

Edith Margaret Fulton Fowke—Biographical Notes

♪ Born in Lumsden, Saskatchewan, 1913.

♪ BA and MA, University of Saskatchewan.

♪ Married Frank Fowke, 1938, and moved to Toronto.

♪ Editor, *The Western Teacher*, 1937-44.

♪ Associate Editor, *Magazine Digest*, 1945-49.

♪ From 1950 to 1970 wrote many scripts for CBC Radio:
Folk Song Time, *Folk Sounds*, *Folklore and Folk Music*,
Canada's Story in Song, *Songs of the Sea*, *A Man and a Maid*, &c.

♪ Began collecting Ontario folk songs in 1957; contributed some tapes to the National Museum and the Library of Congress.

♪ Produced eight records by traditional singers, mostly for Folkways Records in New York.

♪ In 1971 joined the English Department, York University, to teach Folklore:
Associate Professor, 1971-77; Professor, 1977-84; Professor Emeritus, 1984.
As emeritus professor, continued to teach a course on Ballads and Folk Songs.

♪ LLD, Brock University, 1974.

♪ D Litt, Trent University, 1975.

♪ D Litt, York University, 1982.

♪ LLD, University of Regina, 1986.

♪ Fellow of the American Folklore Society, 1974.

♪ Member of the Order of Canada, 1978.

♪ Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, 1983.

♪ Honorary Life Membership, Canadian Folk Music Society, 1984.

♪ President, Folklore Studies Association of Canada, 1985-86.

♪ Winner of Vicky Metcalf award of \$2,000 for a body of work for children, 1986.

♪ Honorary President, Canadian Society for Traditional Music, 1994

♪ Editor, *Canadian Folk Music Journal*, 1973-96.



*Frank Fowke and Beverlie Robertson
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