

LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:

Series

No.:

AU007.005S

FORMS PART OF:

Ruth Gorman fonds

TITLE:

Personal Records series

CREATOR:

Gorman, Ruth

DATE RANGE:

1833-1999

EXTENT:

2.64 m of textual materials and other material

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

Ruth Gorman was born in Calgary, Alberta February 14, 1914 to Colonel Mark Bennett and Fleda Pattyson Peacock. In 1937 Ruth Gorman received her Bachelor of Arts degree; in 1939 she received her Bachelor of Laws, both from the University of Alberta, and in 1940 was admitted to the Alberta Bar. In 1966 Ruth Gorman received an honorary degree from University of Alberta at Calgary. Throughout her life Ruth actively volunteered for Aboriginal issues and others in need until her death December 10, 2002.

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 personal records including correspondence with acquaintances and politicians, newspaper and magazine articles about politics, Aboriginal issues and other various topics, and handwritten notes. In this series are photographs of Ruth Gorman and her acquaintances, as well as environmental photographs and photographs of places mainly within the Province of Alberta. The artifacts in this series include trophies and awards belonging to Ruth Gorman. Also included within the series are audio cassettes.

SOURCE OF TITLE:

Title taken from the contents of series.

DATE NOTE:

The majority of records dated 1833-1939 were photocopied at a later date.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

65 photographs. – 16 artifacts. – 5 audio cassettes

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 Ruth Gorman can be found at the Glenbow Archives in Calgary, Alberta in the Canadian Federation of University Women. Calgary Club funds; the Rehabilitation Society of Calgary for the Handicapped funds; the Jean Ferguson funds; the Calgary Bar Association funds; the John Lee Laurie funds; Calgary Local Council of Women funds; the Tom Kirkham Oral History Project collection; the James Gladstone family funds; and the Indian Association of Alberta funds.

Records can also be found in the Calgary Bar Association Oral History Project collection at the Provincial Archives of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta.

Other records related to Ruth Gorman include the Charles de Wispelaere funds and the Olga Valda Kavaner funds, both at the Glenbow Archives.

GENERAL NOTE:

Information about Ruth Gorman was collected from the records and from the book *Behind the Man: John Laurie, Ruth Gorman and the Indian Vote*.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Lawyers

Women
Artifacts