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**Inventory of the
Edith Ferguson fonds**

Inventory #F0305

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0305

Title: Edith Ferguson fonds

Dates: 1929-1983, predominant 1959-1978

Extent: 2.0 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Edith Ferguson (1903-), author and educator, was born in Canada and educated at Queen's University (Ontario) and Columbia University, obtaining the MA from the latter school in 1949. She worked with the United Nations Refugee & Relief Administration in the aftermath of World War II and this service strengthened her interest in refugee and immigrant integration into Canadian society, a field in which she wrote and studied for forty years. Ferguson was commissioned to write reports on immigrants in Canada for several bodies including the Royal Commission on the Status of Women, the Ontario Economic Council, the Social Planning Council of Metro Toronto (where she was employed in the 1960s), and the International Institute of Metropolitan Toronto. Ferguson is the author of *Immigrants in Canada*,# (1974 & 1978), *Immigrant integration: our obligations -- political, social and economic -- to the 1,700,000 people who have come to Ontario in the past quarter century*,# (1970), and *Newcomers and new learning*,# (1966).

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of some typescript, corrected reports and research papers by Edith Ferguson (1948-1977), as well as published copies of some of them. There are also several volumes dealing with immigrant, integration and multiculturalism issues, novels, and reports from research institutes, government organizations, charitable bodies, and others involved in the immigration and integration fields (1929-1983). There are also some newspaper clippings relating to immigration and multiculturalism in Canada.

**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-f0000305.htm>

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