



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
Ruth McVeigh fonds**

**Inventory #F0582**

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## F0582 - Ruth McVeigh fonds

**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0582

**Title:** Ruth McVeigh fonds

**Dates:** 1961-2006, predominant 1989-2000

**Extent:** 0.04 m of textual material  
3 audio cassettes : (ca. 40 min.)  
1 felt banner, 6 buttons

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Ruth McVeigh worked as a cub reporter for the Halifax Mail, before moving in her late teens with her family to Bordon Ontario. After marrying Casey Jones, a naval officer and psychiatrist, Ruth Jones settled in Orillia Ontario where she continued to contribute articles to the Toronto Star. After hearing a presentation by John Fisher, Jones was inspired to start a local festival dedicated to folk music. After several successful years organizing and running the Mariposa folk festival Jones left Orillia and moved to New York City and later Vancouver. She would later remarry in 1969 and publish two books, "Fogswamp"(1976) and "Close Harmony" (1984), and a self-published memoir "Shifting Ground". During this period she also wrote for the Campbell River newspaper and the North Island Gazette. The McVeighs spent time in Guyana in the early 1970s, and upon their return, McVeigh served as an assistant to NDP MP Jim Manly. McVeigh currently resides in Ottawa, Ontario.

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of news clippings and correspondence related to the Mariposa Folk Festival, which Ruth (Jones) McVeigh founded in 1961. Also includes three audio cassettes of recordings from the 1961 festival as well as festival buttons from various festivals and a felt banner from the 1963 festival.

**Restrictions on  
Access and Use:** There are no restrictions on these materials.

**Finding Aid:** File list is available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000582.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2010-047, 2011-013. Further accruals may be expected.

**Related Records:** Related records may be found in the Mariposa Folk Foundation fonds (F0511), which includes an accession originally donated by Ruth McVeigh to Library Archives Canada.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Donated by Ruth McVeigh in 2010 and 2011.

**Subject Access Points:** Mariposa Folk Foundation  
Mariposa Folk Festival

**Provenance Access Points:** McVeigh, Ruth

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