

Mollie Cottingham fonds

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Fonds Description

Mollie Cottingham fonds. - 1924-1976.

59 cm of textual records.

ca. 160 photographs.

Biographical Sketch

A native of Ontario, Mollie Esther Cottingham grew up in Vancouver, received her B.A. from UBC in 1927 and, in the following year, embarked on her teaching career in the secondary schools of B.C. She began teaching at Fernie in 1928 and then moved to Powell River (1935), Trail (1938) and Nelson (1940) before returning to Vancouver in 1943 to teach at Prince of Wales and John Oliver Schools. Cottingham enjoyed a keen interest in history and while in Nelson she conducted research which was later used to prepare her M.A. thesis about the West Kootenays (1947). Throughout her career, Cottingham actively participated in organisational affairs and, in recognition of her service and talent; she became the first woman to hold the office of president of the B.C. Teacher's Federation (1957-1958). After completing her presidential term, she joined UBC's new Faculty and College of Education where she remained until her retirement in 1971. In 1967, Cottingham was awarded the Fergusson Memorial Award as the outstanding educator of the year in the province.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of textual records, published materials, and photographs (loose and in scrapbooks), and includes biographical information, copies of speeches and articles (1942-1975), typed manuscripts of poems and short stories, a longer typescript entitled "Kootenay Chronicle", a copy of the Academic Policy Committee Report - UBC (1963), correspondence and clippings gathered during her year as president of the B.C.T.F., and material relating to a number of women's issues (1952-1963).

Notes

File list available.

Title based on contents of fonds.

The bulk of the fonds was acquired prior to 1986. The "Kootenay Chronicle" manuscript was purchased from McLeod Books in 1991. The short stories and poems in file 3-11 were donated to the University Archives by Linda Wills of Vernon B.C. in 2001.

File List

BOX 1

- 1-1 Biographical Information - Memoirs, Photographs, Clippings
- 1-1a Clippings about MEC (1954-1971)
- 1-2 Certificates and University Degree

- OS-7 Certificates and University Degree [stored in oversize box 7]
 - Honour roll certificate (1913)
 - Honour roll certificate (1915)
 - UBC B.A. degree certificate (1927)

- 1-3 Fergusson Award - Correspondence (1967)
- 1-4 Personal Correspondence (1957-1976)
- 1-5 Correspondence with Nina [Beryl] Gray (1942)
- 1-6 Listing of Speeches and Articles (1942-1975)
- 1-7 Speeches by M.E.C. and Others (1942-1950)
- 1-8 Speeches and Related Correspondence (1955-1959)
- 1-9 Speeches (1960-1962)
- 1-10 Speeches and Related Correspondence (1963-1964)
- 1-11 Speeches and Related Correspondence (1965-1969)

BOX 2

- 2-1 Articles and Related Correspondence (1939-1964)
- 2-2 Social Studies Stories - Sam Roddan (1972)
- 2-3 Adanac Proposal (1975)
- 2-4 Permission and Style Sheets
- 2-5 Kootenay Manuscript - Correspondence, Photographs, and Related Material (1958-1971)
- 2-6 Oxford Atlas Pamphlet Manuscript [n.d.]
- 2-7 Report on Practice Teaching and Observations (1928)
- 2-8 Misc. Reports (1952-1961)
- 2-9 Academic Policy Committee Report (1963)
- 2-10 Vancouver School Board Task Force on English (1974)
- 2-11 B.C. Teacher's Federation - Press Reports and Correspondence (1957-1958)
- 2-12 B.C.T.F. - Correspondence (1957-1958)

BOX 3

- 3-1 Vancouver Personalities, History and Buildings (1954-1977)
- 3-2 History - "A Chronicle of Steam Transportation in Southeast British Columbia" by E.L. Affleck (1958)
- 3-3 Teaching - "History" - Clippings, Typescripts, Notes (1945-1964)
- 3-4 Teaching - "History" - Clippings, Printed Material (1963-1965)
- 3-5 Teaching - Foreign Experience (Daryl Metz in Kenya) Correspondence and Clippings (1960-1961)
- 3-6 Teaching - Education for Teachers of Indians - Typescript and Printed Material (1972)
- 3-7 Misc. Clippings about Teachers and M.E.C. (1967-1972)
- 3-8 "On Equal Pay" (1951-1952)
- 3-9 Canadian Federation of University Women - Education Committee (1962-1963)
- 3-10 "Women as a Force" (1955-1958)
- 3-11 Typescripts - poetry and short stories "For readers tiny, small, and grown-up" (n.d.)
[donated by Linda Wills, Vernon, B.C., November 2001]

BOX 4

- 4-1 Excerpts from Lorne Pierce's Book-of-Rememberance (1925)
- 4-2 "Community Central Colleges" by M. Dunham (1973)
- 4-3 Photographs and Memoirs of Trip to Antioch College, Ohio, New York and Ontario (1948)
- 4-4 Misc. Photographs and Clippings
- 4-5 Scrapbook - B.C. Tours [including 16 UBC photographs] (1942)
- 4-6 Scrapbook - American Tours (1948-1949)
- 4-7 Memorabilia from Alison Cottingham's (Mollie's cousin) trip to Britain (1924)
- 4-8 Subject File - "Socialism and Labour Party" - Printed Material

BOX 5

- 5-1/3 Typescript - "Kootenay Chronicles" (1970)