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Summary information

Repository:	Concordia University Library, Special Collections
Title:	Dorothy Harper collection
ID:	C024
Date:	[1945 ?] ; [1946] (date of creation)
Physical description:	2 audio discs : analog, 78 rpm 11 album pages (52 photographs : b&w) 2 photographs: b&w, in promotional sleeves
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Created 2019-03-28

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Dorothy Evelyn Harper was born on April 3, 1921 in Victoria, British Columbia. She moved to Ottawa, Ontario, when she was a teenager, and later lived and worked in Montreal, Quebec. In September 1947, Harper married Allan Gordon (Gord) Craig while he was in the Royal Canadian Air Force. They had two children, in 1953 and 1955 respectively.

In the 1960s, Harper started her own business, Dorothy E. Craig Imports, which imported women's clothing and shoes, among other items, from Hong Kong.

Harper passed away in December 2003.

Scope and content

The Dorothy Harper collection contains materials documenting the the life of Dorothy Harper, specifically her interest in jazz music.

The collection contains two sound recordings and 54 photographs. A number of the photographs showcase jazz clubs in Montreal, including the Café Esquire and El Morocco. Other images show Oscar Peterson in concert, while many depict scenes from Dorothy Harper's life in Montreal in the mid-1940s.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the content of the collection.

Physical condition

Record number C024-11-001 is cracked. The rest of the materials are in good condition.

Immediate source of acquisition

Materials were donated to Concordia University Library's Special Collections in March 2019.

Arrangement

Materials are arranged in the order of receipt.

Conditions governing use

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Box and photographs listings are available.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Minimal
- **Status description:** Draft

Access points

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

Series descriptions

Series C024/A: Sound recordings

Date: 1946 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains two phonographic records by Oscar Peterson and Eddie Baxter. The first contains the songs "Just You and Me" and "Body and Soul" (cracked). The second contains "Laura" and "I got Rhythm."

Physical description: 2 audio discs : analog, 78 rpm

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

File / item list

Series C024/B: Photographs

Date: [1945-1946] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains 54 photographs documenting the daily life of Dorothy Harper. Photographs, which include portraits and landscapes, were mostly taken in Quebec, specifically in Montreal, Sainte-Agathe, Saint-Sauveur, and Sainte-Adèle. Photographs also showcase scenes in Ottawa, Ontario; Burlington, Vermont; and New York City, New York. Significantly, a number of photographs were taken inside jazz clubs in Montreal, including Café Esquire and El Morocco. Three photographs depict Oscar Peterson in concert.

Physical description: 11 album pages (52 photographs : b&w)
2 photographs: b&w, in promotional sleeves

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

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