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TYPE AND FIGURED AND REFERRED INVERTEBRATE FOSSILS TRANSFERRED FROM MCMASTER UNIVERSITY TO ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

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ON THE retirement of Dr. G. E. G. Westermann in 1996, the collection of type, figured, and referred invertebrate fossils was transferred from McMaster University, Department of Geology, to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM), Department of Natural History. This collection, complete with old file cards and reprints, comprises about 900 specimens cited in 40 publications spanning the time frame from 1961 to 1996 (see references).

Specimen records were initially entered into the ROM's invertebrate fossils database using MS Access in a flat-file format. All specimen records include their original McMaster catalogue number and a new ROM catalogue number. The records have recently been upgraded to a relational file, which facilitates production of reports. A catalogue of specimens listed by publication is now available as a PDF at www.rom.on.ca/invpal.

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