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Audrey Y. Morris fonds

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Biographical note

Audrey Yvonne Morris (July 1930-1 June 2014) was a writer, civil servant, and one of the first women to receive undergraduate and Master's degrees in Political Studies at the University of Toronto. She attended the university from 1948 to 1954, and lived in the women's residence at Whitney Hall for the duration of her undergraduate degree. After completing her Master's degree in 1954, she wrote her book about Susanna Moodie and Catherine Parr Traill entitled *Gentle Pioneers: Five Nineteenth-Century Canadians*, which was first serialized in Chatelaine Magazine before being published by Hodder & Stoughton in 1968.

As a young woman, Audrey lived and worked as a civil servant and speech writer in Ottawa before moving to Winnipeg, where she established her own consultancy, Morris Associates. She also worked as a ghost writer throughout her career.

References: "Audrey Y. MORRIS." The Recorder and Times. June 26, 2014. https://web.archive.org/web/20241105163018/https://recorder.remembering.ca/obituary/audrey-y-morris-1052581596.

Scope and content

Date range: ca. 1948-[195-]

Extent: 0.39 m of textual and photographic records and objects (2 boxes)

Contains artifacts and ephemera related to Audrey Morris' studies and her life as a student at the University of Toronto. One box contains photographs taken during her time at the University, including photographs in and around student residences.

Access: All boxes are open

Boxes: B2024-0023/001ART, B2024-0023/001P

Appendix

File number	File title	Date range
B2024-0023/001ART(01)	Gold University of Toronto emblem ring	c. 1950s
B2024-0023/001ART(02)	Embroidered felt University of Toronto	c. 1948-1950s
	emblem badge	
B2024-0023/001ART(03)	Leather archery armguard	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001ART(04)	University of Toronto sweatshirt	c. 1948-1950s

File number	File title	Date range
B2024-0023/001ART(05)	University of Toronto felt cap	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001(01)	Proofs of enrolment and admittance to	1952-1956
	Master of Arts program	
B2024-0023/001P(01)	Along St. George Street	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(02)	Archery	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(03)	Football games	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(04)	Football game, Varsity Stadium	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(05)	Homecoming	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(06)	Santa Claus parade	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(07)	Around campus grounds and inside	c. 1948-1950s
	buildings	
B2024-0023/001P(08)	Photos in Hutton House	1949
B2024-0023/001P(09)	Photos in Cody House (Whitney Hall) and	c. 1948-1950s
	other residences	
B2024-0023/001P(10)	Photos in and around Whitney Hall	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(11)	Banquet in residence	c. 1948-1950s
B2024-0023/001P(12)	Photo album, around U of T campus and in	c. 1948-1950s
	residence (Whitney Hall)	
B2024-0023/001P(13)	Whitney Hall, Hutton House	1949-1950
B2024-0023/001P(14)	Whitney Hall, Cody House	1950-1951
B2024-0023/001P(15)	Whitney Hall, Falconer House	1951-1952
B2024-0023/001P(16)	Photos taken around graduation	c. 1950s
B2024-0023/001P(17)	Mary G. Schumacher grad photo	c. 1950s
B2024-0023/001P(18)	Grad photos from Audrey Morris' classmates	1951-1952
B2024-0023/001P(19)	Audrey Morris graduation photo	1954