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Summary information

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Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Rytsa Helene Tobias, professor of English at Concordia University, was born in Winnipeg on November 7th, 1919 and died in Montreal on April 14th, 2000. She was the daughter of Claire Ripstein Tobias and Norman Cecil Tobias. In 1947, Rytsa enrolled as a night student at Sir George Williams College from which she graduated as a day student in 1951 (BA). Upon her graduation, she received the Birks Medal, as the highest ranking graduating student in Arts, and the Lieutenant-Governor's Silver Medal for the highest standing in the History Major. Following her graduation, she joined the Sir George Williams faculty as English lecturer in September 1951, was promoted to the rank of Assistant Professor in 1956, Associate Professor by 1962 and Full Professor of English, in 1972. From 1972 until her retirement in 1985, Rytsa was to teach English as a full professor at Sir George Williams University and, after its 1974 merger with Loyola College, at Concordia University. The Rytsa Tobias Memorial Medal, successor to the Birks Medal, was endowed by the Tobias Family and is presented by a Tobias Family member to the highest ranking Concordia University student graduating with a BA degree. It was first awarded in 2004.

Scope and content

The fonds documents Rytsa Tobias's Graduation at Sir George Williams College, in June 1951. It is composed of her diploma, medal certificates, graduation picture and a photograph showing her receiving the Birks medal from Mr. Victor M. Birks.

Notes

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Immediate source of acquisition

The documents were donated by Norman, Sarah and, Anne Tobias, Rytsa Tobias's nephew and nieces, in 2012.

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: Published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)