

NORBERTA O'ROURKE FONDS 1828-2002

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Introduction to the City of Vaughan Archives' Finding Aid

The purpose of the City of Vaughan Archives Finding Aid is to provide access to a given body of records by representing those external and internal components of a fonds and its constituent parts brought to light during the analysis of the fonds' characteristics (i.e. during arrangement). A fonds is defined as the totality of records or papers created and/or accumulated and used by an individual, family, or corporate body throughout their existence. The external structure of a fonds consists of contextual information relating to the record creator (i.e. the person, family or corporate body chiefly responsible for the creation and/or accumulation and use of a fonds), that is to say, information relating to the history, organization, functions and activities of a records creator that give shape to the fonds. The internal structure of the fonds is concerned with the latter's documentary nature, or with the actual records themselves: their arrangement, organization, classification, documentary form, etc. The reason for providing data about the external and internal nature of a fonds is to ensure that records can be seen in the context of their creation and so that they can be associated with the actions which brought them into existence in order for them to act as evidence of said actions.

Fonds may have a number of components. In terms of the concept of agent of creation (i.e. the person, family or corporate body responsible for the creation and/or accumulation and use of the fonds), a fonds may be divided into sous-fonds, which represent subordinate record-creating agencies (departments, bureaus, etc.) under the jurisdiction of the larger administrative body responsible for the creation of the fonds as a whole. For example, the fonds of the Vaughan Township Office of the Clerk-Treasurer, the Treasure Branch and General Administration Branch are the constituent sous-fonds. The actual records constituting a fonds (i.e. internal structure of a fonds) are grouped into bodies of like documents called series, with a series being an aggregate of records deriving unity from some common relationship arising out of the records' creation, receipt and use, and relating to the functions and or activities of the records' creator. Series in turn may be further divided into subseries, or even sub-subseries, these being naturally-defined subdivisions of series formed on the basis of a common feature such as documentary form, subject, arrangement in accordance with a filing system (chronological, alphabetical, subject, etc.), etc.

The format utilized to represent the part-to-whole structure of the fonds described in this Finding Aid is based on the Canadian data content standard Rules for Archival Description (RAD). All formal descriptions (i.e. those descriptions above the file level in the Finding Aid) are compiled in accordance with the guidelines outlined in RAD. Lists of files and items are presented as appendixes in the descriptive inventory, without regard to RAD.

Photocopying of documents in the City of Vaughan fonds is permitted except where documents fall under the personal information and privacy provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. In such instances, the researcher is referred to the City Archivist for specific access procedures.

Part 1: Fonds Level Description

Norberta O'Rourke Fonds (MG 45)

**Date(s) of creation
of record(s)** 1828-2002, predominant 1900-1980

Physical Description

- 1.05 m of textual records
- 28 maps; 40 x 60 cm or smaller
- Ca. 600 photographs: b&w and col.; 20 x 25 cm or smaller
- 1 photo album
- 10 drawings – 2 sketches, pencil – 8 prints
- 11 three-dimensional objects (10 coins, 1 pin)

Biography/History Margaret Norberta O'Rourke (1917-2002) was a life-long resident of Pine Grove. She was a former editor of the Woodbridge and Vaughan News and local historian specializing in the history of Pine Grove and Woodbridge.

Scope and Content Fonds constituted of family histories and genealogical material, histories of schools and churches in Pine Grove and Woodbridge as well as the communities themselves, photographs, photo albums, scrapbooks, architectural drawings of the St. Margaret Mary School, diplomas, report cards, invitations, certificates, awards, programs, maps, correspondence, newspaper ad layouts, newspaper clippings, and commemorative coins from the 1991 inauguration of the City of Vaughan. Also includes County of York uniform promotion examination certificate documenting promotion of Mary O'Rourke of the Pine Grove School and an indenture between Alfred and Harriet Gooderham, grantors, and Michael O'Rourke, grantee. Also contains "1833 it was -- a trading post and granary 1989 it is -- a house of the 20th century", an unpublished essay by Norberta O'Rourke which details the history of the Elliot Trading Post and surrounding area, originally constructed on Lot 11, Concession 8, Vaughan Township in 1833.

Notes Title based on contents of fonds.

For conservation purposes, photographs from scrapbooks and draft of Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township book were removed from original works, scanned into historical images database, and then stored in acid free envelopes. Coloured photocopies were then inserted back into the original works.

Extra records were found during a move which should have been processed with M010.6 so it was processed as a separate accession (M011.9).

Custodial History Accessions M989.45, M992.23 and M994.25 were received from Norberta O'Rourke. M010.6 and M011.9 were received after Norberta O'Rourke's death.

Part 2: Series Level Description

County of York Materials (MG 45 (M989.45/I)

Date(s) of creation of record(s) 1885, 1898

Physical Description • 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content Series consists one certificate documenting the promotion of Mary O'Rourke of the Pine Grove School. There is also an indenture between Alfred and Harriet Gooderham, grantors, and Michael O'Rourke, grantee.

Location Map 43

Notes Title based on content of series

Photoprints of Woodbridge (MG 45 (M992.23)/II)

Date(s) of creation of record(s) 1907-1966

Physical Description • 10 prints: 10 x 15 cm

Scope and Content Series consists of photographs of Canadian Pacific Railway Station, 1966, Kipling Ave, Woodbridge, Woodbridge Station, Woodbridge Ave., n.d., construction of first railway bridge in Woodbridge, in front of Amos Maynard's carriage shop and wagon works. Also includes 5 snapshots taken by Woodbridge and Vaughan News reporter in aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, 14 Oct. 1954 of damage done to various unidentified residential structures, and the Thomson Box and Basket Co. (1919-1954) in Woodbridge.

Notes Title based on content of series

2 prints are duplicates.

Essay on the Elliot Trading Post (MG 45 (M994.25)/III)

Date(s) of creation ca. 1989
of record(s)

Physical Description • Ca. 0.5 cm of textual records

Scope and Content Series consists of an essay. Essay details the history of the Elliot Trading Post and surrounding area, originally constructed on Lot 11, Concession 8, Vaughan Township in 1833. Essay also includes commentary on the historical and architectural significance of the subject structure and general historical information concerning the development of Vaughan Township as a whole during the early to mid-19th century is included. Post office was built by John Ledan, and reputed to have provided brief sanctuary to William Lyon Mackenzie as the latter made his way to the United States in the aftermath of the 1837 debacle. It was owned from 1960 to 1989 by Mr. and Mrs. Ashbee; demolished shortly thereafter.

Notes Title based on content of series

General Records (MG 45 (M010.6)/IV)

Date(s) of creation 1828-2002, predominant 1900-1980
of record(s)

Physical Description

- 35 cm of textual records
- 20 maps; 40 x 60 cm or smaller
- ca. 400 photographs: b&w and col. ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller
- 1 photo album
- 10 drawings. – 2 sketches, pencil. – 8 prints
- 1 box of objects (10 coins, 1 pin)

Scope and Content Series consists of family histories and genealogical material, histories of schools and churches in Pine Grove and Woodbridge as well as the communities themselves, photographs, photo albums, scrapbooks,

architectural drawings of the St. Margaret Mary School, diplomas, report cards, invitations, certificates, awards, programs, maps, correspondence, newspaper ad layouts, newspaper clippings, and commemorative coins from the 1991 inauguration of the City of Vaughan.

Notes Title based on the content of series

Family and Community Histories (MG 45 (M011.9)/V)

Date(s) of creation of record(s) 1828-2002, predominant 1900-1980

Physical Description

- ca. 70 cm of textual records
- ca. 200 photographs : b&w and colour ; 20 x 25 cm or smaller
- 8 maps ; 40 x 60 cm or smaller

Scope and Content Series consists of family histories and genealogical material, histories of schools and churches in Pine Grove and Woodbridge as well as the communities themselves, photographs, invitations, maps, correspondence, newspaper ad layouts, and newspaper clippings.

Notes Title based on the content of series

APPENDIX A: FILE LIST

County of York Materials (MG 45 (M989.45/I)

Map Drawer (43)

1. Indenture between Alfred and Harriet Gooderham, grantors, and Michael O'Rourke, grantee, 1885
2. Certificate of promotion of Mary O'Rourke of Pine Grove School

Photoprints of Woodbridge (MG 45 (M992.23)/II)

Box 1

1. Canadian Pacific Railway Station, 1966, Kipling Ave, Woodbridge, Built 1907, Tank Removed in 1960 When Railroad Converted to Diesel
2. Woodbridge Station, Woodbridge Ave.
3. Construction of first railway bridge in Woodbridge, in front of Amos Maynard's carriage shop and wagon works

4. 1 snapshot taken by Woodbridge and Vaughan News reporter in aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, 14 Oct. 1954 of damage done to various unidentified residential structures
5. 1 snapshot taken by Woodbridge and Vaughan News reporter in aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, 14 Oct. 1954 of damage done to the Thomson Box and Basket Co. (1919-1954) in Woodbridge.
6. 1 snapshot taken by Woodbridge and Vaughan News reporter in aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, 14 Oct. 1954 of damage done to the Thomson Box and Basket Co. (1919-1954) in Woodbridge.
7. 1 snapshot taken by Woodbridge and Vaughan News reporter in aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, 14 Oct. 1954 of damage done to the Thomson Box and Basket Co. (1919-1954) in Woodbridge.
8. 1 snapshot taken by Woodbridge and Vaughan News reporter in aftermath of Hurricane Hazel, 14 Oct. 1954 of damage done to various unidentified residential structures (131 & 141 Clarence St.?)

Essay on the Elliot Trading Post (MG 45 (M994.25)/III)

Box 1

1. 1833 it was a trading post and granary, 1989 it is a house of the 20th century (unpublished essay)

General Records (MG 45 (M010.6)/IV)

Box 1

1. Benemerenti Award Ceremony, 1992
2. Correspondence, 1954-1995
3. Poems
4. Heritage Vaughan Award and Letter, 1994
5. Poems by Jay Orton, 1976
6. Apostolic Blessing, 1960
7. Eulogy by Norberta for Sam Wilson, Editor of Woodbridge News, 1977
8. 30th Anniversary with Woodbridge News, 1981
9. Diploma, 1931
10. Correspondence and Working Drafts of Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township, 1979-1983
11. Conning Tower Issues (Published by Weston School), 1937-1938
12. O'Rourke Family History, 1971
13. Weston School Commencement Program, 1937
14. Canadian Registration Cards for Margaret Elizabeth O'Rourke, 1918-1940
15. O'Rourke Family History
16. Indenture between Michael O'Rourke and Alfred Gooderham, 1885
17. Letter of Reference for Norberta, 1937
18. Report Cards, 1933-1937
19. Family Vacation Photo Album, 1965-1976

20. Scrapbook of Reception for Norberta at Parish, 1978

Box 2

1. Early Maps
2. Woodbridge Maps
3. Vaughan Base Maps
4. Polling Subdivisions Map, 1976
5. Base Street Map, 1978
6. Street Names and Locations, 1980
7. Map Captions
8. Vaughan Map
9. Vaughan Map, 1961
10. Ontario Maps
11. York Map
12. Woodbridge Map, 1967
13. Ontario Map
14. Base Map, 1953
15. GTA Map
16. North York Map, 1969
17. Peel County Map
18. GTA Map
19. Toronto Map, 1960
20. Pine Grove Map
21. Restored Memorial Ruin Knox Presbyterian Church Program, 1975
22. St. Margaret Mary Parish Program, 1982
23. St. Margaret Mary Churches Program, 1991
24. Woodbridge Presbyterian Church Program, 1974
25. Kortright Centre for Conservation Opening Program, 1979
26. Christ Church Woodbridge Program, 1985
27. Black Creek Pioneer Village Programs, 1972-1980
28. Pictorial History of St. Margaret Mary Church
29. Story of St. Paul's Church, Toronto, 1922
30. St. Margaret Mary School, 1960
31. History of St. Margaret Mary Church, Pine Grove
32. St. Margaret Mary Parish
33. St. Margaret Mary's Church History
34. History of St. Margaret Mary Church
35. History of St. John's Parish Weston
36. Mother Church of St. Margaret Mary Parish

37. Pine Grove Chapel Cemetery History
38. St. Michael's Church, Blyth
39. Weston School Book: One Hundred Years a Retrospect, 1957
40. Mackenzie Indian Site
41. Photocopied Newspaper Clippings and Notes, 1880-1977

Box 3

1. Then and Now and In Between, 1890-1970
2. Woodbridge History Article, 1979
3. Woodbridge Walk, 1973
4. Receipt from Levi Elliot, Blacksmith, Woodbridge, 1890
5. In the Days of Yore (Woodbridge History), 1970
6. Vaughan Urban Planning, 1960-1961
7. John Stegmann History
8. Pine Grove Memorial Hall By-law Notice, 1965
9. Closing of Pine Grove Public School Program, 1983
10. Pine Grove Public School Class Photoprint, 1912 or 1913
11. Pine Grove Mill/Hayhoe Mill History, 1980
12. Black Family History
13. The Story of Albion, 1961
14. Humber Trail and Indians, 1967
15. Story of Burlington by Garnet McCabe
16. Elliot Granary and Trading Post, 1987
17. Coining the Term "Horse Power" by John Abell
18. Words and Pictures Record Our Area's History
19. Inaugural Meeting of York Council Program, 1970
20. Brown's Print Shop Article, 1975
21. Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township, 1983
22. Engravings
23. Fathers of Confederation
24. 1833 It Was a Trading Post and Granary . . . 1989 It is a House of the 21st Century, 1989
25. Engravings of Agricultural Works (John Abell) Woodbridge
26. Program for Vaughan's Inaugural Council Meeting, 1991
27. Hayhoe Mills Calendar, 1994

Box 4

1. Draft of Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township, 1982 (1 of 4)
2. Draft of Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township, 1982 (2 of 4)
3. Draft of Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township, 1982 (3 of 4)
4. Draft of Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township, 1982 (4 of 4)

5. Remembrance Day Photos
6. Photos of Opening Boyd Conservation Area, 1957
7. Photos Used for Newspaper Articles, 1964-1980
8. Photos of Roxy Theatre, 1954-1956
9. Photos of Benemerenti Award Given to Noberta O'Rourke, 1992
10. Photos of Norberta at Woodbridge Vaughan News, 1952-1969
11. Black Creek Pioneer Village Photos, 1973-1974

Box 5

1. Photos of People, 1914-1982
2. Photo of Postal Service – General, ca. 1960-1979
3. Photo of Carrville, 1910-1979
4. Photo of Coleraine, 1911-1979
5. Photo of Concord, 1854-1980
6. Photo of Edgeley, ca. 1900
7. Photo of Elder's Mills, 1890-1980
8. Photo of Elgin Mills, 1900-1950
9. Photo of Hope, 1906-1911
10. Photo of Humber, 1840-1945
11. Photo of Jefferson, 1912-1945
12. Photo of Kleinburg, 1908-1982
13. Photo of Langstaff, 1870-1925
14. Photo of Maple, 1852-1980
15. Photo of Nashville, 1881-1979
16. Photo of Patterson, 1865-1888
17. Photo of Pine Grove, 1839-1979
18. Photo of Purpleville, 1885-1931
19. Photo of Richmond Hill, 1900-1970
20. Photo of Richvale, 1931-1970
21. Photo of Sherwood, 1874-1906
22. Photo of Teston, 1855-1970
23. Photo of Thornhill, 1828-1979
24. Photo of Tormore, 1873-1979
25. Photo of Vellore, 1897-1921
26. Photo of Woodbridge, 1879-1982
27. Photo of Yongehurst, 1953-1954
28. Postcards, 1881-1924

Box 6

1. Photos from Then, Now, and In Between by Norberta O'Rourke, 1894-1982

2. Photos from 1833 It was a Granary and Trading Post . . . 1989 It is a House of the 21st Century by Norberta O'Rourke
3. O'Rourke Family Photos, 1937-1991
4. Opening of Dalziel Park Photos, 1954
5. Woodbridge Fair Photos, 1972
6. Woodbridge Photos, 1952
7. O'Rourke House Photos, 1958-1981

Box 7

1. Newspaper Clippings of Woodbridge and Area, 1969-2002
2. Newspaper Clippings of Norberta and Woodbridge and Vaughan News, 1951-1978

Box 8

1. St. Margaret Mary Pine Grove Architectural Drawings
2. Woodbrige and Vaughan News Award, 1981
3. First Holy Communion, 1927
4. Drawing of Weston High School, 1913
5. Certificate of Proficiency in Filing, 1937
6. Layout of 100th Anniversary Ad for Newspaper, 1982
7. High School Diplomas, 1937

Box 9

1. 10 Commemorative Coins for City of Vaughan's Inauguration, 1991
2. 1 Town of Vaughan Pin

Family and Community Histories (MG 45 (M011.9)/V)

Box 1

1. Pine Grove School Photos, 1893-1952
2. Group Photos, 1905-1969
3. Donations by Norberta, 1993-1994
4. Hurricane Hazel, 1954
5. Award Ceremony for Norberta
6. Appreciation / Book Award for Norberta, 1994
7. Post Offices Book Launch, 1983
8. Individuals and Families, 1885-1979
9. Vaughan Scenes, 1894-1980 (1 of 2)

Box 2

1. Vaughan Scenes, 1894-1980 (2 of 2)
2. Dalziel Pioneer Park

3. St. John's Parish, Weston
4. The Parish of Christ Church, Woodbridge
5. Primitive Methodist Church
6. St Margaret Mary's Church
7. St Michaels Church, Blyth
8. Weston Collegiate and Vocational School, 1957
9. Pine Grove Public School, 1983
10. 25th Anniversary Yearbook St Margaret Mary Catholic School, 1985
11. Woodbridge News Turns 25, 1948
12. Research Notes
13. Dickson Hill Markham
14. Pine Grove, 1962-1994
15. Pine Grove Post Office
16. Pine Grove Advertisement and Map
17. Hayhoe Mill
18. Kleinburg
19. Carrville
20. Teston
21. Woodbridge, 1983
22. Vaughan Post Offices
23. Sketches of Weston Landmarks
24. Lacrosse Lineups for 1902-1903

Box 3

1. Topographical Maps, 1936-1938
2. Older Maps – Pine Grove 1954, Vaughanville (pine grove) 1843, 1878 map of Vaughan, Etobicoke 1918, Woodbridge and Pine Grove 1929
3. Railways, 1878
4. Humber Watershed, 1994
5. Hurricane Hazel Articles, 1954
6. Woodbridge Blacksmith Shop Bill, 1890
7. Richard Earnest Willis and Family, 1962
8. Joseph Patrick O'Rourke Sr, 1971
9. Modern Power and Engineering Issue, 1950
10. Photocopied Newspaper Clippings, 1954-1972
11. Rural School Fair Prizes, 1928 or 1929
12. Invitations, 1976-1994
13. Draft In Retrospect
14. Draft Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township, 1982

15. ISBN Application for Publication, 1983
16. Research Notes, 1975-1982 (1 of 3)

Box 4

1. Research Notes, 1975-1982 (2 of 3)
2. Research Notes, 1975-1982 (3 of 3)
3. Photos Used in Post Offices Book (1 of 4)
4. Photos Used in Post Offices Book (2 of 4)
5. Photos Used in Post Offices Book (3 of 4)

Box 5

1. Photos Used in Post Offices Book (4 of 4)
2. Negatives
3. Original Letters

Box 6

1. Newspaper Clippings

Box 7

1. Draft Chatting About the Post Offices of Vaughan Township
2. Indentures and Deeds, 1885