



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
Clara Thomas and John Lennox fonds**

**Inventory #F0431**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0431

**Title:** Clara Thomas and John Lennox fonds

**Dates:** 1903-1982

**Extent:** 0.69 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Clara McCandless Thomas (1919-2013) and John Watt Lennox (1945- ), professors of English at York University, were collaborators on a study of the life of William Arthur Deacon, book review critic for the 'Globe and mail'. Thomas was with York University since 1961, retiring from active teaching in 1984, when she was named emeritus professor in the English Department. The author of several books on Canadian literature, Thomas wrote 'The Manawaka journals of Margaret Laurence,' and a biography of Anna Jameson. Lennox was educated in Canada, receiving his PhD from the University of New Brunswick (1976), and taught at York since 1970, serving as chair of the graduate programme in English (1987-1990), and as director of the Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies (1985-1988). He is the editor of 'Margaret Laurence - Al Purdy, a friendship in letters: selected correspondence,' (1993) and of 'Charles W. Gordon ("Ralph Connor") and his works,' (1988).

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of typescripts for two works by the Thomas and Lennox: one is the typescript of their work, 'William Arthur Deacon: a Canadian literary life,' with editorial changes in pencil, and the second is a chapter titled, 'A sense of belonging,' a study of the Canadian Authors Association, that was eventually incorporated into the Deacon book. Deacon was literary critic for the 'Mail and empire', (later the 'Globe and mail') and 'Saturday night magazine'. There are also research notes and clippings, and computer printouts of index lists generated for the book on Deacon.

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

**Finding Aid:** File lists available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000431.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1981-017, 1982-017, 2000-028. Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Donated by Thomas and Lennox in 1981, 1982, and 2000.

**Subject Access Points:** Deacon, William Arthur, 1890-1977

**Provenance Access Points:** Thomas, Clara, 1919-2013  
Lennox, John, 1945-

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