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Wynne Francis fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Concordia University Libraries Special Collections
Title:	Wynne Francis fonds
ID:	F006
Date:	1950-1997 (date of creation)
Physical description:	89.5 cm of textual records 10 prints 13 photographs 7 audio reels 1 microfilm
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	Certified Canadian Cultural Property.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Wynne Francis was born on September 2, 1918 and died on August 2, 2000 in Montreal, QC at age 81. Francis obtained her BA in English from Sir George Williams University in 1942 and an MA in English from McGill University in 1963 with a specialization in Canadian Literature. She began her career in 1942 teaching at Sir George Williams University (SGW) in the English and Humanities department. In 1967 she became a full professor in the department of English at SGW and continued teaching after the merger in 1974 between Sir George Williams University and Loyola College at Concordia University until her retirement in 1991.

Francis' legacy is maintained and her name honoured with the annual Wynne Francis Award for Graduate Study in Canadian Poetry.

Scope and content

Fonds contains records documenting Wynne Francis' friendship with Irving Layton. Material consists of letters, audio recordings, research material and notes for Francis' unfinished biography of Irving Layton, photographs, promotional material, written works, poems, and teaching notes. The Wynne Francis Fonds is part of the Irving Layton Collection.

The fonds has been divided into 9 series:

F006/A Audio Recordings
F006/B Clippings
F006/C Correspondence
F006/D Manuscripts, Articles, and Drafts
F006/E Photographs
F006/F Poems
F006/G Promotional Material
F006/H Research Material
F006/I Teaching Material

Notes

Title notes

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

Physical condition

Newspaper clippings are yellowing and fragile.

Immediate source of acquisition

Material was donated by John Francis in 2002.

Arrangement

The original order of the material has been maintained.

Conditions governing use

Reproduction for scholarly purposes is permitted.

Use of material in publications can only be done with written permission from the copyright holder.

Finding aids

Finding aid and box list available.

Related material

Concordia University Records Management and Archives Department holds the Wynne Francis Fonds (P043), which is composed of materials related to Wynne Francis' teaching activities and her writings on Canadian literature.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final
- **Conservation:** Staples and paperclips were removed and documents were placed in acid free file folders and archival quality boxes. Photos and posters were put into archival envelopes and map folders.
- **Rights:** Copyright held by the creator(s).

Access points

- Layton, Irving (subject)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Biographies (documents) (subject)
- Poems (subject)
- Poetry (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F006/A: Audio Recordings

Date: [196-?] – 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material consists of CBC broadcasts and interviews with Layton and Layton giving a poetry reading at Sir George Williams University.

Physical description: 7 audio reels (56 min. 25 sec.) or less

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F006-AT-82	Item - CBC Broadcasts	1966		
F006-AT-83	Item - CBC interview	1965		
F006-AT-84	Item - Irving Layton Poetry Readings Sir George Williams University	[196-]		
F006-AT-85	Item - Conversation between Layton and Thomas	[196-?]		
F006-AT-86	Item - Poems by Irving	1963		
F006-AT-87	Item - CBC SPT Evening	[196-]		

F006-AT-88	Item - Irving Layton Poetry Readings Sir [196-] George Williams University
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Series F006/B: Clippings

Date: 1959-1990 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material consists of newspaper clippings that include reviews of Layton's works, comments and criticisms regarding Layton's style as a poet, and special editions highlighting Layton's life and works. Newspapers include the Gazette, the Toronto Star, the Georgian, Poetry Canadian Review, Saturday Night, The Canadian Forum, Sunday Star and the Telegram.

Physical description: 18.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Review of Layton's Works	1972-1979		
02	File - Review of Layton's Works	1959-1972		
03	File - Newspaper Clippings	1961-1974		
04	File - Newspaper Clippings	1961-1974		
05	File - Newspaper Clippings	1961-1974		
06	File - Newspaper Clippings	1961-1974		
07	File - Newspaper Clippings	1961-1990		
08	File - Newspaper Clippings	1961-1990		
09	File - Newspaper Clippings	1961-1990		

Series F006/C: Correspondence

Date: 1950-1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material consists of correspondence between Francis and various individuals from whom she sought information about Layton for her biography, correspondence to the publisher McClelland and Stewart Limited, correspondence from Jonathan Williams at Jargon Press, correspondence concerning the content and structure of the biography, correspondence between Layton and Francis which includes postcards, and letters between Francis and Anna Pottier.

Physical description: 12.5 cm of textual material.

27 postcards : col. ; 10.5 x 21 cm or smaller

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Letter from Anna Pottier	1987		

02	File - Correspondence	[198-?]
03	File - Correspondence	1967
04	File - Correspondence	1967-1969
05	File - Correspondence	1967-1969
06	File - Correspondence about biography	1965-1970
07	File - Correspondence	1967-1989
08	File - Invitations and Programs	1994-1997
09	File - Correspondence with Wynne Francis	1969-1989
10	File - Layton correspondence	1970-1986
11	File - Correspondence	1957-1984
12	File - Correspondence	1981-1994
13	File - Correspondence	1950-1967
14	File - Correspondence	1967-1969
15	File - Correspondence	1967-1990
16	File - Invitations	1979
17	File - Jargon press and Jonathan Williams	1959-1961

Series F006/D: Manuscripts, Articles, and Drafts

Date: [196-?]-1992 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material consists of chapters and several annotated drafts of Wynne Francis' unfinished biography of Irving Layton, articles by David O'Rourke, Francis' book proposal, translated introduction from the Italian edition of Selected Poems, and a draft of a poem.

Physical description: 24 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - First draft manuscript with notes	[196-?]		
02	File - Manuscript draft with notes	[196-?]		
03	File - First draft of chapter two	[198-?]		
04	File - Manuscript draft	[198-?]		
05	File - Layton biography draft	[198-?]		
06	File - Drafts of Layton manuscripts	[198-?]		
07	File - Second draft of chapter one	[198-?]		
08	File - Draft of chapter two	[198-?]		
09	File - Layton biography manuscript	[198-?]		
10	File - Irving Layton and His Works manuscript	1985		
11	File - Layton biography manuscript	[198-?]		
12	File - Layton biography draft with corrections	[198-?]		
13	File - Copy of final draft	[198-?]		
14	File - First part of chapter six	[198-?]		

15	File - Endnotes final	[198-?]
16	File - Drafts of articles	[198-?]
17	File - Article by David O'Rourke	1979
18	File - Drafts of articles	[198-?]
19	File - Drafts of "Adjusting the Sights: Gnarowski's Binoculars"	1992
20	File - Elegy for Strul drafts	[197-?]
21	File - Book proposal	[197-?]
22	File - Translated intro of Selected Poems	1974
23	File - Essays	1973-1982

Series F006/E: Photographs

Date: [1950?]-[199-?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material consists of photographs of Irving Layton at book signings, at Wynne Francis' home, and of Layton on vacation near the Dead Sea and in France.

Physical description: 11 photographs : 1 contact sheet , b&w and col. ; 20.4 x 25.4 cm or smaller

Access points:

- Graphic material (documentary form)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F006-PH-539	Item - Photograph of Irving Layton Photographed by David McIlvride in St. Catharines, Ontario	1979		
F006-PH-540	Item - Irving Layton at the Dead Sea	1968		
F006-PH-541	Item - Irving Layton in Nice, France	1967		
F006-PH-542	Item - Layton Layton signing a book at "Red Carpet" launch	[1959?]		
F006-PH-543	Item - Photograph of Irving Layton, Toronto, Ontario	[196-?]		
F006-PH-544	Item - Irving Layton poses for sculptured head by Lyman Francis	[1950?]		
F006-PH-781a	Item - Photograph of Irving Layton with Wynne Francis by the water	[199-?]		
F006-PH-781b	Item - Photograph of Irving Layton with Wynne Francis by the water	[199-?]		
F006-PH-781c	Item - Photograph of Irving Layton with Wynne Francis	[199-?]		
F006-PH-781d	Item - Photograph of Irving Layton with tree	[199-?]		
F006-PH-781e	Item - Photograph of Irving Layton and Wynne Francis at her home	1977		

Series F006/F: Poems

Date: [196-]-1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material consists of poems written by Layton to Francis, a portfolio of poems, and several prints of Layton's Reflections on an Old Ontario Cemetery.

Physical description: 3.5 cm of textual records
9 prints : col. and sepia ; 30.2 x 45 cm

Access points:

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

Conservation:

Poem (see ILC-031-12) was taken out of a picture frame for preservation purposes.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Poems by Layton	[196-]		
02	File - Poems by Dorothy Rath	1965		
03	File - Poems	1984		
04	File - Poems	1973-1979		
05	File - Reflections in an Old Ontario Cemetery	[197-]		
06	File - Reflections in an Old Ontario Cemetery	[197-]		
07	File - Reflections in an Old Ontario Cemetery	[197-]		
08	File - Shadows on the Ground: A portfolio by Irving Layton	1981		
09	File - Poem	1965		
10	File - Offprints	1976-[198-]		

Series F006/G: Promotional Material

Date: 1976-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Material consists of a promotional pamphlet for the premiere publication in the The World of Arts Series for Irving Layton's seventieth birthday.

Physical description: 0.5 cm of textual records
1 print : poster, b&w ; 41.7 x 59.9 cm

Access points:

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

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - In honour of Layton	1981		

02	File - Poster 2 x 2	1976		
Series F006/H: Research Material				
<u>Date:</u> 1951–[198-?] (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content:</u>				
Material consists of photocopied correspondence between Irving Layton and various individuals with Francis' research notes attached or written on the copies. Also included are planning diagrams for Francis' research, notes concerning Layton's political views, an annotated transcript of an interview between Irving Layton and Mervin Butovsky, and notes on various chapter drafts.				
<u>Physical description:</u> 30 cm of textual records 2 photographs: b&w ; 11 x 13.6 cm or smaller 1 microfilm : 35 mm.				
<u>Access points:</u>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textual record (documentary form) • Graphic material (documentary form) 				
<u>Arrangement:</u>				
ILC-031-13 was taken from file ILC-028-31.				
<u>Location of originals:</u>				
Original of F006-MF-001 can be found at the Library and Archives Canada, no. 11244.				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
01	File - Notes from Layton-Pacey Correspondence	[196-?]		
02	File - Correspondence from George Walton to Layton with notes from Wynne Francis	1952-1961		
03	File - Research notes	1951-1962		
04	File - Layton-Creeley correspondence with notes	[198-?]		
05	File - Correspondence with Louis Dudek with notes	[198-?]		
06	File - Correspondence with notes	[198-?]		
07	File - Correspondence with notes for Faas book	[198-?]		
08	File - Research notes	[198-?]		
F006-PH-537	Item - Photograph	[198-?]		
09	File - Research notes	[198-]		
10	File - Research notes and planning	[198-?]		
F006-PH-538	Item - Photograph	[198-?]		
11	File - Research for Layton Biography	[198-?]		
12	File - Layton biography research notes	[198-?]		
13	File - Notes on the forties	1953-1970		

14	File - Notes on the fifties	1957
15	File - Notes on Layton's politics	[198-?]
16	File - Notes found in publications	[196-?]-[197-]
17	File - Bibliography notes	[197-?]
18	File - Notes on the thirties	[198-?]
19	File - Notes on the forties and fifties	[198-?]
20	File - Notes for chapter two and three	[198-?]
21	File - Draft and notes	[198-?]
22	File - Notes on Layton's works	[198-?]
23	File - Interview transcripts	1979
24	File - Research notes	[198-?]
25	File - Research notes	[198-?]
26	File - Notes	1970
27	File - Computer study of Layton's diction	1974
F006-MF-001	Item - A Study of the Poetry of Irving Layton Seymour Mayne	1972

Series F006/I: Teaching Material

Date: 1977 – 1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records relating to the Wynne Francis fonds. Material consists of teaching notes, course outlines, and book lists for the Irving Layton course at York University.

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 - Layton teaching materials from York University	1977-1983		