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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Simon Fraser University Special Collections and Rare Books
<b>Title:</b>	Margaret A. Mitchell fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	MsC-250
<b>Date:</b>	1954-[200?] (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	2.3 m of textual records, photographic material and moving images
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Created December 18, 2015. SSRevised January 4, 2018 MH

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Margaret A. Mitchell was born in Ontario and trained as a social worker at McMaster University, the University of Toronto, and UBC. She worked for the International Red Cross in Japan, Korea and Australia. During the 1970s she was employed as a community development worker with the Neighbourhood Services Association and was also active in a number of other organizations, including the Strathcona Property Owners and Tenants Association, Status of Women Action Committee, Adanac Co-operative Association, Britannia Community Services Centre and the Unemployed Citizens' Welfare Improvement Council. From 1979 to 1993 Mitchell was the New Democratic Party MP for Vancouver East. She was the first politician to raise the issue of violence against women in the House of Commons, and the first MP to raise the issue of the Chinese Head Tax, in 1984. Mitchell received an Order of British Columbia in 2000. She published a memoir entitled *No Laughing Matter: Adventure, Activism & Politics* in 2008 (Granville Island Publishers).

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of scrapbooks of Mitchell's travels to Japan and Korea, reports she wrote with the Neighbourhood Services Association as a Community Development worker, speeches mailings, newsletters, issues & case work files, correspondence, records related to her memoir, the Vancity Community Foundation's Margaret Mitchell Fund for Women, photographs of various events, and House of Commons debate transcripts.

## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Restrictions on access

Please note that this fonds is currently unprocessed and restrictions on access may apply. Contact Special Collections staff for more information.

### Related material

Related materials can be found in the Margaret Mitchell fonds at the City of Vancouver Archives.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Status description:** Published

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## Access points

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- Mitchell, Margaret A. (subject)
- Textual records (documentary form)
- Photographic materials (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)
- Government (subject)
- Politics (subject)
- Community life (subject)
- Women (subject)