

Claire Coates Fonds

TITLE: Claire Coates fonds

DATES: 1917-1993, predominant 1973-1993

EXTENT: 3 m of textual records and other material

BIO & ADMIN HIST: Claire Coates was born in Ottawa in 1928. She attended and graduated in Honours Biology from Queen's University in 1952 with the Tri-Colour Award of the Alma Mater Society. After graduating, she secured employment as a technician with DRB Suffield, conducting research in pesticides. Subsequently, she became a laboratory technician at AECL Chalk River, assisting in research on the effects of radiation on certain species of insects. In 1957 she married, moved to Peterborough where she became a Children's Aid Social Worker. After various other moves, Ms Coates settled in Woodbridge in 1969. Here she would remain until her death in November, 1994. The contributions of this individual to Woodbridge and the Vaughan community were considerable. She was the founding president of Vaughan's University Women's Club, the founder and chair (1972-1989) of Woodbridge Area Recycling (and as such helped to initiate recycling in Vaughan), archivist and officer of the Woodbridge Agricultural Society, the director and contributor to HELP Community Information Service (the predecessor of Vaughan Information Services), a member of Heritage Vaughan and other municipal advisory committees, an advocate of educational reform, the co-author, with Janet Brown, of two histories of the Canadian Federation of University Women, the executive member of the CFUW and four-time vice president and director of the National Exhibition Association.

SCOPE & CONTENT: The fonds consists of primarily material reflecting the community involvement of the records creator in Woodbridge and Vaughan. It evolved from her many interests in social and community affairs and, in particular, her interest in the welfare of children and the environment. Broadly classed in terms of general activity, the material focuses on a number of issues and areas such as education (York Region Board of Education, Woodbridge High School Advisory Council, Home and School Association and local nursery schools), children's rights advocacy

(Children's Aid Society-York Region, Family and Children's Services), HELP Community Information Services, Woodbridge Agricultural Society (Society administrative matters, Woodbridge Fall Fair), heritage matters and environmental issues (Woodbridge Area Recycling, City of Vaughan Waste Management Committee). Documents forms within these areas of general activity include correspondence, minutes, by-laws, printed matter, newspaper clippings, notes, reports, photographs, postcards, maps and ephemera.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of fonds.
ACQ'T SOURCE: The fonds was donated to the City of Vaughan Archives by her husband, Professor D.E. Coates in 1995.
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TITLE: **Series I: Community**
DATES: 1974-1982
EXTENT: 15 cm of textual records and other material
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of records reflecting the involvement of Ms. Coates in the community and membership in local associations. Included are maps and photographs.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12
LOCATION: Box 1
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TITLE: **Series II: Elections**
DATES: 1972-1991
EXTENT: 18 cm of textual material
SCOPE & CONTENT: Material contains electoral information for three tiers of Government: Municipal, Provincial and Federal and a history of the Provincial Liberal Party.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12
LOCATION: Box 1
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE: **Series III: Environmental**
DATES: 1973-1993

EXTENT: 74 cm of textual records and other material
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of records reflecting volunteer recycling activities conducted in Woodbridge before the involvement of Government and studies undertaken on transmission lines, air, garbage, recycling, environment, sub-watershed and waste management.
Others records included in the series are maps and photographs.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12
LOCATION: Box 2-4
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE : **Series IV: Governmental**
DATES: 1931-1993
EXTENT: 58 cm of textual records and other material
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of the Canadian Charter of Human Rights, citizen badge material, inauguration of the City of Vaughan, the beginning of Regional Government, community plans and forecasts, Parkway Belt study, Board of Education cyclic review and news release, Town of Vaughan information handbooks and newspaper clippings. Series also includes badges, flags and emblems.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12
LOCATION: Box 4-5
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TITLE: **Series V: Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee, (Heritage Vaughan)**
DATES: 1983-1988
EXTENT: 33 cm of textual material and other material
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series contains minutes of Advisory Committee meetings, information about the award plaque program, guidelines for designation of historically and/or architecturally significant buildings, reports prepared for properties, information on history of Rutherford barn, correspondence and so forth. Also included are plaques.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12
LOCATION: Box 6
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TITLE: **Series VI: Social Programs**
DATES: 1971-1984
EXTENT: 66 cm of textual records
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of a collection of reports and information from various social agencies, Children's Aid Society, Child Welfare Act, community services day care facilities, HELP, family and children's services, making a will, United Way, U.N.I.C.E.F. and welfare programs. Resource materials also exist in book and pamphlet formats.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on content of series
ARRANGEMENT: Series divided into two subseries.
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TITLE: **Subseries A: Correspondence and Administration**
DATES: 1971-1984
EXTENT: 47 cm of textual records and other material.
SCOPE & CONTENT: Subseries consists of correspondence, minutes, notes, etc. Also included are buttons and ribbons.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of subseries
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12
LOCATION: Boxes 7-8
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TITLE: **Subseries B: Resource Material and Books**
DATES: [ca. 1957-1980]
EXTENT: 19 cm of textual records and other materials
SCOPE & CONTENT: Subseries consists of handbooks, journals, commissions, etc. Includes a cassette tape.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of subseries.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12
LOCATION: Box 8
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE: **Series VII: Woodbridge Agricultural Society and Fall Fair**
DATES: 1917-1994
EXTENT: 33 cm of textual records and other material
SCOPE & CONTENT: Series consists of minutes, correspondence and reports of the society and information about the Fall Fair Art Show, pictures, prize lists, programs, photographs, post cards, buttons and ribbons.
TITLE SOURCE: Title based on content of series.
ACCESSION NUMBER: M995-12

LOCATION:
REPOSITORY:

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