# Kathleen Gough fonds

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# **Fonds Description**

#### Kathleen Gough fonds. – 1947-1994.

5.1 m of textual material. 78 maps and charts. 30 photographs.

### **Biographical Sketch**

Eleanor Kathleen Gough Aberle was born in Hunsingore, Wetherby, York, in the United Kingdom, on August 16, 1925. She was trained as an anthropologist at both Cambridge and Oxford Universities and received her Ph.D. in 1950. Her extensive research fieldwork during this period -- Kerala, India (1947-1949) and the Tanjore District, India (1950-1953) -- forms the basis for most of her subsequent published work. It followed her return trips to India in 1976 and then to Vietnam that same year and again in 1982. More specifically, her books include *Ten Times More Beautiful: The Rebuilding of Vietnam* (1978), *Rural Society in Southeast India* (1981), *Rural Change in Southeast India*, the 1950s-1980s (1989) and *Political Economy in Vietnam* (1990). While Gough held numerous teaching positions in both England and the United States, her most prominent included positions at Brandeis University (1961-1963), the University of Oregon (1963-1967) and Simon Fraser University (1967- 1970). In each instance, her deeply held political views, in part, precipitated her leaving these posts. From 1974 until her death, she held the Honorary Research Associate's rank at the University of British Columbia. Kathleen Gough died on September 8, 1990.

#### **Scope and Content**

The fonds consists of material related to Kathleen Gough's research activities. It includes the notes of her Ph.D. fieldwork in Kerala, India, 1947-1949 and her return in 1964 and those from her primary fieldwork in the Tanjore District of Southeast India in 1950 1953, and then again in 1974. These consist primarily of field notes and other notes made during and after those trips. At the same time, much of the material can be found under the "Kerala" (1947-1949, 1964) or "Tanjore District (1950- 1953/1976)" series. Similar and related material can also be located under both the "Miscellaneous" and "Lectures and other Notes" series headings. The fonds also includes several maps of various locations in Southeast India and several genealogies. Finally, the fonds also includes several manuscripts of Gough's numerous essays and the complete manuscript to her last book, *Political Economy* in Vietnam (1990).

#### **Notes**

**Restrictions on access**: As per the wishes of the donor and in light of the significant amount of personal information contained in the fieldnotes, some material – Kerala Fieldnotes (1947-1949, 1964) and Tanjore District Fieldnotes (1950-1953, 1976) – is **closed for a seventy-five year period from the date of creation**. Exceptions to these restrictions will be made for users signing research agreements that stipulate that no information that might reveal individuals' identities will be released.

File list available.

# **Series Descriptions**

**Research Material - Kerala. --** 1947-1949, 1964.

1.93 m of textual material.

Series consists of Gough's field-notes of her Ph.D fieldwork in Kerala, India, 1947-1949, and her return in 1964, and related notes and other manuscript material.

Access restricted for seventy-five years (see note in fonds description).

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Research Material - Tanjore District. -- 1950-1953, 1976.

1.46 m of textual material.

Series consists of field-notes from Gough's major fieldwork in the Tanjore District of Southeast India in 1950-1953, and then again in 1974, and related notes and other manuscript material.

Access restricted for seventy-five years (see note in fonds description).

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Research Material - Kerala/Tanjore - Miscellaneous. -- 1948-1964.

40.5 cm of textual material.

Series consists of notes, genealogies, and research material collected by Gough in the course of her work on Kerala and Tanjore.

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**Lectures / Notes.** -- 1954-1976.

47 cm of textual material.

Series consists of various lecture notes and correspondence with and about other authors and lecturers.

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Manuscripts. -- 1954-1990.

83 cm of textual material.

Series consists of notes and drafts of Gough's books and articles.

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Maps and Genealogies - Kerala and Tanjore. -- 1947-1973.

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**Box 10** 

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0.5 cm of textual material.

Series consists of an obituary for Gough and her curriculum vitae, as well as some travel materials such as postcards and a brochure.

Box 23

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