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**Inventory of the
Lady Victoria Alexandrina Maria Louisa Welby fonds**

Inventory #F0443

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0443

Title: Lady Victoria Alexandrina Maria Louisa Welby fonds

Dates: 1861-1912

Extent: 5.3 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Lady Welby (1837-1912), philosopher, was the daughter of Charles Stuart-Wortley. She travelled extensively in her younger years appearing at Beirut in 1855, where she was orphaned. Later a Maid of Honour to Queen Victoria, she married William Welby-Gregory, a British politician. They resided in Lincolnshire where the Welby home was open to men of letters until the time of her death. Welby was the author of several works on the new science of semiotics, or 'significs' as she termed it, the best known being 'Significs and language,' (1911), 'What is meaning?' (1903) and 'Links and clues,' (2nd. ed. 1883). She also wrote the article on significs for the 11th edition of the 'Encyclopedia britannica'. She was also a founding member of the (British) Sociological Society, and the founder of the Royal School of Art Needlework.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of Lady Welby's correspondence, research and reference notes, publications, poetry, newspaper clippings, and printed material. It also includes of galley proofs of Francis Galton's papers on eugenics.

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

Finding Aid: File list available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/submissions/fonds/ON00370-f0000443.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1970-010. Further accruals may be expected.

Provenance Access Points: Welby, Victoria Alexandrina Maria Louisa Stuart-Wortley, 1837-1912

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