



CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES

**Inventory of the
Anna-Liisa Lumiala fonds**

Inventory #F0633

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0633

Title: Anna-Liisa Lumiala fonds

Dates: 1943-1979, 2013

Extent: 0.18 m of textual records
17 photographs

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Anna-Liisa Lumiala (nee Kotilainen) was born on 22 July 1918 and passed away 9 October 1979. Her husband, Pauli, was born in 1914. They became engaged on 25 February 1939 and were married 4 June 1939. Tytti (later called by her given name, Marjatta), born 18 October 1940, was adopted by the couple, and came to live with them on 14 January 1941. During the war Pauli flew with the Finnish air force as a non-commissioned officer. In 1947 he immigrated to Canada to join his aunt who lived in Toronto. Liisa and their daughter followed in August 1948.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of 327 letters written by Liisa Lumiala to her friend Terttu Hansen between 1943-1979, ending a few months before Liisa's death from cancer. The first set of letters until 7 March 1948 were written from various places in Finland, as Liisa and her family were moved around by the government from one residence to another. The next set of letters, covering the time period 22 March 1948 to 20 July 1948 were written from various locations in Sweden, where Liisa and her daughter Tytti were waiting to receive their immigration papers to move to Canada. The final set, beginning 30 August 1948 were written in Canada, again from various locations and addresses around Port Arthur, Fort William and Toronto. This collection of letters provides insight into the day-to-day life of a Finnish immigrant woman who moved to Canada to create a new life for herself with her husband and family after World War II.

Custodial History: The recipient of the letters, Terttu Hansen, passed away between 2004 and 2012, and the link between the families of the writer and recipient was lost until Leena Hansen, the daughter of the recipient, was able to locate (Tytti) Marjatta Lumiala Ylikorpi's daughters and offer the letters back to Liisa Lumiala's family - her grandchildren.

Language of material note: The original letters are in Finnish but English transcriptions have been provided for each letter. The translations were done by a native Finnish speaker, Raili Parviainen Garth.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** Access is open.

Finding Aid: File list provided.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000633.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 2013-015. No further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Donated by Lumiala's granddaughters in 2013 on behalf of the Kotilainen, Lumiala, and Ylikorpi families.

Provenance Access Points: Lumiala, Anna-Liisa