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## Finding Aid - Dora Pleet fonds (F019)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Concordia University Libraries Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Dora Pleet fonds
<b>ID:</b>	F019
<b>Date:</b>	1955-2001 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	8 cm of textual records 2 posters
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	
<b>Note [sourcesDescription]:</b>	F019, Dora Pleet fonds, "Postcards," File F019-36-07, Concordia University Libraries, Montreal, QC, Canada.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Dora Pleet (née Lazarovitch) is the sister of Canadian poet Irving Layton.

### Custodial history

After Pleet's death, custody of the material passed to her son (name unknown), who then donated the fonds to the Jewish Public Library. The Jewish Public Library donated the materials to Concordia University Libraries in 2013.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds contains material documenting Dora Pleet's relationship with Irving Layton, as well as material about Layton collected by Pleet. Material consists of correspondence, magazine and newspaper clippings, periodicals, a leaflet, a pamphlet, posters, and copies of various poems by Irving Layton. The Dora Pleet Fonds is part of the Irving Layton Collection.

The fonds is divided into five series:

F019 / A. Correspondence

F019 / B. Clippings

F019 / C. Periodicals

F019 / D. Poems

F019 / E. Promotional material

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on provenance of the fonds.

### Physical condition

Newspaper clippings are yellowed and fragile.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The documents were donated to Concordia University Libraries in 2013 by the Jewish Public Library.

### Arrangement

Original order of the material has been maintained.

### Restrictions on access

None

### Conditions governing use

Reproduction for scholarly purposes is permitted.

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### Finding aids

Box listing available.

### Accruals

No further accruals expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final
- **Conservation:** Documents were placed in acid-free file folders and archival quality boxes.
- **Rights:** Copyright held by the creator(s).

## Access points

- Layton, Irving (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Literature (subject)

## Series descriptions

### Series F019/A: Correspondence

Date: 1966-1987 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records related to the Dora Pleet fonds. Material consists of postcards from Irving Layton to Dora Pleet. Series also contains a copy of a letter from Layton to Barbara Frum refuting a review of the biography Irving Layton, a Portrait by Elspeth Cameron.

Physical description: 16 textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Letter from Irving Layton to Barbara Frum	1986		
02	File - Letter from Irving Layton to Dora Pleet	1974		
03	File - Postcards from Irving Layton to Dora Pleet	1966-1987		

### Series F019/B: Clippings

Date: 1955-2001 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records relating to the Dora Pleet fonds. Material consists mainly of newspaper clippings that include reviews of Layton's works, comments and criticisms regarding Layton's style as a poet, and editorials by Layton addressing criticism of his life and work. Many clippings concern the biography *Irving Layton, a portrait* by Elspeth Cameron (1985), as well as Layton's criticism of the publication and its author. Newspapers include the *Montreal Gazette*, the *Montreal Star*, the *Toronto Star*, *The Herald*, the *Globe and Mail*, *McGill Daily*

i>, <i>The Suburban</i>, <i>The Canadian Jewish News</i>, and the <i>Thursday Report</i> (Concordia University). Also included are photocopies of excerpts from books and periodicals.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Clippings	[198-]		
02	File - Clippings	[19--]		
03	File - Clippings	1955		
04	File - Clippings	1958		
05	File - Clippings	1961		
06	File - Clippings	1963		
07	File - Clippings	1969		
08	File - Clippings	1972		
09	File - Clippings	1973		
10	File - Clippings	1974		
11	File - Clippings	1977		
12	File - Clippings	1978		
13	File - Clippings	1979		
14	File - Clippings	1981		
15	File - Clippings	1983		
16	File - Clippings	1984		
17	File - Clippings	1985		
18	File - Clippings	1986		
19	File - Clippings	1987		
20	File - Clippings	1988		
21	File - Clippings	1989		
22	File - Clippings	1990		
23	File - Clippings	1991		
24	File - Clippings	1997		
25	File - Clippings	1999		
26	File - Clippings	2001		
27	File - Photocopy from an unknown publication	[19--]		
28	File - Photocopy of sketch of Irving Layton by Anna Pottier	1986		

#### Series F019/C: Periodicals

Date: 1973-1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records relating to the Dora Pleet fonds. Material consists of periodicals documenting the life and work of Irving Layton. Periodicals include The New Montrealer, What's Up Niagara, The Canadian Magazine, The Canadian, the Montreal Star Weekend Magazine, and the Senior Times. Articles on Irving Layton include "The passionate poet" by Carolin Wilson in What's Up Niagara (p. 6-11), "Irving Layton's Crown of Thorns: If Zionism is racism, what is Christianity?" by Beverly

Sloven in The Canadian (p. 4-8), "The apprenticeship of Irving Layton" by Marq de Villiers in The Montreal Star Weekend Magazine (p. 8-9), and "Friends and followers extol Layton's work" by Irwin Block in the Senior Times (p. 5). The New Montrealer (August 1983) includes the open letter by Irving Layton titled "Oh! Montreal" (p. 10-13).

Physical description: 2 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - The New Montréal	August 1983		
02	File - What's Up Niagara	January 1983		
03	File - The Canadian Magazine (The Gazette)	April 7, 1973		
04	File - The Canadian (The Gazette)	March 20, 1976		
05	File - The Montreal Star Weekend Magazine	July 27, 1974		
06	File - The Senior Times	April 4, 1997		

#### Series F019/D: Poems

Date: [19--?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records related to Dora Pleet fonds. Series contains photocopies of various poems by Irving Layton, including The Incarnation, The bull calf, Cain, After Auschwitz, The Burning Bush, Post-Auschwitz Jew, The Black Huntsman, Song for Naomi, Love Letters, Rhine Boat Trip, and Catacombe dei Cappucini.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Copies of various poems by Irving Layton	[19--?]		

#### Series F019/E: Promotional Material

Date: [197-?]-1987 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records related to Dora Pleet fonds. Material consists of a leaflet for readings by Irving Layton, a pamphlet for the documentary Poet: Irving Layton Observed published by The National Film Board of Canada, and posters advertising readings by Irving Layton at Guild Books in Chicago,

Illinois, and at the University of Guelph in Ontario. Series also includes a booklet from the Concordia University Spring Convocation 1976 in which Layton was awarded with an honorary degree (Doctor of Laws, honoris causa).

Physical description: 0.5 cm textual records  
2 posters

Access points:

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

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Posters	[197-?]-1987		
02	File - Booklet and invitation to Concordia University Spring Convocation	1976		
03	File - Leaflet and pamphlet	1972-1986		