

**LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:**

Series

**No.:**

AU007.004S

**FORMS PART OF:**

Ruth Gorman fonds

**TITLE:**

Western Canada Concept series

**CREATOR:**

Gorman, Ruth

**DATE RANGE:**

1949-1988

**EXTENT:**

0.48 m of textual materials. – 31 audio cassettes

**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:**

The Western Canada Concept party was founded in 1980 in response to western Canada's feeling of alienation from eastern Canada. The party was created to promote separation of the provinces Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and the Yukon from Canada. Ruth Gorman was a member of the Western Canada Concept party and travelled across Alberta advocating for the party.

**CUSTODIAL HISTORY:**

After Ruth Gorman's death, custody of the records was transferred to her daughter Linda Gorman who donated the records to the Thomas A. Edge Archives & Special Collections in 2008.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consists of textual materials including correspondence discussing politics and the Western Canada Concept party, party pamphlets and newspaper and magazine articles about the party. There are also sound recordings which are mainly recordings of speeches she gave at party meetings in such places as Lethbridge, Consort and Milk River.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:**

Title taken from the contents of series.

**CONSERVATION:**

Conservation copies have been made of newspaper clippings.

**LANGUAGE NOTE:**

The material is in English.

**ACCESS CONDITIONS:**

None.

**USE CONDITIONS:**

Permission for use required. Subject to *The Copyright Act*.

**FINDING AIDS:**

File list and digitized material is available.

**INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ACCESSIONS:**

2009.004

Further accruals are not expected.

**RELATED RECORDS:**

Other records that pertain to the Western Canada Concept party can be found at the Glenbow Archives in Calgary, Alberta in the Jean Ferguson fonds; the University of Calgary Archives in Calgary, Alberta, in the Dr. F.C. Marshall fonds; and the National Archives of Canada in Ottawa, Ontario in the Henry Poegal fonds.

**GENERAL NOTE:**

Information for the administrative history is taken from the records and the website [www.westcan.org](http://www.westcan.org) which is the website for the Western Canada Concept party.

**SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Political parties

Politics