



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
Clara Thomas fonds**

**Inventory #F0432**

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**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0432

**Title:** Clara Thomas fonds

**Dates:** 1883, 1919-2006

**Extent:** 5.10 m of textual records  
 159 photographs : col. , b&w ; 12.5 x 17.5 cm or smaller  
 17 audio cassettes  
 1 poster  
 1 drawing  
 1 microfilm reel  
 5 video cassettes

**Biographical Sketch/  
 Administrative History:** Clara McCandless Thomas, educator and author, was born in Strathroy, Ontario in 1919. She was educated at the University of Western Ontario, (B.A. 1941; M.A. 1944), and the University of Toronto (Ph.D., 1962). She began teaching in the English Department at York University in 1961 and retired from there in 1984. She was subsequently named a Canadian Studies Research Fellow in the York University Libraries and Emeritus Professor of English. Thomas has received honorary degrees from York University, Trent University and Brock University, and she is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. She has served on the editorial board of such academic journals as "Journal of Canadian Studies", "Journal of Canadian Fiction", and the "Literary Journal of Canada" (second edition), as well as writing articles on topics in Canadian literature for many journals. She is the author of several works including, "Love and Work Enough: The Life of Anna Jameson" (1967), "Margaret Laurence" (1969), "Ryerson of Upper Canada" (1969) and, among others, "The Manawaka World of Margaret Laurence" (1975). She co-authored "William Arthur Deacon: A Literary Life" (1982) with John Lennox. Her memoirs entitled "Chapters in a Lucky Life" were published in 1999. Clara Thomas passed away 26 September 2013.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of records that document the academic career of Professor Clara Thomas, her relationships with colleagues, family, and friends and her writings in the field of Canadian literature.  
 The fonds is arranged in the following series:

S00014	Correspondence files
S00015	Margaret Laurence files
S00016	Student files
S00017	Publication files
S00018	Personal files

**Restrictions on  
 Access and Use:** No restrictions on access; however, records in series S00015: Margaret Laurence files are subject to access and use agreement form established for Margaret Laurence fonds (F0341).

**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-f0000432.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1976-003, 1981-005, 1983-001, 1984-002, 1985-005, 1988-033, 1989-005, 1990-003, 1992-006, 1994-014, 1994-015, 1995-002, 1996-038, 1997-045, 1998-046, 1999-075, 2000-077, 2001-055, 2002-053, 2003-051, 2004-037, 2005-041, 2006-044. Further accruals are expected.

**Related Records:** See the Margaret Laurence fonds (F0341), the Dorothy Henderson fonds (F0227), the Paul Sullivan fonds (F0141) and the Clara Thomas and John Lennox fonds (F0431) for related material.

**Immediate source of  
 acquisition:** Donated by Clara Thomas between 1976 and 2006.

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**Subject Access Points:** Thomas, Clara, 1919-2013.  
Margaret Laurence Home Committee Inc.  
Henderson, Dorothy Campbell, 1916-  
Laurence, Margaret, 1926-1987.

**Provenance Access Points:** Thomas, Clara, 1919-2013

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