

S00376 - Political and personal photographs

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Series Title: Political and personal photographs

Dates: 1957-2005, predominant 1990-2004

Extent: 15,746 photographs : b&w and col. ; 33 x 48 cm and smaller.
9,651 negatives : b&w and col. ; 46mm and 35 mm and smaller.
224 prints : col. and b&w ; 21.5 x 28.5 cm and smaller.
45 compact disks : 6.9 GB (ca. 4000 jpegs) of graphic material.

Scope and Content: Series consists of amateur and professional photographs taken and accumulated by Jean Augustine during her personal and professional life in Canada. This series documents Augustine's personal and family life in Grenada and Canada from the 1940s through to 2005, including her emigration to Canada, her social activities as a young woman in Toronto, her life as a young mother, social activist, teacher and student. Photographs also document her early involvement in the 1970s and 1980s in community movements, cultural events, social justice and political organizations, as well as her professional career as an elementary school teacher and principal in the Metropolitan Separate School Board, her activities as part of Premier David Peterson's 'transition team' in 1985 and her work as chair of the Metro Toronto Housing Authority. Events documented include the election campaign of American politician Jesse Jackson, the earliest celebrations of the Caribana parade in Toronto, women's rights events and protests, and local Black History Month celebrations. Photographs also document Augustine's activities as a federal politician, including her activities on Parliament Hill, her administration of federal committees and the Secretariats of Multiculturalism (later Multiculturalism and Status of Women), as well as her election campaigns (including door-to-door campaigning; fund raising; speeches; debates and promotion), and local activities (including celebrations at her constituency office; round table discussions and meetings with community organizations; annual Christmas parties; summer picnics; community celebrations; banquets; and Remembrance Day ceremonies). Photographs also document Augustine's extensive travel overseas in the Caribbean, the United States, South America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, Asia, Central Asia and the Far East, both in her official capacity as a politician and cabinet member, and as a tourist and traveler.

Arrangement: Chronological arrangement has been imposed on these materials by the archivist to facilitate access and identification. Where possible, original order has been maintained, as in the case of photograph albums.