



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
True Davidson fonds**

**Inventory #F0302**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0302

**Title:** True Davidson fonds

**Dates:** 1921-1978

**Extent:** 3.17 m of textual records  
ca. 350 photographs : b&w and colour ; 35 x 27 cm or smaller  
1 audio disc

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Jean Gertrude True Davidson (1901-1978), author and politician, was born and educated in Canada (University of Toronto MA 1925). Davidson was a school teacher, an author of children's books, an editor and sales agent for J.M. Dent, and a civic official prior to the beginning of her political career as a school trustee in East York, Ontario in 1947. She sat on the East York School Board for ten years and also served as Reeve of East York for eleven years (1960-1971). Davidson was less successful in provincial politics, twice failing to win election as a C.C.F. candidate in the 1940, and as a Liberal candidate in 1971. Davidson was the author of several titles including, 'Canada in story and song,' (1927), 'Muses of the modern day and other days' (1931), and 'Golden strings,' (1973).

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of literary and academic manuscripts collected or written by True Davidson, research files, political files, files related to the Bootmakers (Sherlock Holmes club), correspondence files, personal files, newspaper clippings, photographs, journals/yearbooks, and a scrapbook regarding True Davidson's years as the mayor of East York, as well as her black belt in karate.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

**Finding Aid:** File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000302.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accession: 1978-004. Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Bequeathed to York University at the time in Davidson's will.

**Provenance Access Points:** Davidson, True, 1901-1978

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