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Margaret MacLellan was born in Dresden, Ontario. She studied at the University of Toronto and graduated in 1923 with a B.A. in philosophy, history and English. For two years she taught classics and English literature in Ontario Secondary Schools. She entered the federal public service in 1931 as a research assistant for the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and in 1944 transferred to the Department of Labour as a statistician. In 1946 she moved to the Department of Justice where she worked until 1964, first as a research librarian and later as a Combines Investigation Officer. In addition to her successful career in the Canadian public service she was closely associated with many women's organizations.

During approximately twenty years (1950's-1970's) Margaret MacLellan collaborated in the preparation and presentation of briefs and oral submissions to the federal and provincial governments on issues such as divorce, abortion, inheritance and income tax revisions, parole service, rehabilitation of female prisoners and the appointment of women to government boards and commissions and to the Senate.

MacLellan was a founding member of the Canadian Committee on the Status of Women in 1953. In 1959, she was elected to the International Federation of University Women Committee on the Legal and Economic Status of Women. She was the President of the Canadian Federation of University Women from 1961 to 1964 and was the Vice-President of the National Council of Women from 1964 to 1967. She prepared a report in 1968 for the Royal Commission on the Status of Women entitled "The History of Women's Rights in Canada" which was later published in book form.

Because of her interests in the field of criminology and corrections and her particular concern for the rehabilitation of female offenders, MacLellan became a founding member of the Ottawa branch of the Elizabeth Fry Society. From 1955 to 1958 she served as Chairman of the Provincial Council of the Elizabeth Fry Society.

Margaret MacLellan retired from the Department of Justice in 1964. She moved to Toronto in 1970 and became involved in the National Ad Hoc Action Committee on the Status of Women. She died in Toronto on 4 June 1973.

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) printed material, briefs and submissions and clippings. The material  
relates to her career as well as her personal interests, particularly in the  
field of women's issues.

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