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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 "Judah 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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Margaret met Scotty Gower, a Scottish chemist, in 1938 while he was researching the tar sands in Alberta. He, along with a few colleagues, initiated the Super Oil Syndicate. Margaret joined the group, attended meetings and for a short time (from 1939 to 1940) kept a diary related to her personal family life and to Gower, his personal life, the Syndicate's plans for the future. The diary later tells about Gower's trouble with having his research recognized by the oil industry.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of .05 meters of textual records. It includes one publication by Osborn (in Ukrainian) (English translation of title: *Theory and Practice of Poetical Translation*) as well as personal documents related to her birth and death, education, correspondence, notes on travel and comments made by children. The material in the collection ranges in date from 1927 to 2015.

Custodial History: This collection was donated by Laurel Osborn, (Margot Osborn's daughter), October 2016.

Legal Agreement: The donation agreement is pending.

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Related Accessions: 91-53, 92-43, 93-38, 2000-45, 2002-6, 2005-4, 2006-14, 2006-50 and 2010-33.

File 1	Certificate	
	Certified copy of an entry of birth – M. Osborn	January 2002
	Correspondence	
	Osborn, Arthur (husband)	April 1927
	Letter of Introduction	August 1947
	<i>the New Renaissance #6</i>	February 1973
	Memorial Card and Book pages (M. Osborn)	1902-2006
	Publication by Osborn	
	<i>Theory and Practice of Poetical Translation</i> (in Ukrainian)	2015
	Transcripts	1954-1955; 1959-1960; 1960-1961; 1973
	Writing on Children's Sayings	n.d.
	Writing on Travel to Sweden	1987