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MARGOT OSBORN

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Biographical Sketch: In 1902 Margot Osborn (Neé Camp) was born in Wainfleet, Lincolnshire, England and received her education at St. Mary Cray, Kent. She married Arthur George Osborn in Gillingham, becoming step-mother to his 10 year-old daughter Veronica. Margot, Arthur and Veronica sailed to Canada and opened a general store in Eldersley, Saskatchewan. After their home and store was destroyed by fire, the family (which now included two more children, Rosemary and Howard), moved to Regina. Their final two children, David and Laurel were born in Regina thereafter. Arthur died seven years after they moved to Regina, leaving Margot with four children under 12 years old.

Margot worked a number of jobs over the years to support her family including secretarial and accounting work. While living in Regina, Margot had begun to publish poetry and her play "Judas Incorporated" was produced by the Little Theatre Society there. Between 1946 and 1990 Margot published a total of 10 plays and poetry books.

Margot had a happy and active retirement in Victoria. She was a member and president of the local branch of the Canadian Authors' Association. She traveled in Canada and abroad and while on a visit to Egypt she undertook research for her pageant-play on the life of Moses, "The Man Who Might Have Been King". Margot's poetry has been published in *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Canadian Forum*, *Canadian Poetry Magazine*, *Regina Leader Post*, *National Home Monthly* and other periodicals.

Margot Osborn died on January 19, 2006, she was 104.

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Scope and Content: This collection consists of .06 meters of textual records. The date ranges from 1902 to 2002, predominantly from 1970 onward. The collection contains Margot Osborn's citizenship papers, immigration documents, and other personal identification items. The correspondence is divided to isolate letters pertaining to her 100th birthday. The remainder of the collection is made up of books of poetry which Margot contributed writing to. Two of the titles, (The Ryerson Poetry Chap-books, *Frosty-Moon and Other Poems by Margot Osborn* and *The Supper at Emmaus*) were authored by her entirely.

Custodial History: This collection was donated by Laurel Osborn, (Margot Osborn's daughter), September 22, 2010.

Legal Agreement: The donation agreement is pending.

Future Accruals: Future accruals are not expected.

Access Restrictions: There are no access restrictions.

Related Accessions: 91-53, 92-43, 93-38, 2000-45, 2002-6, 2005-4, 2006-14 and 2006-50.

Note on Arrangement: The file titles were generated by archives staff and where possible, the files remain in the order in which they were received.

Box 1	1.	CITIZENSHIP/IMMIGRATION PAPERS	1902-2002
		CORRESPONDENCE	
	2.	General	1970-2002
	3.	100 th Birthday	2002
		WRITING	
	4.	Canadian Authors Association, Victoria & Islands Branch, 75 th Anniversary Anthology	1997
	5.	The Ryerson Poetry Chap-books, <i>Frosty-Moon and Other Poems by Margot Osborn</i>	1946
	6.	<i>Saskatchewan Harvest: A Golden Jubilee Selection of Song and Story</i>	1955
	7.	<i>The Saskatchewan Poetry Book 1990-91</i> , Published by the Saskatchewan Poetry Society.	1990-1991
	8.	<i>The Saskatchewan Poetry Book 1992-93</i> . Published by the Saskatchewan Poetry Society, 1993.	1992-1993
	9.	<i>The Saskatchewan Poetry Book 1994-1995</i> , 60 th Anniversary 1994-1995	1994-1995
	10.	<i>The Supper at Emmaus</i> . Poems by E. Margaret Osborn	1997
	11.	<i>Victoria Poetry Chapbook</i> . No. 10 1983. Of the Poetry Group Canadian Authors Association.	1983
	12.	<i>We and You: A Canadian Anthology</i>	1976
	13.	<i>We and You II: A Canadian Anthology</i>	1977