

Margaret A. Ormsby Oral History Project fonds

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Fonds Description

Margaret A. Ormsby Oral History Project fonds. - 1999.

13 cm of textual records.

50 audio tapes.

Administrative History

In 1998 the Women's History Network of British Columbia applied to the BC Heritage Trust for funding to support an oral history project to document the career of Margaret Ormsby. The Women's History Network is a non-profit society established in 1995 to "enhance interest and encourage activity in women's history across British Columbia". WHN's membership consists of members of educational institutions, local history groups, museum and archives representatives, women's organizations and other interested persons and groups. The Ormsby project sought to clarify her contribution to the historiography of the province and her role as educator and teacher, as well as her personality and her relationship to other people. With the support of Heritage Trust, the WHN engaged the services of Dr. Ruth Sandwell who prepared interview questions, conducted the interviews and developed a comprehensive subject index to the interviews.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of forty-one interviews with thirty eight colleagues, family, students and friends of Margaret Ormsby. In addition to the 50 cassette tapes there is also general information about the project as well as textual material for each interview consisting of a tape release form signed by the interviewee, a biographical information sheet and a detailed "timed tape guide".

Notes

File list available.

Restrictions: Some restrictions apply.

Series Descriptions

Project Records series. - 1999.

13 cm of textual records.

The series consists of general project files, information specific to each of the individuals interviewed and a "timed tape guide" which provides information about the time, place and number of the interview, as well as the name and address of the interviewee. Most of the tape guides also include a detailed account of subjects discussed in each five minute segment of the interview. The tape guide concludes with an index of the subjects covered in the interview. Indexes from each interview have been integrated into a central index which is available as part of the fonds.

Audio Tape series. - 1999.

50 audio tapes.

Series consists of 50 audio tapes representing forty-one interviews carried out by Ruth Sandwell with thirty-eight individuals between April and August of 1999. These tapes have now been added to the UBC Archives Audio Tape Collection.

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- UBC 2348:1/2 John Bovey (April 9, 1999) [2 tapes]
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- UBC 2357 Lewis G. Thomas (May 19, 1999)
- UBC 2358 Mrs. Catherine Marcellus / Ms. Elizabeth Marcellus (May 19, 1999)
- UBC 2359:1/2 John Norris (May 26, 1999) [2 tapes]
- UBC 2360 Morag Maclachlan (May 27, 1999)
- UBC 2361 Neil Sutherland (May 27, 1999)
- UBC 2362 Charlotte Girard (May 28, 1999)
[Restriction on use of tape: Girard would like to see and approve
any publication or broadcast that uses any material from this tape
before it is made public]
- UBC 2363 Mrs. Catherine Marcellus / Ms. Elizabeth Marcellus (May 19, 1999)

UBC 2364 Peter Waite (June 1, 1999)
UBC 2365 Richard Mackie (June 3, 1999)
UBC 2366 Dorothy Gilliam Thompson (June 10, 1999)
UBC 2367 John Conway (June 11, 1999)
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UBC 2371:1/2 Jean Barman (June 22, 1999) [2 tapes]
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UBC 2373:1/2 Peter Harnetty (July 6, 1999) [2 tapes]
UBC 2374 L.E. "Ted" Hill (July 8, 1999)
UBC 2375 Robert Will (July 5, 1999)
[Restriction on use of tape: would like to be given the opportunity to review any to be published text that relates to, or quotes this interview]
UBC 2376:1/2 Gladys Downes (July 12, 1999) [2 tapes]
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UBC 2379 Brian Smith (July 27, 1999)
UBC 2380:1/2 Patricia Roy (July 31, 1999) [2 tapes]
UBC 2381 Mrs. Catherine Marcellus / Ms. Elizabeth Marcellus (August 4, 1999)
UBC 2382:1/2 Allen Sinel (August 18, 1999) [2 tapes]
[Restriction on use of tape: would like to see anything used from interview]
UBC 2383 Ivan Avakumavic (August 18, 1999)
UBC 2384 Phillip Greven (August 19, 1999)
UBC 2385 Jamie Kidston (August 28, 1999)
UBC 2386:1/2 Jim and Barbara Marcellus (August 29, 1999) [2 tapes]