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**Margaret Fullerton fonds.
1922-1979.**

25 cm of textual records, 18 volumes of textual records, 50 photographs : b&w prints, 4 plans, 2 scrapbooks, 4 objects

Biographical Sketch/Administrative History

Margaret Fullerton: Margaret Fullerton (1909-1991) was a municipal politician and London's first female city councillor.

Born in 1909 as Margaret Thomson, she completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Western Ontario and went on to get her teaching degree from the College of Education In Toronto. After completing her education, she taught Latin and English at London's Central Collegiate. Throughout her young adult years, Fullerton was an avid diarist, recording much of her daily life from her years as a student to her early career as a teacher.

Fullerton entered municipal politics in 1953 as ward 2 alderman after a successful campaign supported by London's Council of Women. During her career as a municipal politician, Fullerton served on the Board of Control, was vice-president of the London Centennial Committee and chair of the London Historical Sites and Museum Committee. Fullerton was also instrumental in repealing the clause in the procedural by-law that barred married women from working at City Hall.

While Fullerton's career was largely focused in London, she made an attempt to enter federal politics, running as the London Liberal candidate in the 1965 federal election. She lost the race to Progressive Conservative, John Irvine, and returned to municipal politics. In 1968, Fullerton served as a member of the Canadian delegation to the 21st session of the United Nations, serving on the Trusteeship and Colonialism committee. She was defeated in her 1969 bid for controller and following a hiatus from municipal politics, returned to London's city council as a controller in 1971 to replace Jack Irvine who resigned. Her return to municipal politics was brief as only 10 days later, Fullerton accepted a position on the Pension Review Board. While in Ottawa, she also served on the board of directors of the Ottawa Civil Service Recreation Association.

After retiring from public service in 1978, Margaret Fullerton returned to London where she died in 1991.

Scope and Content

Fonds consists of the records created and acquired by Margaret Fullerton relating to both her personal life and political career. Included are files for various municipal projects and events, records relating to Fullerton's federal public service, campaign materials, photographs, newspaper clippings and scrapbooks. Personal records relate to Fullerton's education, speeches that she gave and include various biographical records as well as a series of diaries, travel diaries and a dream log.

Series Descriptions

AFC 404-S1 City of London municipal records.

1951, 1954-1971.

2 volumes of textual records, 9 cm of textual records, 11 photographs : b&w prints, 4 plans

Scope and Content

Series consists of records relating to Margaret Fullerton's work in London municipal politics as alderman, controller and member of various committees. Included are files for various projects that Fullerton was involved in such as the organization of the London Centennial celebrations, the building of city hall and centennial hall, the changes made to the by-law prohibiting married women from working at city hall, and her work relating to heritage as well as records relating to her various appointments to city council. Records include reports, correspondence, building plans, photographs, newspaper clippings and promotional materials for events.

AFC 404-S1-F1 City of London consolidation of zoning by-law : by-law CP 65-233. -- Mar-51. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/1

AFC 404-S1-F2 Minutes of the London Centennial. -- 1954-1955. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/2

AFC 404-S1-F3 London centennial [flyers, clippings and other promotional materials]. -- 1955. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/3

AFC 404-S1-F4 By-law re: married women working at city hall. -- 1956-1958. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/4

AFC 404-S1-F5 Royal visits [programmes, route map and report of the royal visit committee]. -- 1954, 1956, 1959. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/5

AFC 404-S1-F6 Museums [and heritage newspaper clippings, promotional materials and photographs]. -- 1958-1961, 1968-1969. -- 1 file of textual records; 11 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/6

AFC 404-S1-F7 Annexation [letter and article]. -- 1961. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/7

AFC 404-S1-F8 The Ridout Street complex : a report on the group of early and mid-19th century buildings adjoining the Eldon House property. -- Jul-66. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/8

AFC 404-S1-F9 Centennial hall [correspondence, opening ceremony programmes and plans]. -- 1967, 1970. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/9

AFC 404-S1-F10 City hall [reports, plans, correspondence, clippings and other records]. -- 1957, 1961, 1967, 1971. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/10

AFC 404-S1-F11 [London city hall artist's rendition and floor plans]. -- [196-]. -- 4 plans. -- Box Number AFC 404-3/1

AFC 404-S1-F12 Appointment to the position of deputy mayor [correspondence and news transcripts]. -- 1969. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/11

AFC 404-S1-F13 Reappointment to city council. -- 1971. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/12

AFC 404-S2 Federal public service records.

1966-1968, 1971-1978.

2 cm of textual records, 3 photographs : b&w prints

Scope and Content

Series consists of records relating to Margaret Fullerton's public service career outside of municipal politics. Included are records relating to her United Nations appointment, her work on the pension review board and her work with the Ottawa civil service recreation association. Records include correspondence, news transcripts, newspaper clippings, photographs, minutes and reports.

**AFC 404-S2-F1 U.N. appointment [correspondence, clippings and photographs]. -- 1966-1967. -
- 1 file of textual records; 3 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/13**

**AFC 404-S2-F2 Liberal party [national convention]. -- 1968. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box
Number AFC 404-1/14**

**AFC 404-S2-F3 Pension review board [minutes, correspondence and other records]. -- 1971,
1978. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/15**

**AFC 404-S2-F4 Ottawa civil service recreational association [constitution and by-laws, clippings
and minutes]. -- 1973, 1975, 1977, 1978. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404
-1/16**

AFC 404-S3 Photographs.

[19--], 1955-1957.

27 photographs : b&w prints

Scope and Content

Series consists of photographs of Margaret Fullerton and various events that she organized and/or attended as a municipal politician. Events depicted in photographs include the London Centennial celebrations, the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities annual conference, the General Motors parade of progress and various other unidentified events. Also included are photographs of London's city council.

AFC 404-S3-F1 [London centennial celebrations]. -- 1955. -- 7 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/17

AFC 404-S3-F2 Souvenir photos : Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities 20th annual conference. -- Jun-57. -- 3 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/18

AFC 404-S3-F3 [London city council]. -- Dec-57. -- 1 photograph : b&w print. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/19

AFC 404-S3-F4 [General Motors parade of progress]. -- [195-]. -- 2 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/20

AFC 404-S3-F5 [Margaret Fullerton attending various events]. -- [19--]. -- 14 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/21

AFC 404-S4 Election campaigns.

[1953], [195-?], 1965.

1 cm of textual records, 1 poster, 4 objects (1 pen, 1 pencil, 2 nail files)

Scope and Content

Series consists of records relating to Margaret Fullerton's campaigns for ward 2 alderman in London and as the London Liberal candidate in the 1965 federal election. Included in the series are flyers and pamphlets as well as promotional pens, pencils and nail files.

AFC 404-S4-F1 [Municipal] election campaign materials. -- [1953], [195-?]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/22

AFC 404-S4-F2 [Liberal campaign materials]. -- [1965]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/23

AFC 404-S4-F3 [Liberal campaign poster]. -- [1965]. -- 1 poster. -- Box Number AFC 404-3/2

AFC 404-S4-F4 [Liberal campaign promotional objects]. -- [1965]. -- 4 objects. -- Box Number AFC 404-3/6

AFC 404-S5 Newspaper clippings.

1946-1950, 1954-1973, 1978.

6 cm of textual records, 2 photographs : b&w prints

Scope and Content

Series consists of newspaper clippings collected by Margaret Fullerton. Clippings relate to Fullerton's campaigns, topics that were of interest to her, projects that she was involved in and various important events that she organized and/or attended including the centennial celebrations, the United Nations assembly and various other events. Also included are clippings about lectures and other events hosted by the Women's Canadian Club of which Margaret Fullerton was president from 1947 to 1949.

AFC 404-S5-F1 Clippings - London city hall opening, some Ottawa, speech to U.W.'s Club. -- 1968, 1971-1973, 1978. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/24

AFC 404-S5-F2 Clippings - Free Press, re: U.N.. -- 1954-1957, 1960-1969, 1972. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/25

AFC 404-S5-F3 [Newspaper clippings]. -- 1946, 1950, 1957-1958, 1968. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/26

AFC 404-S5-F4 [Newspaper clippings]. -- 1969-1971. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/27

AFC 404-S5-F5 Women's Canadian Club [newspaper clippings and lifetime membership]. -- 1947-1950. -- 1 file of textual records; 2 photographs : b&w prints. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/28

AFC 404-S5-F6 Chatelaine : the women of London. -- 1954. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-3/5

AFC 404-S6 Scrapbooks.

1953-1955, 1957, 1967, 1974, 1979.

2 scrapbooks (textual records and 9 photographs : b&w prints)

Scope and Content

Series consists of scrapbooks kept by Margaret Fullerton, documenting her political career and campaigns. Included in the scrapbooks are photographs, newspaper clippings, correspondence and promotional campaign materials.

AFC 404-S6-F1 Scrapbook. -- 1953 - 1955, 1957. -- 1 scrapbook (textual records and 9 photographs : b&w prints). -- Box Number AFC 404-3/3

AFC 404-S6-F2 Scrapbook. -- 1954, 1965, 1967, 1974, 1979. -- 1 scrapbook (textual records). -- Box Number AFC 404-3/4

**AFC 404-S7 Personal records.
1922-1934, [ca. 1953], 1972.
7 cm of textual records**

Scope and Content

Series consists of the personal records of Margaret Fullerton, documenting her education, travels and speaking engagements. Education records include examination certificates, report forms, a university registration permit and several essays that she submitted for university English courses. Also included are notes and a speech about her year abroad in London, England in 1953 as well as the speech "New Experiences in Education" that she and her husband Edwin gave together after returning from their year abroad. Other records include correspondence and memoir style notes written by Margaret Fullerton in her later years, reflecting on her life and travels.

AFC 404-S7-F1 [Examination certificates, report forms and university registration permit]. -- 1922-1930. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/29

AFC 404-S7-F2 [English essays]. -- [193-?]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/30

AFC 404-S7-F3 Official programme : fifteenth annual track and field meet. -- 19-May-34. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/31

AFC 404-S7-F4 [Notes about year abroad in London, England]. -- [ca. 1953]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/32

AFC 404-S7-F5 [Speeches about trip to London, England and education]. -- 1953, [195-?]. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/33

AFC 404-S7-F6 Biographical [notes, speeches and correspondence]. -- 1952-1956, 1963, 1969, 1979, 1983. -- 1 file of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/34

AFC 404-S8 Diaries.
1926-1940, 1977-1979.
16 volumes of textual records

Scope and Content

Series consists of diaries kept by Margaret Fullerton from the age of 17 to 31 containing daily accounts of her life including details about what she did each day, who she saw and who she received letters from. Diaries from 1926 to 1933 include detailed daily entries, while later diaries from 1934-1940 contain more sporadic and shorter entries. Also included are travel diaries about trips to Europe and a dream log.

AFC 404-S8-F1 [Diary]. -- April 1, 1926 - August 28, 1926. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/35

AFC 404-S8-F2 [Diary]. -- August 29, 1926 - March 9, 1927. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/36

AFC 404-S8-F3 [Diary]. -- March 10, 1927 - August 14, 1927. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/37

AFC 404-S8-F4 [Diary]. -- August 15, 1927 - March 31, 1928. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/38

AFC 404-S8-F5 [Diary]. -- April 1, 1928 - October 19, 1928. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/39

AFC 404-S8-F6 [Diary]. -- October 20, 1928 - July 7, 1929. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-1/40

AFC 404-S8-F7 [Diary]. -- July 8, 1929 - March 25, 1930. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/1

AFC 404-S8-F8 [Diary]. -- March 26, 1930 - November 13, 1930. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/2

AFC 404-S8-F9 [Diary]. -- November 14, 1930 - June 18, 1931. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/3

AFC 404-S8-F10 [Diary]. -- June 19, 1931 - January 16, 1932. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/4

AFC 404-S8-F11 [Diary]. -- January 17, 1932 - September 1, 1932. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/5

AFC 404-S8-F12 [Diary]. -- September 2, 1932 - March 20, 1933. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/6

AFC 404-S8-F13 [Diary]. -- 1934-1940. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/7

AFC 404-S8-F14 [Travel diary - London, England]. -- [19--]. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/8

AFC 404-S8-F15 European trip diary. -- [19--]. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/9

AFC 404-S8-F16 Dreams [log]. -- August 6, 1977- April 27, 1979. -- 1 volume of textual records. -- Box Number AFC 404-2/10