



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
Dorothy Stepler fonds**

**Inventory #F0170**

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## F0170 - Dorothy Stepler fonds

**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0170

**Title:** Dorothy Stepler fonds

**Dates:** 1915-1945, predominant 1916-1919

**Extent:** 0.2 cm of textual material  
ca. 50 photographs : b&w, sepia ; 16.5 x 23 and smaller.

**Biographical Sketch/  
Administrative History:** Dorothy Hamilton Stepler (d. 16 September 1999) was a native of Strathroy, Ontario. She was the daughter of William and Wynne (Gordon) Stepler and sister to Gordon William Stepler. A graduate of the University of Western Ontario in 1931, Stepler worked for the Federal Department of Health and Welfare, where she advocated the payment of family allowances directly to mothers of children. A long-time member of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and the University Women's Club,. Stepler edited and published two articles based on the letters her brother Gordon sent home from the Front while serving in World War I.

**Scope and Content:** Fonds consists of diaries and approximately 150 letters of Gordon Stepler written during World War I and sent to his parents and sister. Also included are postcards, a discharge certificate, a photograph album and other photographs, a pay book, leave passes and other ephemera, as well as letters to Gordon Stepler's family from friends of Gordon Stepler and articles by Dorothy Stepler regarding her brother's participation in World War I, and pamphlets related to World War I and World War II.

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

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

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000170.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1998-037. No further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of  
acquisition:** Donated by Dorothy Stepler in 1998.

**Provenance Access Points:** Stepler, Dorothy  
Stepler, Gordon William

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