

Marion Gilroy fonds

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Fonds Description

Marion Gilroy fonds. - [1906], 1930-1980.

93 cm of textual records.

19 slides: colour.

36 photographs: 33 b&w and 3 colour.

7 audio reels.

Biographical Sketch

Marion Gilroy was born in Nova Scotia in 1912. She received her B.A. from Acadia University (1932) and went on to complete an M.A. at the University of Toronto (1933). While working as a research librarian at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia (1933-1940), she completed a Bachelor of Library Science degree from Columbia University (1939), where she attended as a Carnegie fellow. In 1946, Gilroy moved to Saskatchewan to become supervisor of the Saskatchewan Regional Libraries (1946-1963). In the midst of promoting the development of regional libraries in the province, she also managed to complete graduate study in librarianship at the University of Chicago (1959). In 1963, Gilroy left Saskatchewan to undertake a teaching career as an Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia's School of Librarianship. She taught several courses on public libraries, special libraries, readers' services and book selection. Gilroy also went on to publish a book and a number of articles, surveys and reports on regional library systems and library needs across Canada such as Montreal Island and Northwest Territories. After her death in 1981, her papers were donated to the Archives.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of biographical information, writings, publications, course notes and assignments, course materials, minutes, reports, subject files, correspondence, slides, photographs and audio reels of interviews pertaining to her book *As We Remember It*. The fonds consists of 8 series: Biographical, Speeches and Writings; Post-Secondary Studies; Saskatchewan; UBC School of Librarianship; Subject Files; Correspondence; Slides; and Audio Recordings.

Notes

File list available.

Selected photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database \(UBC 87.1\)](#)

No further accruals are expected.

Series Descriptions

Biographical, Speeches and Writings Series. - 1933-1971.

10 cm of textual records.

Series consists of biographical sketches with a list of publications, speeches, writings, and published works.

Post-Secondary Studies Series. - 1933-1959.

17.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of University of Toronto's M.A thesis (1933), class assignments and syllabi from Columbia University (1936-1939) and finally, class notes and lists from the University of Chicago (1958-1959).

Saskatchewan Series. - [1906]-1978.

10.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of records pertaining to her time as supervisor of Saskatchewan Regional Libraries. The records include personal financial records, official correspondence, conference proceedings, annual reports, budget proposals, minutes of meetings, speeches and writings, and library publications.

UBC School of Librarianship Series. - 1961-1968.

6.5 cm of textual records.

Series pertains to her tenure as an Associate Professor at the School of Librarianship in the 1960s. The records consist of personal financial records, minutes of faculty staff meetings, and course materials for the courses she taught.

Subject Files Series. - [1938]-1968.

26 cm of textual records.

Series consists of transcripts of oral interviews for her book *As We Remember It*, biographies, book lists, reports on regional library systems in British Columbia and Quebec, and conference notes.

Correspondence Series. - 1930-1980.

22.5 cm of textual records.

Series consists of an address book, incoming and outgoing personal correspondence and postcards, and miscellaneous correspondence directed to other correspondents.

Slides and Photographs Series. - [1880-197-?].

19 slides: color.

36 photographs: 33 b&w and 3 color; 26.5 x 21.8 cm or smaller.

Series consists of colored slides, black and white photographs and colored photographs of Marion Gilroy, the Gilroy family, North Central Saskatchewan Regional Library board members and employees, Dr. Helen Stewart, Marjorie Holmes and Muriel Ffoulkes.

Selected photographs have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database \(UBC 87.1\)](#)

Audio Reel Series. - 1961-1967.

7 audio reels.

Series consists of recorded oral interviews for the book *As We Remember It*. Interviews include Helen Gordon Stewart, Margaret Clay, Marjorie Holmes, C. K. Morrison, Muriel Ffoulkes and H. Norman Lister.

File List

Box 1

BIOGRAPHICAL, SPEECHES AND WRITINGS SERIES

- 1-1 Biographical Sketch (undated)
- 1-2 Speeches and Writings (1959-1966)
- 1-3 Writings - Reports (1959-1963)
- 1-4 Publications (1933-1971)
- 1-5 Typescript of Book "As We Remember It" - Editor and Printer's Copy (1969)
- 1-6 Typescript of Book "As We Remember It" - Editor and Printer's Copy (1969)
- 1-7 Miscellaneous Material for "As We Remember It" Book (1967-1970)

POST-SECONDARY STUDIES SERIES

- 1-8 University of Toronto Master of Arts Thesis (1933)
- 1-9 Columbia University - Class Assignments (1939)
- 1-10 Columbia University - Syllabi (1936-1937)
- 1-11 Columbia University - Syllabi (1937)
- 1-12 Columbia University - Syllabi (1937)
- 1-13 Columbia University - Syllabi (1937-1939)
- 1-14 University of Chicago - Class Assignments and Lists [1958-1959]
- 1-15 University of Chicago - Notes [1958]
- 1-16 Miscellaneous Notes (undated)

SASKATCHEWAN SERIES

- 1-17 Financial Records (1955-1963)
- 1-18 Correspondence - Saskatchewan Regional Library Division (1947-1951)
- 1-19 Correspondence - Saskatchewan Regional Library Division (1954-1964)
- 1-20 Minutes of Meetings - Prince Albert Regional Library Committee (1948)
- 1-21 Minutes of Meetings - Saskatchewan Library Advisory Council (1949 and 1959)
- 1-22 Minutes of Meetings - North Central Saskatchewan Regional Library Board ([1950], 1958-1966)
- 1-23 Minutes of Meetings - Saskatchewan Library Association (1974-1978)

- 1-24 Annual Reports - North Central Saskatchewan Regional Library ([1951], 1957-1968)
- 1-25 Annual Reports - Saskatchewan Provincial Library (1964 and 1977)
- 1-26 Reports, Budget Proposals, and Background Materials for Projects ([1906], 1946-1950)
- 1-27 Reports, Budget Proposals, and Background Materials for Projects (1951-1962)
- 1-28 Reports, Budget Proposals and Background Materials for Projects (1963-1966 and undated)
- 1-29 Financial Records for North Central Saskatchewan Regional Library Board (1950-1953, 1962-1963 and 1967)

Box 2

- 2-1 Conference Proceedings - Saskatchewan Library Association ([1949], 1977-1978)
- 2-2 Conference Proceedings - Canadian Library Association (1952)
- 2-3 Conference Proceedings - Pacific Northwest Library Association (1964)
- 2-4 Workshops - North Central Saskatchewan Regional Library (1965-1966)
- 2-5 Speeches and Writings (1947-1958)
- 2-6 Speeches and Writings (1961-1963 and undated)
- 2-7 Research Papers - United States (undated)
- 2-8 Rough Notes [195-?]
- 2-9 Legislation (1949-1953 and [1977])
- 2-10 Librarian's Reports - Saskatchewan Regional Libraries Division (1946-1966)
- 2-11 Circulars - North Central Saskatchewan Regional Library [1969]
- 2-12 Circulars - Province of Saskatchewan Provincial Librarian (1964-1965)
- 2-13 Periodicals - Saskatchewan Library (1967)
- 2-14 Ephemera - Saskatchewan Regional Library, Canadian Library Association, Saskatchewan Department of Education, Adult Education and Miscellaneous (1949-1963)
- 2-15 Regina Philosophical Society [1949]

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA'S SCHOOL OF LIBRARIANSHIP SERIES

- 2-16 Financial Records (1964-1978)
- 2-17 Miscellaneous Minutes (1963-1968)
- 2-18 Minutes of Faculty Staff Meetings (1961-1963)
- 2-19 Minutes of Faculty Staff Meetings (1964-1966)
- 2-20 Course Materials - L501 Book Selection (1963-1967)

- 2-21 Course Materials - L533 Public Libraries (1964 and 1967)
- 2-22 Course Materials - L538 Special Libraries (1964 and 1965)
- 2-23 Course Materials - L515 Readers' Services (1964-1968)

SUBJECT FILES SERIES

- 2-24 Interviews - Helen Gordon Stewart (1964-1967)
- 2-25 Interviews - Margaret Clay (1966)
- 2-26 Interviews - Marjorie Holmes (1966)
- 2-27 Interviews - C. K. Morrison (1966)
- 2-28 Interviews - Muriel Ffoulkes (1967)
- 2-29 Biographies of Other Individuals (undated)
- 2-30 Miscellaneous (undated)
- 2-31 "Regional Libraries in Retrospect, 1927-1967" - Draft [1968]
- 2-32 "Regional Libraries in Retrospect, 1927-1967" - Notes (undated)
- 2-33 Okanagan Regional Library (1936-1955)
- 2-34 BC Libraries (1929-1935)
- 2-35 BC Library Commission (1929-1936)
- 2-36 Fraser Valley Regional Library (1961-1967)
- 2-37 Northern Library Service [196-]
- 2-38 Quebec Libraries [1962]
- 2-39 Quebec Report (1960-1963)
- 2-40 Quebec Report - Legislation (1960-1963)
- 2-41 Montreal Libraries [1961]
- 2-42 Fraser-Hickston Institute [1961]
- 2-43 Russian Libraries (1965)
- 2-44 Libraries (1946-1960)
- 2-45 Libraries (1961-1968)
- 2-46 Library Extension and Systems ([1963]-1968)

Box 3

- 3-1 Adult Education (1944-1966)
- 3-2 Canada-Swedish Conference (1965)
- 3-3 Book Lists (1962-1967)
- 3-4 Historic Maritimes [1938-1947]

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

- 3-5 Address Book (undated)
- 3-6 Correspondence - Incoming (1930-1958)
- 3-7 Correspondence - Incoming (1960-1965)
- 3-8 Correspondence - Incoming (1966-1968)
- 3-9 Correspondence - Incoming (1969-1980)
- 3-10 Correspondence - Heather (undated)
- 3-11 Correspondence - Bessie Gilroy (undated)
- 3-12 Correspondence - Jean Gilroy (undated)
- 3-13 Correspondence - Norah McCullough (undated)
- 3-14 Correspondence - J. J. Tompkins (undated)

Box 4

- 4-1 Correspondence - Miscellaneous (undated)
- 4-2 Postcards - Incoming (1952-1968)
- 4-3 Postcards - Incoming (undated)
- 4-4 Correspondence - Outgoing (1946-1980)
- 4-5 Postcards - Jean Gilroy [1963]
- 4-6 Miscellaneous Correspondence Directed to Other Correspondents (1951-1976)

SLIDES AND PHOTOGRAPHS SERIES

Items marked with * have been digitized and included in UBC Archives' [Historical Photograph Database \(UBC 87.1\)](#)

Slides

- /1 Marion Gilroy (center) with unidentified people in front of building (undated)
- /2 Marion Gilroy (undated) *
- /3 Marion Gilroy (undated)
- /4 Muriel Ffoulkes [1967]
- /5 Muriel Ffoulkes [1967]
- /6 Marion Gilroy [1967] *
- /7 Jean Gilroy with baby Nathan (December 1967)
- /8 Jean Gilroy with baby Nathan (December 1967)
- /9 Jean Gilroy with baby Nathan (December 1967)

- /10 Margaret Patillo, Nancy and baby Nathan (December 1967)
- /11 Mrs. Mitchell of Ethelton and Nancy (December 1967)
- /12 Wilburn (December 1967)
- /13 Nancy and baby Nathan with unidentified man in the background (December 1967)
- /14 Nona having Christmas dinner (December 1967)
- /15 Marion Gilroy with cats [197-?]
- /16 Marion Gilroy with cats [197-?]
- /17 Marion Gilroy with cats [197-?] *
- /18 Marion Gilroy [197-?]
- /19 Marion Gilroy [197-?] *

Prints

- /20 Gilroy family portrait [1880-1890]
Photograph: b&w; 10.8 x 15.1 cm. [Print]
- /21 Gilroy family portrait [ca. 1900]
Photograph: b&w; 9 x 14.5 cm. [Small print]
- /22 Marion Gilroy [ca. 1917]
Photograph: b&w; 13 x 9 cm. [Small print]
- /23 Marion and Jean Gilroy [ca. 1922]
Photograph: b&w; 14.8 x 10.5 cm. [Small print]
Marion Gilroy is seated.
- /24 Marion Gilroy in graduation robes (1932) *
Photograph: b&w; 15.9 x 10.9 cm. [Print]
- /25 Group photo of Saskatchewan Library Assoc. Conference (ca. 1950)
Photograph: b&w; 21.7 x 26.5 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy back row fifth from left.
- /26 Regional libraries display at the Prince Albert Fair (August 1951)
Photograph: b&w; 13.6 x 19 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy far right.
- /27 Marion Gilroy unpacking books at the North Central Saskatchewan Regional Library (NCSRL) in Prince Albert (February 1951) *
Photograph: b&w; 19 x 13.7 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy front.
- /28 Marion Gilroy working at NCSRL headquarters (February 1951) *
Photograph: b&w; 26.5 x 21.8 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy back row left.

- /29 Marion Gilroy working at NCSRL headquarters (February 1951) *
Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 19 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy back row centre.
- /30 Opening of NCSRL in Prince Albert (May 1951) *
Photograph: b&w; 11.1 x 19.2 cm. [Small print]
Marion Gilroy far right.
- /31 NCSRL board meeting (February 1952)
Photograph: b&w; 13.9 x 19 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy third from right.
- /32 NCSRL board meeting (August 1953)
Photograph: b&w; 11.5 x 18.9 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy third from right.
- /33 Group photo of NCSRL board members (August 1953)
Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 18.7 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy fourth from left.
- /34 Group photo of NCSRL board members (August 1953)
Photograph: b&w; 13.6 x 18.7 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy second from left.
- /35 NCSRL board meeting (August 1953) *
Photograph: b&w; 16.3 x 26.5 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy third from right.
- /36 Group photo of NCSRL board members (August 1953)
Photograph: b&w; 17.8 x 22.5 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy fourth from left.
- /37 Marion Gilroy talking to a child [ca. 1953]
Photograph: b&w; 13.7 x 19.8 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy second from left.
- /38 Marion Gilroy talking to a patron at the front desk of the Prince Albert
Library [195-]
Photograph: b&w; 21.7 x 26 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy second from right.
- /39 Unidentified woman and Marion Gilroy at desk [195-] *
Photograph: b&w; 13.7 x 19.3 cm. [Print]
- /40 Unidentified woman and Marion Gilroy helping a patron [195-] *
Photograph: b&w; 13.7 x 19.4 cm. [Print]
- /41 Group photo of NCSRL board members (January 1954) *
Photograph: b&w; 18.6 x 26.4 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy front row second from left.

- /42 Marion Gilroy at Regional Library Meeting (January 1960)
Photograph: b&w; 14 x 21.6 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy second from left.
- /43 Marion Gilroy in front of the library desk [196-] *
Photograph: b&w; 13.9 x 19.3 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy middle.
- /44 Unidentified man and Marion Gilroy [196-] *
Photograph: b&w; 13.7 x 19.3 cm. [Print]
- /45 Marion Gilroy [196-] *
Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 19.4 cm. [Print]
- /46 Marion Gilroy grinning [196-]
Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 19.4 cm. [Print]
- /48 Group photo with Marion Gilroy [196-]
Photograph: b&w; 13.8 x 19 cm. [Print]
Marion Gilroy far right.
- /49 Unidentified man and child with Marion Gilroy [196-] *
Photograph: b&w; 21.4 x 26.7 cm. [Print]
- /50 Marion Gilroy [196-] *
Photograph: b&w; 9.8 x 7.3 cm. [Small print]
- /51 Marion Gilroy (undated)
Photograph: color; 9.3 x 9.2 cm. [Small print]
- /52 Group photo with Marion Gilroy (undated)
Photograph: color; 9.9 x 9.9 cm. [Small print]
Marion Gilroy front row far right.
- /53 Dr. Helen Stewart (ca. 1920)
Photograph: b&w; 19.7 x 13.7 cm. [Print]
- /54 Marjorie Holmes (1954)
Photograph: b&w; 8.7 x 7.2 cm. [Small print]
- /55 Muriel Ffoulkes (1967)
Photograph: color; 13.8 x 9.8 cm. [Small print]

AUDIO REELS SERIES

- AT 2675 Helen Gordon Stewart interview by Margaret Clay, Marion Gilroy and Samuel Rothstein, November 17, 1964.
- AT 2676 Helen Gordon Stewart interview by Margaret Clay and Marion Gilroy, June 9, 1966.
- AT 2677 Margaret Clay interview by Marion Gilroy, August 1, 1966.
- AT 2678 C. K. Morrison interview by Marion Gilroy, June 10, 1966.

AT 2679 Marjorie Holmes interview by Marion Gilroy, July 31, 1966.

AT 2680 Muriel Ffoulkes interview by Marion Gilroy, July 12, 1967.

AT 2681 H. Norman Lister on Fraser Valley Regional Library, June 12, 1961.