



CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES

**Inventory of the
Theresa Burke fonds**

Inventory #F0556

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0556

Title: Theresa Burke fonds

Dates: 1928-2012, predominant 1959-2011

Extent: 15.71 m of textual records and other material

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Theresa Burke (1956-) is a Canadian producer, director, researcher and writer best known for her work for the Canadian Broadcasting Company (CBC) television program "The fifth estate". Burke attended the University of Nantes, the University of Ottawa and the University of Alaska before obtaining an Honours BA in Philosophy from the University of Toronto. She worked as a director of public relations and corporate communications at Alliance Entertainment and as a director of marketing for Norstar Entertainment between 1987 and 1990. In 1994, Burke joined "The fifth estate" as a researcher and subsequently became one of the program's producers and directors. She has produced a wide variety of documentary programming for "The fifth estate", with a particular focus on prisoners and miscarriages of justice. Burke was a research associate for Julian Shur's book about Steven Truscott, "Until you are dead: Steven Truscott's long ride into history" (2001), which won the 2002 CAA Birks Family Foundation Award for Biography, and co-wrote "Who killed Ty Conn" (2001) with Linden MacIntyre. "His word against history," a "Fifth estate" documentary about Steven Truscott on which Burke worked extensively as a researcher and producer, was awarded the best investigative report of 2000 by the Canadian Association of Journalists.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of records created and accumulated in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s by Theresa Burke. These records document Burke's research, production and investigative work for "Fifth estate" documentaries airing from 1994 to 2012. Many of these records pertain to the following documentaries: "The trouble with Evan" (1994), "His word against history" (2000), "Terror" (2001), "Nightmare drug" (2002), "A state of denial : the Bill Sampson story" (2002), "Deathrow.com" (2003), "Death of a beauty queen" (2004), "The big break" (2005), "The Steven Truscott story: moment of truth" (2005), "You be the judge" (2005), "The lady vanishes" (2007), "The girl in Saskatoon" (2008), "Someone got away with murder" (2009), "Broken heroes" (2009), "The legacy of Brendan Burke" (2010), "The devil you know" (2011), "A question of innocence" (2011), "Diagnosis murder" (2012). Also included are research materials and manuscripts pertaining to Julian Sher's book, "Until you are dead: Steven Truscott's long ride into history" (2001), on which Burke worked as a research associate, as well as manuscripts and other materials relating to Ty Conn and Burke's book, "Who killed Ty Conn" (2000), co-authored with Linden MacIntyre. Records created and accumulated by Burke in the course of her research about the National Parole Board, the subject of witness protection, and the murder conviction of Mason Jenkins are also part of the fonds, as are a number of files relating to other miscellaneous research projects. Records pertaining to Burke's early career in public relations and marketing at Alliance Entertainment and Norstar Entertainment are included in this fonds, as are administrative records and training materials from the CBC, as well as Burke's personal journals, notebooks, letters and university essays. Records in this fonds are predominantly textual records and audiovisual materials arranged by project. These records include correspondence, interview transcripts, memoranda, copies of court transcripts and documents, copies of medical reports, journal articles, notes and notebooks, production materials, newspaper articles, contact lists, copies of police reports, prisoner records and legal documents, video cassettes (in multiple formats), audio cassettes, as well as computer disks and photographs.

S00433	Alexandra Wiwcharuk documentaries
S00434	Andy Rose documentary
S00435	Death row documentary
S00436	Gerry Clark research materials
S00437	Helena and Sandy Munroe documentary
S00438	Mason Jenkins research materials
S00439	Mefloquine documentary

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S00440	Miscellaneous project materials
S00441	Parole board documentary
S00442	September 11, 2001 documentary
S00443	Shipbreaking documentary
S00444	Steven Truscott project materials
S00445	Ty Conn project materials
S00446	Wayne Carlson documentary
S00447	William Sampson documentary
S00448	Witness protection research materials
S00449	Personal files
S00567	Alliance Entertainment and Norstar Entertainment files
S00568	Canadian Broadcasting Corporation files
S00569	Canadian military and post-traumatic stress disorder documentary
S00570	Gay athletes documentary
S00571	Kevin MacKinnon research materials
S00572	Ludmila Ilna documentary
S00573	Prisoner spouses documentary
S00574	Shaken baby syndrome documentary
S00575	"The trouble with Evan" documentary

Restrictions on Access and Use: Access to the records in this fonds is permitted only through a research agreement.

Finding Aid: A finding aid is available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000556.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2009-030, 2010-007, 2012-014. Further accruals may be expected.

Immediate source of acquisition: Donated by Theresa Burke in 2009, 2010 and 2012.

Other Notes: Many records in this fonds are copies of court documents and other archival records. Dates recorded for these items reflect the date of creation of the original, not the copy.

Provenance Access Points: Burke, Theresa, 1956-

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Date of last revision: 2012/06/20