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Margaret Laurence collection

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Summary information

Repository: York University Archives & Special Collections (CTASC)

Title: Margaret Laurence collection

ID: F0350

Date: 1945-1985, 1999 (date of creation)

Language: English

Physical description: 0.14 m of textual records
1 audio cassette
1 audio disc (9 min., 55 sec.) : vinyl
10 photographs : col. slides ; 35 mm
11 photograph : b&w and col. ; 15 x 10 cm or smaller

Scope and content

Collection was assembled from disparate sources by the York University Archives.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

Access to the collection is open. Researchers must sign the Access and Use Agreement form before access is granted.

Accruals

Collection consists of the following accessions: 1989-046, 1990-012, 1990-025, 1992-015, 1999-022, 1999-055, 2000-065, 2000-066, 2001-047, 2004-040, 2007-018, 2013-008, 2013-021. Further accruals may be expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Sound recording (documentary form)
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Collection holdings

File: 1989-046/001(01) - Correspondence to Gabrielle Roy

Title: Correspondence to Gabrielle Roy

ID: 1989-046/001(01)

Date: Reproduced [ca. 1989], originally created 1976-1983 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of reproductions of 18 letters written to Gabrielle Roy by Margaret Laurence. Included is a paper entitled "Listen just listen".

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Location of originals:

Letters were copied from the Gabrielle Roy fonds at Libraries and Archives Canada.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 1990-012/001(01) - Correspondence to Anna Jakabfi

Title: Correspondence to Anna Jakabfi

ID: 1990-012/001(01)

Date: 1983-1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of two letters written to Anna Jakobfi by Margaret Laurence.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated to the archives by Anna Jakobfi on 11 Apr. 1990.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 1990-025/001(01) - Correspondence to Marjory Whitelaw

Title: Correspondence to Marjory Whitelaw

ID: 1990-025/001(01)

Date: [1966?]-1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of letters written to Marjory Whitelaw by Margaret Laurence.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Letters were donated to the Archives by Marjory Whitelaw on 22 Nov. 1990.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 1990-025/001(02) - Correspondence to Marjory Whitelaw

Title: Correspondence to Marjory Whitelaw

ID: 1990-025/001(02)

Date: 1974-1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of letters written to Marjory Whitelaw by Margaret Laurence.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Letters were donated to the Archives by Marjory Whitelaw on 22 Nov. 1990.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 1992-015/001(01) - Correspondence between Hart Bowsfield and Margaret Laurence

Title: Correspondence between Hart Bowsfield and Margaret Laurence

ID: 1992-015/001(01)

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of letters exchanged between Hart Bowsfield, Anne Henderson and Margaret Laurence. Correspondence was initiated by a question Laurence asked about the language of the Selkirk settlers when they arrived at the Red River.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated to the archives by Hart Bowsfield on 24 Oct. 1985.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 1994-041/001(01) - Correspondence to Frances Kaye

Title: Correspondence to Frances Kaye

ID: 1994-041/001(01)

Date: Reproduced [1994?], originally created 1980-1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of photocopies of 17 letters written by Margaret Laurence to Frances Kaye between 1980 and 1986. Correspondence pertains to their friendship and activities, including their writings and reaction to some of Laurence's literature.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated to the archives by Frances Kaye on 3 June 1994.

Related material:

The Correspondence series in the Margaret Laurence fonds contains carbon copies of eight of the letters and an earlier letter to Fran Kaye.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: 1999-022/001(01) - The Globe and Mail weekend magazine containing Laurence article "The greatest gift of all"

Title: The Globe and Mail weekend magazine containing Laurence article "The greatest gift of all"

ID: 1999-022/001(01)

Date: 21 Dec. 1974 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: 1999-055/001(01) - "North Main Car", article re: Margaret Laurence by Margaret A. Wigmore appearing in Prairie Fire, Summer 1999

Title: "North Main Car", article re: Margaret Laurence by Margaret A. Wigmore appearing in Prairie Fire, Summer 1999

ID: 1999-055/001(01)

Date: 1999 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2000-065/001(01) - Six typewritten letters from Margaret Laurence to Goosh and Sheila Andrzejewski

Title: Six typewritten letters from Margaret Laurence to Goosh and Sheila Andrzejewski

ID: 2000-065/001(01)

Date: 1951-1971 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Purchased from the Margaret Laurence Home Committee in Mar. 2000.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2000-066/001(01) - Four typewritten letters from Margaret Laurence to Nadine Asante

Title: Four typewritten letters from Margaret Laurence to Nadine Asante

ID: 2000-066/001(01)

Date: 1965-1966 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated by Leanne Asante in Nov. 2000.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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Item: 2001-047/001(01) - One typewritten letter from Margaret Laurence to Ursula Ruskowski

Title: One typewritten letter from Margaret Laurence to Ursula Ruskowski

ID: 2001-047/001(01)

Date: 1980 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated by Ursula Ruskowski in 2001.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2004-040/001(01) - Correspondence to Helen Warkentin

Title: Correspondence to Helen Warkentin

ID: 2004-040/001(01)

Date: 1945-1946, 1967, predominant 1945 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of eight letters received by Helen Stanley (nee Warkentin) from Margaret Laurence (nee Peggy Wemyss) during the summer of 1945 after they had shared a room in residence at United College in Winnipeg. Also included is a letter from another student, Mary Turnbull, in 1946, a letter from Laurence written in 1967, and 10 photographs depicting Helen Stanley and Margaret Laurence with other Sparling Hall residents at United College.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records
10 photographs : b&w ; 8.7 x 14.7 or smaller

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated by Helen Stanley in 2004.

Alternative form available:

Photographs have been digitized.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
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Item: 2006-022/001(01) - Six darn cows / read by Margaret Laurence ; accompanied by Bob Bossin

Title: Six darn cows / read by Margaret Laurence ; accompanied by Bob Bossin

ID: 2006-022/001(01)

Date: 1979 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 audio disc (9 min., 55 sec.) : vinyl

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)
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File: 2007-018/001(01) - Heart of a stranger

Title: Heart of a stranger

ID: 2007-018/001(01)

Date: [1976?] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of galley proofs for a novel with the working title "The very best of intentions" and a two-page summary of Laurence's biography, a list of awards, and a list of publications.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Purchased from David Mason Books in 2007.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2013-008/001(01) - Mary Matthews' correspondence from Margaret Laurence

Title: Mary Matthews' correspondence from Margaret Laurence

ID: 2013-008/001(01)

Date: [ca. 1963-1965] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of one personal letter and three Christmas cards from Margaret Laurence to Mary Matthews.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated by Mary Matthews in 2013.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
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File: 2013-021/001(01) - Helena Hughes interviews Margaret Laurence

Title: Helena Hughes interviews Margaret Laurence

ID: 2013-021/001(01)

Date: 1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File consists of an audio recording of Hughes interviewing Laurence on 18 June 1985, photographs taken during this visit, a form letter to Hughes signed and annotated by Laurence, and a newspaper clipping about Laurence.

Physical description: 1 folder of textual records

1 audio cassette

10 photographs : col. slides ; 35 mm

1 photograph : col. ; 15 x 10 cm

Language of the material:

English

Immediate source of acquisition:

Donated by Helena Hughes in 2013.

Publication status:

Published

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
 - Graphic material (documentary form)
 - Sound recording (documentary form)
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