

<b>Title:</b>	Margherita Howe collection		
<b>Creator:</b>	Howe, Margherita		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1972, 1977-1995, n.d.	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 198
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>Series I. Scrapbooks</p> <p>1.1-1.2 Hyde Park, 1980-1983; includes clippings</p> <p>1.3 S Area, 1983; includes clippings</p> <p>1.4-1.8 SCA [Chemical Waste Services Inc.], 1979-1982; includes clippings</p> <p>Series II. Materials unorganized</p> <p>2.1 Clippings, 1972, 1977, 1979-1980, 1982-1988, 1991, 1994-1995, n.d.</p> <p>2.2 Correspondence, 1979-1980, 1982-1988, 1993-1994, n.d.</p> <p>2.3 Financials, 1982</p> <p>2.4 Handbills, n.d.</p> <p>2.5 Media Release, 1980, 1982, 1986-1987, 1993, n.d.</p> <p>2.6 Notes and speeches, 1980, 1983, 1987-1988, n.d.; includes speech by Wayland R. Swain</p> <p>2.7 Operation Clean Niagara history, n.d.</p> <p>2.8 Operation Clean position papers, n.d.</p> <p>2.9 Programs, n.d.</p> <p>2.10 Promotional material, 1980, n.d.; includes brochures and poster</p> <p>2.11 Publications and newsletters, 1980, 1983-1986, 1988-1989, n.d.</p> <p>2.12-2.13 Reports, 1980, 1982-1990, 1992-1994, n.d.</p> <p>2.14 Speeches by Margherita Howe, n.d.</p> <p>Series III. Materials organized and labelled</p> <p>2.15 Articles by David Lees, 1981-1982, 1987; includes Irving Layton</p> <p>2.16 Cartoons, 1980-1981, n.d.; includes clippings</p> <p>2.17 Clippings, 1985-1986, n.d.; includes copy of correspondence</p> <p>2.18 Correspondence, 1984, 1987-1988, 1991-1992, n.d.; includes Ross Hall, Doug Draper, Charles Pryer, Muir/Sudar Report and clippings</p> <p>2.19 Cuts, 1984-1985, n.d.; includes clippings, correspondence, Hansard, position papers and press release on government funding cuts</p> <p>2.20 Doug Draper CV and [article] outline, n.d.</p> <p>2.21 Formation of Operation Clean, 1978-1980, 1982-1984, n.d.; includes clippings, minutes, correspondence, constitution,</p>		

	<p>speeches, lists, notes, sticker, agenda</p> <p>2.21 Health, cancer seminar, 1979-1981, 1986, n.d.; includes clippings, correspondence, speeches, notes, minutes</p> <p>2.22 Health, pregnancy and pollution, 1979-1981, 1983, n.d.; includes correspondence, clippings, lists, questionnaire</p> <p>2.23 Jim Kingham, n.d.; includes clippings</p> <p>2.24 <i>Niagara Cleanews</i>, a publication of Operation Clean Niagara, 1980</p> <p>2.25 Pesticides, 1993, n.d.; includes clippings, brochures, newsletters</p> <p>2.26 Photographs, n.d.; [1 b&amp;w photograph]</p> <p>2.27 Resources used for speeches, 1984, 1986-1990, n.d.; including clippings, organizational history, correspondence, draft reports</p> <p>2.28 Ross Hume Hall, 1987-1988; includes clippings, newsletter</p> <p>2.29 S Area Hydrogeological Evaluation, 1987-1990, n.d.; includes c.v., newsletters, clippings, correspondence, speeches by Jim Bradley, minutes, discussion papers, media release</p> <p>2.30 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, 1980-1982, n.d.; includes clippings, correspondence, notes re: water quality</p>
<b>Physical Description / Condition:</b>	<p>31 cm of textual records</p> <p>1 b&amp;w photograph</p>
<b>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</b>	<p>Fonds consists of correspondence, newsletters, reports, clippings, and position papers created and used by Margherita Howe, an environmental activist and founder of Operation Clean Niagara.</p> <p>Some folders were labeled at the time of the deposit and most headings were retained except when it was obvious that the folder had been reused and the folder heading had no relationship with the contents. The original document box also contained many loose items. Every attempt was made to organize the loose items into logical folders. Published reports and other government publications were removed as they are duplicated in the Library's book collection. A list of these items appears at the end of this inventory.</p> <p>In 1979 Margherita Howe a resident of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. became alarmed with the report that a waste disposal site in Porter, NY, would soon be discharging potentially toxic waste into the Niagara River. Out of this concern for the safe drinking water for her community, Operation Clean Niagara was born. This organization, spearheaded by Howe and others, went on to lobby and raise awareness on both sides of the Niagara River about the effects of toxic waste and its associated chemicals on drinking water in the affected communities. The companies that were involved in the dumping practices were SCA Chemical Waste Services Inc. in Porter, NY and Hooker</p>

	<p>Chemical in their Hyde Park, S Area and Love Canal dumpsites. The activists, with the aid of Pollution Probe, took their fight to the US courts and were successful in changing unsafe toxic waste disposal practices. The outcome was an unprecedented joint effort between governments on both sides of the border to address toxic waste disposal.</p> <p>In 1983 Margherita Howe was awarded the Order of Canada for her herculean efforts. She also earned a United States Congressional Citation and the First Lieutenant Governor's Conservation Award. Margherita Howe passed away in January 2006 at the age of 84.</p>
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives
<b>Source Information:</b>	<p>Fonds was in the possession of Margherita Howe and Gracia Janes until 200? when they were donated to Brock University Archives.</p> <p>Items removed and located elsewhere:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macleans, Jan. 15, 1990 (stacks)</li> <li>• Niagara Falls Water Treatment Plant Drinking water surveillance Program, annual report 1986 (stacks)</li> <li>• Update Report Reduction of toxic chemicals from Ontario point sources discharging to the Niagara River 1988 (stacks)</li> <li>• Working Group Report – final report – environment and taxation 1992 (stacks)</li> <li>• Our environment our health, 1993 (stacks)</li> <li>• Water for life the tour of the great lakes on the Beluga, 1989 (stacks)</li> <li>• Waterways Walkabout by Mike Dickman, Brock University, 1992 (SPCL stacks)</li> <li>• Niagara River Action Plan, August 1987, Update US EPA (stacks)</li> <li>• Options for the remediation of environmental problems in the Niagara River (Ontario) area of concern, Phase II: screening of remedial options, 1992 (stacks)</li> <li>• The Canada-Ontario agreement respecting the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem, 1994 (stacks)</li> <li>• The Niagara River (Ontario) remedial action plan, stage 2 report : the cleanup connection / [prepared jointly by: Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy ; Environment Canada ; Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ; Fisheries and Oceans Canada], 1994 (stacks)</li> <li>• Environmental conditions and problem definitions : Remedial Action Plan, Stage 1 : the Niagara River (Ontario) Area of Concern / prepared jointly by: Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy ; Environment Canada ; Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources ; Fisheries and Oceans Canada, update October 1994 (SPCL stacks)</li> <li>• From Cradle to grave: a management system for chemicals, 1986 (exposure draft) – (stacks)</li> <li>• Canada's perspective on global environment and development,</li> </ul>

	address by the honourable Tom McMillan, United Nations General Assembly 1987		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• America's role in planetary survival: an address by the honourable Tom McMillan... Yale University, 1988</li> <li>• U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region II: proposed rrt remediation plan S-area landfill site, Niagara Falls, NY, May 1990</li> <li>• Guide to implementing household hazardous waste collection programs, 1986 (stacks)</li> <li>• The case against municipal solid waste incineration, Ontario, Ministry of the Environment, 1992 (stacks)</li> </ul>		
<b>Subject Headings:</b>	600 610 650 650  651	Howe, Margherita Austin, Operation Clean Niagara Water Pollution Niagara River (N.Y. and Ont.). Water xPollution xEnvironmental aspects xNiagara River (N.Y. and Ont.) Niagara River (N.Y. and Ont.)xEnvironmental conditions.	d1921-2006.
<b>Added Entries:</b>	710 710	Operation Clean Niagara. Pollution Probe.	
<b>Related material held at other repositories:</b>			
<b>Described by:</b>	Eddie Williams	<b>Date:</b>	January 20, 2010