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**Inventory of the
Adele Wiseman fonds**

Inventory #F0447

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0447**Title:** Adele Wiseman fonds**Dates:** 1923-1998**Extent:** 15.42 m of textual records
26 audio cassettes
2 audio discs
17 audio reels
372 photographs

Biographical Sketch/ Administrative History: Adele Wiseman (1928-1992), author, teacher and social worker, was born on 21 May 1928 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She received her B.A. from the University of Manitoba in 1949 where she studied with Malcolm Ross and where she began her life long friendship with Margaret Laurence. Following her graduation, she moved to London, England where she was employed as a social worker (1950), and subsequently taught at the Overseas School of Rome (1951). She returned to Winnipeg the following year and served as executive secretary of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. Her first novel, "The Sacrifice," was published in 1956 and was awarded with the Governor-General's Award for fiction. She spent the years 1957 and 1960 in New York City on a Guggenheim Fellowship and, after a brief return to London, she settled in Montreal, where she taught at Sir George Williams University and at McDonald College, McGill (1964-1969). She finally settled in Toronto where she died on 1 June 1992. In addition to "The Sacrifice," Wiseman is also the author of the novel "Crackpot" as well as several plays and the autobiographical "Confessions of a Book Molesting Childhood and Other Essays." She was well respected as an editor and was writer-in-residence at several universities Canada including Concordia, Trent, Toronto and Western Ontario. She was also the head of the writing workshop at the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of manuscript and typescript copies of Adele Wiseman's work, clippings and reviews pertaining to her books, personal and business correspondence, financial records, photographs, subject files and manuscripts of work by others and material pertaining to her career as a writer, teacher and social worker.

The fonds is arranged in the following series:

S00097	Writing files
S00098	Business correspondence files
S00099	Wiseman family files
S00100	General correspondence files
S00101	Financial records
S00102	Subject files
S00103	Works by others
S00104	Academic and teaching files
S00105	Journals, notebooks and address books
S00106	Loons files
S00107	Audio-visual records

Restrictions on Access and Use: Researchers must complete the Access and Use Agreement form prior to commencing their research. The following files are closed until the death of Dmitry Stone: 1996-021/010 (08) and 1996-021/015 (01)-(07).

Finding Aid: Series level descriptions with corresponding file lists available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000447.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1991-012, 1996-021, 2005-010. Further accruals may be expected.

Related Records: Related records may be found in the Margaret Laurence fonds (F0341) and the Don Coles fonds (F0125).

Associated Material: Hundreds of letters (most written in Yiddish), manuscripts, and other documents

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created by Adele Wiseman were donated by her niece to the Irma and Marvin Penn Archives of the Jewish Heritage Centre of Western Canada in Winnipeg; for additional information, visit <http://www.jhcwc.org/impa.php>.

Immediate source of acquisition: Donated in 1991, 1996 and 2005.

Provenance Access Points: Wiseman, Adele, 1928-1992

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