dog River. Other main characters on the show included Oscar and Emma Leroy (Eric Peterson and Janet Wright), Lacey Burrows (Gabrielle Miller), Hank Yarbo (Fred Ewanuick), Davis Quinton (Lorne Cardinal), Karen Pelly (Tara Spencer-Nairn), and Wanda Dollard (Nancy Robertson). One of the running features of the program was cameo appearances by high-profile Canadian celebrities.

Custodial History: This material was donated to the University Archives and Special Collections by Sarah Fedorchuk, Associate Producer, Vérité Films in January 2006.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of promotional materials relating to *Corner Gas* including a mug, a hat, a shirt, DVDs, scripts, a signed photograph of the cast, press materials, postcards, Christmas cards, and correspondence.

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Notes: Accn 1113-045.

Finding aid created by Bonnie Dahl, 2019.

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1. *Corner Gas* Episodes: Seasons One and Two. – 2003-2005. – 5 optical discs.
Boxed DVD sets of all episodes aired in seasons one and two.
2. Correspondence. – 2006.
Letter to University Archives and Special Collections from Vérité Films outlining donation of *Corner Gas* items.
3. Scripts. – 2003-2005.
Script for “Ruby Reborn” (season one, episode one). Executive Producer and Key Director David Storey’s marked script for “Merry Gasmas” (season three, episode thirteen).
4. Press Pack for Season Three. – 2005.
Media releases, program release, episode synopses, cast and crew biographies, and awards and nominations for *Corner Gas*.
5. Cast Photograph. – n.d. – 1 photograph.
Photograph of *Corner Gas* cast signed by Eric Peterson, Gabrielle Miller, Brent Butt, Lorne Cardinal, Tara Spencer-Nairn, Janet Wright, Nancy Robertson, and Fred Ewanuick.
6. Postcards. – n.d.
Two blank “Thanks for Visiting Dog River” promotional postcards.
7. Christmas Cards. – 2005.
Twenty blank promotional Christmas cards for *Corner Gas*. Five different designs.
8. Objects. – n.d. – 1 key chain, 1 mug, 1 hat, 1 shirt.
Promotional items produced for *Corner Gas*: *Corner Gas* logo key chain, *Corner Gas* and The Ruby logo coffee mug, *Corner Gas* logo baseball hat, *Corner Gas* logo zipped sweatshirt (limited edition item given only to season three cast and crew).