

Carolyn Gossage fonds

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Fonds Description

Carolyn Gossage fonds. - 1969-2006.

6.5 cm of textual records.

Biographical Sketch

Carolyn Gossage was born and educated in Toronto. After studying Modern Languages (French and German) at the University of Toronto, she spent a year at La Sorbonne in Paris. This was followed by seven years on the teaching staff of the Institute of Child Study (U of T) and subsequently at the National Ballet School. In 1977, her first book *A Question of Privilege: Canada's Independent Schools* was published and in 1979, at Jane Rule's suggestion, she became a member of the newly-formed Writers' Union of Canada. She has since written a number of works of non-fiction including *Greatcoats & Glamour Boots: Canadian Women in Uniform 1939-45* and *Double Duty* which incorporated the wartime sketches and diaries of Molly Lamb Bobak - Canada's first official woman war artist. Her lifelong interest in art eventually led her to become involved in an entirely different direction - the little-known field of Ethiopian Art. In 2000 in collaboration with Professor Stanislaw Chojnacki, a major work, *Ethiopian Icons*, was published and edited in Milan. Gossage and Jane Rule began their extensive (and occasionally sporadic) correspondence over 30 years ago.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists primarily of 77 incoming letters from Jane Rule to Carolyn Gossage (1969-2002). It also includes a couple of incoming letters from Mary Meigs and Helen Sonthoff as well as miscellaneous published review articles of Rule's work.

Notes

File list available.

The bulk of the material was donated to the University Archives by Carolyn Gossage in 2006. The letters in file 1-5a were donated in 2010.

Series Descriptions

Correspondence Series. - 1969-2006.

6.5 cm. of textual records.

Series consists of 79 incoming letters from Jane Rule (1969-2006), as well as a few letters from Mary Meigs (1990-1995) and Helen Sonthoff (undated).

File list provides links to digitized copies of the letters.

Miscellaneous Review Article Series. - 1970s.

1 folder.

Series of miscellaneous reviews and articles about Jane Rule from newspapers in the 1970s.

File List

Box 1

CORRESPONDENCE SERIES

Incoming correspondence from Jane Rule to Carolyn Gossage

- 1-1 **June 13, 1969** 2 pp.
 July 16, 1969 3 pp.
 August 10, 1969 2 pp.
 September 5, 1969 2 pp.
 September 19, 1969 2 pp.
 October 15, 1969 3 pp.
 November 13, 1969 3 pp.
 December 7, 1969 2 pp.
 December 17, 1969 2 pp.
- 1-2 **January 27, 1970** 2 pp.
 February 7, 1970 5 pp.
 March 4, 1970 2 pp.
 March 26, 1970 4 pp.
 April 12, 1970 4 pp.
 April 23, 1970 2 pp.
 May 6, 1970 2 pp.
 May 21, 1970 2 pp.
 July 4, 1970 2 pp.
 August 31, 1970 2 pp.
 October 1, 1970 2 pp.
 October 20, 1970 2 pp.
 November 16, 1970 1 pp.
 December 6, 1970 2 pp.
 December 30, 1970 1 pp.
- 1-3 **January 8, 1971** 2 pp.
 January 27, 1971 2 pp.
 February 12, 1971 2 pp.
 March 4, 1971 2 pp.
 March 16, 1971 2 pp.
 April 21, 1971 2 pp.

- May 1, 1971 2 pp.
May 21, 1971 1 pp [and photograph]
June 21, 1971 2 pp.
September 10, 1971 2 pp.
October 10, 1971 2 pp.
November 17, 1971 2 pp.
December 1971 1 pp.
- 1-4 February 3, 1973 2 pp.
June 27, 1973 1 pp.
August 20, 1973 1 pp.
May 2, 1974 2 pp.
January 31, 1975 2 pp.
June 6, 1975 2 pp.
December 1975 [Christmas card] 1 pp.
June 4, 1976 3 pp.
April 2, 1977 2 pp.
May 16, 1977 2 pp.
August 25, 1977 1 pp.
December 1, 1977 3 pp.
April 3, 1978 2 pp.
June 30, 1978 1 pp.
August 20, 1978 1 pp.
September 14, 1978 2 pp.
October 17, 1979 2 pp.
December 16, 1979 1 pp.
- 1-5 November 26, 1980 2 pp.
March 30, 1982 2 pp.
May 18, 1982 2 pp.
January 31, 1983 2 pp.
May 4, 1983 2 pp.
August 21, 1990 2 pp.
March 16, 1991 2 pp.
June 1, 1991 2 pp.
April 29, 1993 1 pp.
October 12, 1993 2 pp.
December 1995 [Christmas card] 1 pp.
December 1996 [Christmas card] 2 pp.
April 29, 1997 2 pp.

- [July 2, 2000](#) 2 pp.
[June 20, 2001](#) 1 pp.
[February 4, 2002](#) 1 pp.
- 1-5a [February 19, 2006](#) 2 pp.
 [\[December 2006\]](#) [\[Christmas card\]](#) 1 pp.
- 1-6 6 undated cards and letters
 [1](#) | [2](#) | [3](#) | [4](#) | [5](#) | [6](#)
- 1-7 Incoming correspondence from Mary Meigs (1990-1995) - 4 letters/cards
- 1-8 Incoming correspondence from Helen Sonthoff (n.d.) - 2 letters/cards

MISCELLANEOUS REVIEW ARTICLE SERIES

- 1-9 Copies of miscellaneous reviews and articles about Jane Rule (1970s)