



CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES

**Inventory of the
Susan Swan fonds**

Inventory #F0113

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0113

Title: Susan Swan fonds

Dates: 1945-2004

Extent: 20 m of textual records
ca. 390 photographs
17 posters
1 scrapbook
79 sound recordings

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Susan Jane Swan, writer, journalist and professor, was born in Midland, Ontario in 1945. She attended Havergal College in the early 1960's and received a BA from McGill University in 1967. Swan began her writing career with the Toronto Telegram in the late 1960s and continued as a freelance journalist based in Toronto. In the 1970s, she turned her attention towards writing for and performing in theatre. She is the author of several plays and novels, a collection of short stories, and has also edited or co-edited collections of stories or essays. She has received awards from the Canada Council, the National Magazine Award (Silver, Fiction, 1977) and her novel "The Biggest Modern Woman of the World" (1983) was a finalist for both the Governor-General's Award and the Books in Canada Best First Novel Award. Her novel "The Wives of Bath" was turned into the film "Lost and Delirious". She was a Professor in the Humanities Department at York University from 1991 to 2007, and served as Chair of the Writers' Union of Canada from 2007 to 2008

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of records documenting Susan Swan's personal and professional life as a university teacher, writer and writer's advocate, including correspondence, research materials, photographs, manuscript drafts, and promotional materials relating to her publishing. The fonds is arranged in the following series:

S00161	Personal files
S00162	Correspondence
S00163	Academic and teaching files
S00164	Manuscript drafts

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** Some restrictions on access apply. See University Archivist.

Finding Aid: Series-level descriptions with corresponding file lists are complete at this time. Individual accession file lists are available separately; see accruals note.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000113.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1995-030, 1996-014, 1996-026, 2000-075, 2001-054, 2002-007, 2003-028, 2004-017, 2005-004, 2008-006, 2009-031. Further accruals may be expected.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Donated by Susan Swan in 1995, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009.

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