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Fonds Yvette Rousseau

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Summary information

Repository:	Coaticook Historical Society
Title:	Fonds Yvette Rousseau
ID:	F023
Date:	1934 [reproduction]-2004 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Language:	French
Physical description:	* 12 cm of textual records * 51 photographs: b&w and col.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Yvette Boucher was born on 18 February 1917 in Saint-Éleuthère-de-Kamouraska. In 1934, she obtained her teaching certificate and began her career teaching in a one-room schoolhouse. In 1935, she married Benoit Rousseau and stopped teaching to raise the couple's eight children. Following her husband's cerebral thrombosis in 1952, the family moved to Coaticook to pursue better educational and employment opportunities. Mrs. Rousseau worked at Coaticook Penman's Ltd. from 1952 to 1967 as a machine operator and production supervisor. During this time, she also completed courses in politics, sociology, economics, and unions. In 1960, Mrs. Rousseau helped to successfully establish a union at the Penman's factory and served as its president. She also served as a director on a number of union and federation boards. In 1963, she became the first woman to be elected as the vice-president of the Confédération des syndicats nationaux. From 1967 to 1971, Mrs. Rousseau worked as an educational consultant. Meanwhile, she became one of the founding members of Fédération des femmes du Québec, which was heavily involved in the creation of Conseil du statut de la femme du Québec in 1973. Included among her various honours, she was awarded an honorary doctorate from the Université de Moncton in 1977. In 1979, she was appointed as a Liberal member the Senate, an office which she held until her death on 17 March 1988.

Scope and content

Fonds illustrates the professional and political life of Yvette Boucher Rousseau from 1934 to 2004. It consists of photographs, works by Rousseau, press clippings, programmes, and House of Commons, Senate, and National Assembly debates. While the majority of the material highlights Rousseau's career, it includes a few photographs from her childhood and biographical material from after her death in 1988.

The fonds is composed of the following files: Biographies, Publications, Press clippings, Photographs, Parliamentary debates, and Prizes.

Notes

Title notes

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

Immediate source of acquisition

Donor unknown.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status**: Published
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Access points

- Politics (subject)
 - Coaticook (Quebec) (place)
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Collection holdings
