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GLADYS ARNOLD MATERIAL

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Biographical Sketch: Gladys Maria Marguerite Arnold (1905-2002) was born in Saskatchewan on October 2, 1905. Her father worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway and the family was constantly on the move.

Gladys attended schools in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba and graduated from Weyburn Collegiate and Normal School. After a brief teaching job she found work with D.B. MacRae, Editor-in-Chief of the *Leader-Post* as an editorial assistant and was soon doing interviews and writing for the paper. In 1935 Arnold left the paper to travel Europe (on a cargo ship) and financed her time in Europe writing freelance pieces which were picked up by the Canadian Press (CP). Needing money, and after threatening to quite sending stories home, she was hired as a full time correspondent reporting from Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, from Spain during the Spanish Civil War and from France at the outbreak of the Second World War, where, for a time, she was the only Canadian correspondent in France. In 1940 she returned to Canada and served with the CP Bureau in Ottawa, and volunteered with the Free French writing communiques and other items for them. In 1941 she set up the Free French Information Service in Canada and was later employed by the French Embassy serving as its Director until her retirement in 1971.

Gladys Arnold passed away in 2002.

Scope and Content: This small accession is comprised of personal writing by Florida May Robins (Arnold) (Sutcliffe). "The Trip West" was written in 1956 and details the family's decision to move west from Ontario in 1899 to settle at Weyburn. Also included is number 123 of a limited edition publication of 500, for Margaret Fulton (nee. Beatty) Frame's publication, "Phantom Caravan." This is a numbered and signed copy, "To Gladys Arnold, with kindest remembrances and every good wish, Margaret Frame" which was published in 1947. This material was sent to the University Archives and Special Collections in November 2019 by Connie Robins, Gladys Arnold's niece-in-law.

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Florida May Robins (Arnold) (Sutcliffe)
"The Trip West", 1956

Margaret Fulton Frame (nee. Beatty)
"Phantom Caravan", 1947 (copy singed by Frame)