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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Barry Broadfoot fonds
ID:	MSS 102, PC 104
Date:	1973-1989 (date of creation)
Physical description:	2.63 m of textual records. -- 57 photographs.
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Barry Samuel Broadfoot was born in Winnipeg in 1926. He graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1949 with a B.A. As an undergraduate he was editor of the student newspaper *The Manitoban*. He had a long career in journalism. Broadfoot worked for the *Vancouver News Herald*, *The Edmonton Bulletin*, the *United Press*, and finally for *The Vancouver Sun* (1955-1972). In 1972 he turned his creative energies into publishing books on Canadian history, which were based upon his extensive oral history interviews with ordinary Canadians across Canada. These included the best-selling works *Ten Lost Years* (living memories of those who survived the Great Depression), *Next Year Country* (an overview of life on the Prairies up to 1987), *The Immigrant Years* (stories of immigrants from Britain and Europe who came to Canada after the Second World War) and several others.

Scope and content

The Broadfoot collection is organized primarily according to his nine published histories: *Ten Lost Years* (1973); *Six War Years* (1974); *The Pioneer Years* (1976); *Years of Sorrow, Years of Shame* (1977); *My Own Years* (1983); *The Veterans' Years* (1985); *The Immigrant Years* (1986); *Next-Year Country* (1988) and *Ordinary Russians* (1989). Contained within these collections are contracts, manuscripts (edited and unedited), rejected stories and photographs relating to the books that were finally produced. Signed copies of the books are provided for all but *Six War Years*. Newspaper and magazine reviews have been included for most of the books. There are also two unpublished manuscripts and a number of essays on such topics as the writing of oral history and the publishing industry in Canada. Broadfoot carefully organized his papers and included descriptions and explanations of most of his papers.

An important aspect of the collection is the correspondence that Broadfoot received when he solicited the assistance of Canadians in the writing of two of his books: *The Veterans' Years* (1985) and *The Immigrant Years* (1986). The files of correspondence (seven for *The Veterans' Years* and three for *The Immigrant Years*) include, respectively, stories from men and women detailing their personal experiences in the Second World War and their return to Canada; and stories of families and individuals who immigrated to Canada in the post-war era and their adjustment to Canadian life.

A conspicuous absence in Broadfoot's collection is his taped interviews. Broadfoot did not save his tapes and, thus, the actual reminiscences are not available to the researcher. As well, Broadfoot corresponded for twelve years with Canadian author, Margaret Laurence. According to Broadfoot, Laurence kept all of his letters. However, Broadfoot destroyed all of Laurence's letters to him.

Notes

Title notes

Immediate source of acquisition

Barry Broadfoot donated his papers to the University of Manitoba in June of 1991. The Memorandum of Agreement was signed on December 31, 1991. In March, 1992, Broadfoot's papers were certified as Cultural Property--a "Gift to Canada"--by the Canadian Cultural Property Export Review Board.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into 12 series.

Conditions governing use

There are no restrictions on access to the Collection; however, copyright provisions to unpublished materials may apply. Researchers must confer with the University Archivist before publishing anything other than fair use excerpts. Users must abide by the laws of copyright as amended by Parliament from time to time.

Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

Related material

Separated from the manuscript collection are 56 photographs (PC 104). Most of these were used to illustrate three of Broadfoot's books (*Ten Lost Years*, *Six War Years* and *The Prairie Years*).

Accruals

No further accruals to this fonds are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Series descriptions**Ten Lost Years n.d.**

Physical description: (27 folders)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Ten Lost Years, signed copy			1 1
	Otherlevel - "How it All Began"			1 2
	Otherlevel - Contract			1 3
	Otherlevel - Royalty Cheque			1 4

Edited, Original Manuscript:**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Preface-Chapter			1 5
	Otherlevel - Chapters 3-5			1 6
	Otherlevel - Chapters 6-8			1 7
	Otherlevel - Chapters 9-11			1 8
	Otherlevel - Chapters 12-14			1 9
	Otherlevel - Chapters 15-17			1 10
	Otherlevel - Chapters 18-20			1 11
	Otherlevel - Chapters 21-23			1 12
	Otherlevel - Chapters 24-26			1 13
	Otherlevel - Chapters 27-29			2 1
	Otherlevel - Chapters 30-32			2 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 33-35			2 3
	Otherlevel - Chapter/Sub-Head Listings; Prefaces for each Chapter			2 4
	Otherlevel - Conclusion			2 5
	Otherlevel - Publisher's Note			2 6
	Otherlevel - Explanation re: Galley Proofs			2 7
	Otherlevel - Brochure - First Promotional Speech			2 8
	Otherlevel - Reviews			2 9
	Otherlevel - Reviews			2 10
	Otherlevel - Publicity/Reviews for the Play, "Ten Lost Years"			2 11
	Otherlevel - #1 Best-Seller			2 12
	Otherlevel - Fan Letters			2 13

	Otherlevel - "The Spirit of the Thirties" (excerpts from book)			2 14
Six War Years n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (31 folders)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Contract			2 15
Duplicate Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			2 16
	Otherlevel - Part 2			2 17
	Otherlevel - Part 3			3 1
	Otherlevel - Part 4			3 2
	Otherlevel - Part 5			3 3
	Otherlevel - Part 6			3 4
	Otherlevel - Part 7			3 5
	Otherlevel - Part 8			3 6
	Otherlevel - Part 9			4 1
Edited, Original Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Chapters 1-3			4 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 4-6			4 3
	Otherlevel - Chapters 7-9			4 4
	Otherlevel - Chapters 10-12			4 5
	Otherlevel - Chapters 13-15			4 6
	Otherlevel - Chapters 16-18			4 7
	Otherlevel - Chapters 19-21			4 8
	Otherlevel - Chapters 22-24			4 9
	Otherlevel - Chapters 25-27			4 10
	Otherlevel - Chapters 28-30			4 11
	Otherlevel - Chapters 31-33			4 12
	Otherlevel - Chapters 34-35			4 13
	Otherlevel - Chapters 36-37			5 1
Stories Discarded from Edited Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Chapters 1-12			5 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 13-25			5 3
	Otherlevel - Chapters 26-37			5 4

	Otherlevel - Photograph Captions	5 5
	Otherlevel - Editor's Working Notes	5 6
	Otherlevel - Reviews	5 7
	Otherlevel - Reviews	5 8
	Otherlevel - Condensed Version - Reader's Digest November 1975	5 9

The Prairie Years n.d.Physical description: (28 folders)**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - The Prairie Years, signed copy			5 10
	Otherlevel - Contract			5 11
	Otherlevel - Work-Words Log			5 12

Duplicate Manuscript:**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			6 1
	Otherlevel - Part 2			6 2
	Otherlevel - Part 3			6 3
	Otherlevel - Part 4			6 4
	Otherlevel - Part 5			6 5

Edited, Final Manuscript:**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Preface - Chapter 2			6 6
	Otherlevel - Chapters 3-5			6 7
	Otherlevel - Chapters 6-8			7 1
	Otherlevel - Chapters 9-11			7 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 12-14			7 3
	Otherlevel - Chapters 15-17			7 4
	Otherlevel - Chapters 18-19			7 5
	Otherlevel - Stories Discarded by Editor, A-L			7 6
	Otherlevel - Stories Discarded by Editor, M-Z			7 7

Rejected Stories:**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - A-D			7 8
	Otherlevel - E-H			7 9

	Otherlevel - I-N	7 10
	Otherlevel - O-R	7 11
	Otherlevel - S-Y	8 1
	Otherlevel - Photograph Captions	8 2
	Otherlevel - Editor's Log Book	8 3
	Otherlevel - Reviews	8 4-6
	Otherlevel - Condensed Version - Reader's Digest, November 1976	8 7

Years of Sorrow, Years of Shame n.d.

Physical description: (27 folders)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Years of Sorrow, Years of Shame - signed copy			8 8
	Otherlevel - Contract			8 9

Duplicate Manuscript:**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			8 10
	Otherlevel - Part 2			8 11
	Otherlevel - Part 3			8 12
	Otherlevel - Part 4			8 13
	Otherlevel - Part 5			8 14

Discarded Stories:**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - A-G			9 5
	Otherlevel - H-P			9 6
	Otherlevel - R-W			10 1
	Otherlevel - Editor's Discards			10 2
	Otherlevel - Prefaces/Bridges to Chapters			10 3
	Otherlevel - Reviews			10 4-5

My Own Years n.d.

Physical description: (12 folders)

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - My Own Years - signed copy			10 6
	Otherlevel - Explanation and Preface			10 7
	Otherlevel - Financial Pitfalls			10 8

	Otherlevel - Correspondence Re: Cover Design			10 9
Duplicate Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			10 10
	Otherlevel - Part 2			10 11
	Otherlevel - Part 3			11 1
Edited, Final Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Chapters 1-2			11 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 3-4			11 3
	Otherlevel - Chapters 5-6			11 4
	Otherlevel - Chapters 7-8			11 5
	Otherlevel - Chapters 9-11			11 6
	Otherlevel - Reviews, Interviews			11 7
The Veteren's Years 1983-1984 and n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (16 folders)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - The Veterans' Years - signed copy			11 8
	Otherlevel - Contract			11 9
Letters Received:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - A-C 1983-84			12 1
	Otherlevel - D-G 1983-84			12 2
	Otherlevel - H-K 1983-84			12 3
	Otherlevel - L-M 1983-84			12 4
	Otherlevel - N-R 1983-84			12 5
	Otherlevel - S-T 1983-84			12 6
	Otherlevel - U-Z 1983-84			12 7
	Otherlevel - Letters Sent, A-K 1983-84			12 8
	Otherlevel - Letters Sent, L-Z 1983-84			13 1
Duplicate Manuscript:				

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			13 2
	Otherlevel - Part 2			13 3
	Otherlevel - Part 3			13 4
	Otherlevel - Part 4			13 5
	Otherlevel - Part 5			13 6
	Otherlevel - Part 6			14 1
Edited Final Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Preface - Chapter 1			14 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 2-3			14 3
	Otherlevel - Chapters 4-5			14 4
	Otherlevel - Chapters 6-7			14 5
	Otherlevel - Reviews			14 6
The Immigrant Years 1985 and n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (19 folders)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - The Immigrant Years - signed copy			14 7
	Otherlevel - Contract			14 8
Letters Received:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - A-H 1985			15 1
	Otherlevel - I-P 1985			15 2
	Otherlevel - Q-Z 1985			15 3
	Otherlevel - Letters Sent, 1985			15 4
	Otherlevel - Copy Log			15 5
	Otherlevel - Expense Account			15 6
Duplicate Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			15 7
	Otherlevel - Part 2			15 8
	Otherlevel - Part 3			15 9
	Otherlevel - Part 4			15 10
	Otherlevel - Part 5			16 1

	Otherlevel - Part 6			16 2
Stories Not Included:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - A-D			16 3
	Otherlevel - E-J			16 4
	Otherlevel - K-P			16 5
	Otherlevel - Q-Z			16 6
	Otherlevel - Reviews			16 7
Next-Year Country n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (17 folders)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Next-Year Country - signed copy			17 1
	Otherlevel - Contract			17 2
	Otherlevel - Log Book			17 3
	Otherlevel - Preface and Legal Work			17 4
Duplicate Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			17 5
	Otherlevel - Part 2			17 6
	Otherlevel - Part 3			17 7
	Otherlevel - Part 4			17 8
Edited, Final Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Chapters 1-2			17 9
	Otherlevel - Chapters 3-4			18 1
	Otherlevel - Chapters 5-6			18 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 7-9			18 3
	Otherlevel - Chapters 10-11			18 4
	Otherlevel - Chapters 12-13			18 5
	Otherlevel - Chapters 14-15			18 6
	Otherlevel - Chapters 16-17			18 7
	Otherlevel - Reviews			18 8
Ordinary Russians n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (23 folders)				

File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Ordinary Russians - signed copy			19 1
	Otherlevel - Author's Log			19 2
	Otherlevel - Invitation, Reflections on Russia			19 3
	Otherlevel - Legal Work and Preface			19 4
	Otherlevel - Journals			19 5
Duplicate Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Part 1			19 6
	Otherlevel - Part 2			19 7
	Otherlevel - Part 3			19 8
	Otherlevel - Part 4			19 9
Edited Manuscript:				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Chapters 1-2			19 10
	Otherlevel - Chapters 3-4			20 1
	Otherlevel - Chapters 5-6			20 2
	Otherlevel - Chapters 7-8			20 3
	Otherlevel - Chapters 9-10			20 4
	Otherlevel - Edited Stories, Not Used A-L			20 5
	Otherlevel - Edited Stories, Not Used M-Z			20 6
	Otherlevel - Rejected Stories A-L			20 7
	Otherlevel - Rejected Stories M-Z			20 8
	Otherlevel - Long Stories, Not Included A-L			20 9
	Otherlevel - Long Stories, Not Included M-Z			20 10
	Otherlevel - "Cut-Outs"			20 11
	Otherlevel - Promotional Tour - Itinerary			20 12
	Otherlevel - Reviews			20 13
Unpublished Works n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (7 folders)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container

	Otherlevel - "The Privilege of a Fool" Chapters 1-11			21 1
	Otherlevel - "The Privilege of a Fool" Chapters 12-24			21 2
"Broadfoot's Canada":				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Contract			21 3
	Otherlevel - Manuscript, Part 1			21 4
	Otherlevel - Manuscript, Part 2			21 5
	Otherlevel - Manuscript, Part 3			21 6
	Otherlevel - Manuscript, Part 4			21 7
Miscellany 1975 and n.d.				
<u>Physical description:</u> (5 folders)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Articles/Interviews on Broadfoot			21 8
	Otherlevel - Essays on Oral History/ Writing			21 9
	Otherlevel - Essays on Publishing Industry, Canada Council			21 10
	Otherlevel - Income Tax Return, 1975			21 11
	Otherlevel - Promotional Tours			21 12
Photograph Collection (PC 104) [19-?]				
<u>Physical description:</u> (56 photographs)				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Ten Lost Years			1 1
	Otherlevel - Six War Years			1 2
	Otherlevel - The Pioneer Years			1 3
	Otherlevel - Years of Sorrow, Years of Shame - interviews			1 4
	Otherlevel - My Own Years - cover design			1 5
	Otherlevel - Personal photographs			1 6