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Eileen Sykes fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
Title:	Eileen Sykes fonds
ID:	MSS 107
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Date:	1907-1992 (date of creation)
Physical description:	0.52 m of textual records, 6 audio cassettes, and 1 Ouija board.
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Finding aid created by Jeff Long (1995). Encoded by Julianna Trivers (November 2002). Revision History: July 26, 2005 - MSS 107, TC 71 converted from EAD 1.0 to 2002 by v1to02.xsl (sy2003-10-15). Revised by N. Courier (September 2019).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Eileen Sykes was a Manitoba writer. She also worked for Dr. T. Glendenning Hamilton and participated in his experiments on parapsychology. Sykes was raised on a farm in La Vallee, Ontario, but spent most of her adult life in Winnipeg. Her farm childhood is credited as the source of her fantasies of forest animals and the world of nature. Her imagination, when coupled with her literary abilities, led her to publish several short books of children's literature including *The Gay Garland* (1954) and *Fanella and the Forest Folk* (1978). She also wrote short stories and poetry and was a member of the Manitoba Writers Guild and the Canadian Authors Association.

In 2000, the Eileen McTavish Sykes award for Best First Book by a Manitoba Writer was established by the Manitoba Writers Guild. Eileen Sykes passed away in 2002.

Custodial history

Donated by Mrs. Sykes between 1984 and 1991. Material was also donated in 2002 and 2013.

Scope and content

The first accession consists of literary manuscripts to her books, poems, tape recordings of her interviews, and some scattered correspondence. As a participant in Dr. T. Glendenning Hamilton's experiments on parapsychology, Syke's few notes on those studies are included here. The fonds also includes an Ouija board.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

The first accession is organized into 6 series:

- Personal
- Children's Books
- Other Literary Works
- Correspondence
- Other
- Tape Collection (TC 71)

Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use

Users must abide by relevant copyright legislation.

Finding aids

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Partial
- **Status description:** Draft

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Object (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
Accession MSS 107-MSS 107 71 1984-018 1984-038 1986-038 1986-054 1991-029 1992-073 1993-090: Eileen Sykes fonds				
<p><u>Creator:</u> Sykes, Eileen</p> <p><u>Date:</u> 1907-1992 (date of creation)</p> <p><u>Scope and content:</u></p> <p>The collection consists of literary manuscripts of her books and poems; tape recordings of her interviews; and some scattered correspondence. As a participant in Dr. T. Glendenning Hamilton's experiments on parapsychology, Sykes' few notes on those studies are included here.</p> <p><u>Physical description:</u> 0.26 m of textual records, 6 audio cassette tapes</p> <p><u>Access points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Textual record (documentary form) <p><u>Arrangement:</u></p> <p>This collection is organized into 6 series</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Children's Books Other Literary Works Correspondence Other Tape Collection (TC 71) <p><u>Restrictions on access:</u></p> <p>There are no restrictions on access.</p> <p><u>Conditions governing use:</u></p> <p>Researchers must abide by current copyright legislation.</p>				

Finding aids:

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Publication status:

published

File / item list**Personal**

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

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

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Personal resume, volunteer award; bazaar invitation.	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Photograph of Eileen Sykes	[19--]		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0002

Children's Books

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Resume of children's book; business card re: Sykes' books, list entitled books by Manitoba Authors Catalogue of Library Books, (Dept. of Education Library).	1959-1960		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0003

	File - Two autographed copies of The Gay Garland	1954	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - "How the Book The Gay Garland was Written"	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0005
	File - "How the Book The Gay Garland was Written"	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0006
	File - How Fanella Book I and Fanella Book II became Published. Fanella and the Forest Folk, Book I	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0007
	File - Chapter I	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0008
	File - Chapter II	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0009
	File - Chapter III	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0010
	File - Chapter IV	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0011
	File - Chapter V	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0012
	File - Chapter V	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0013
	File - Fanella and the Forest Folk, Book II	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0014
	File - Chapter I	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0015
	File - Chapter II	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0016
	File - Chapter III	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0017
	File - Chapter IV	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0018
	File - Chapter V	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0019
	File - Chapter V	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0020
	File - Typewritten draft	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0021

	File - Final Typewritten draft	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0022
	File - Penultimate draft from publisher	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0023
	File - Galley Proof	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0024
	File - Publisher's last shiny proof, Fanella and the Forest Folk, Book III	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0025
	File - Chapter I	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0026
	File - Chapter II	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0027
	File - Chapter III	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0028
	File - Chapter IV	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0029
	File - Chapter V	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0030
	File - Chapter VI	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - Chapter VII	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - Chapter VIII	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0003
	File - Chapter IX	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - Draft of Book III, chapters 1-7	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0005
	File - Book III, miscellaneous.	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0006
	File - Illustrations by Andrew Valko for Fanella and the Forest Folk, #33, #36 and no #.	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0007

Other Literary Works

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

<u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - "The Uninvited Christmas Guest"	1979 and 1992		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0008
	File - "Autumn Leaves" - Vol. VI	1979-1980		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0009
	File - "Autumn Leaves" - Vol. VII	1981-1982		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0010
	File - "Autumn Leaves" - Vol. XII	1991-1992		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0011
	File - "Musings" by the Silver Plumes	1984		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0012
	File - Riverview Reflector	1992		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0013
	File - Brooklands School Poetry & Story Writers	1990-1991		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0014
	File - "Flight to Jupiter"	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0015
	File - "Scraps" and "Reminiscing - Bits & Pieces"	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0016
Correspondence <u>Date:</u> n.d. (date of creation) <u>Access points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textual record (documentary form) <u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Correspondence	1955-1961		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0017

	File - Correspondence	1970-1979	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0018
	File - Correspondence	1980-1992	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0019
	File - Correspondence	[ca.19-?]	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0020
	File - Letters from Eileen Sykes to Lillian Hamilton	[ca.1954]	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0021
	File - Letter to Lillian Hamilton	1946-1948	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0022

Séance Notes and Other Records

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Invoices re: book publications	1954-1982		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0023
	File - Sitting notes of séances with and without Ouija board	1946, 1954-1956, 1958, 1962, 1982-1986		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0024
	File - Newspaper clippings	1948-1982		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0025
	File - Reviews and replies on various works	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0026

Series MSS 107-MSS 107-TC 71: Tape Collection

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)

Publication status:

published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Item - Biographical interview conducted by Tom Ashmore.	n.d.		TC 71, Box 0001, Item 0001
	Item - Includes some brief references to Eileen Sykes' time as a secretary to Thomas Glendenning Hamilton.	n.d.		TC 71, Box 0001, Item 0002
	Item - Interview with Dr. R. E. Bennett, Archives & Special Collections, University of Manitoba	1984		TC 71, Box 0001, Item 0003
	Item - Biographical and literary interview. References to her time as Thomas Glendenning Hamilton's secretary including comments on psychic work of the Hamilton group	n.d.		TC 71, Box 0001, Item 0004
	Item - Lecture/workshop re: the effects of sound upon the human healing process.	n.d.		TC 71, Box 0001, Item 0005
	Item - Second side contains biographical interview conducted by Mike Ward of CKRC radio, "In Touch with Today	1979		TC 71, Box 0001, Item 0006

Accession MSS 107-A2002-030: Eileen Sykes fonds

Scope and content:

The collection consists of literary works, her scrapbooks, illustrations from Fanella and the Forest Folk books and correspondence. It also contains collection of her photographs and tape recordings of her interviews.

Physical description: 0.26 m of textual material.

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Conditions governing use:

Researchers must abide by current copyright legislation.

Finding aids:

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Publication status:

published

File / item list				
Biographical <u>Date:</u> n.d. (date of creation) <u>Access points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textual record (documentary form) <u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Family Tree, Biographical Information	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0001
	File - Canadian Authors Association (announcements, membership)	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0002
	File - Manitoba Writing and Publishing Awards (announcements)	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0003
	File - Meritorious Service Award (Department of Agriculture, Province of Manitoba)	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0004
	File - Articles about Eileen Sykes	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0005
	File - Copyright registrations	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0006
Literary Works <u>Date:</u> n.d. (date of creation) <u>Access points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Textual record (documentary form) <u>Publication status:</u> published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Scrapbook (articles, letters, reviews) no.1	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0007

	File - Scrapbook (articles, letters, reviews) no.2	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0008
	File - Gay Garland B complete copy	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0009
	File - The Story of Fanella B continued (excerpts from chapter 4, 9..)	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0010
	File - Stories, poems	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0011
	File - Illustrations from Fanella Books	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0012

Correspondence

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Correspondence	1946-2001		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0001
	File - Sitting Notes (minutes) taken for T.G. Hamilton, Lillian Hamilton's letters	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0002
	File - Letters from Shrine Hospitals	1956-1957		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0003

Photographs

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Graphic Materials (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - Eileen Sykes photos	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0004
	File - T. Glen Hamilton, Family photos, friends etc.	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0005
	File - Rev. E.G.D. Freeman	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0006
	File - Eileen Sykes portrait	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0007

Books and Diaries

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Mr. and Mrs. Stan Sykes' Trip Diary	1964-1970		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0008
	File - T. Glen Hamilton note book (blank), mini poker cards			MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0009
	File - Alberta Poetry Year Books	1957-1982		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0010
	File - Miscellaneous	n.d.		MSS 107, Box 0002 File 0011

Series MSS 107-A2002-030-TC 71: Tape Collection

Date: n.d. (date of creation)

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - Side A: Hypnosis, Eileen Sykes by Al Srigley. Side B: Sykes' first 5 min. speech for which she won the Best Speaker of Week Award.	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0001
	File - Side A: Self-Healing: music and colour in healing. Side B: CKRC Radio November 1978 Interview	1978	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0002
	File - Side A and B: Interview with E. Sykes by Richard Bennett	1954	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0003
	File - Side A: Channel 13 interview Gertrude Whether, Eileen Mary Higham, Marg Cantelon. Side B: Practice tape: Alton and last part of Brian MacKenzie talk CKJS	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0004
	File - Side A: Eileen Sykes. Side B: People Show	1984	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0005
	File - Side A: Improving memory & concentration (Hypnosis) by Herb Tozeland. Side B: Improving Memory & concentration (Sleep Program)	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0006
	File - Side A: Deep Relaxation (Hypnosis program) by Herb Tozeland. Side B: Stress Management (Sleep Programmer) by Herb Tozeland	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0007
	File - Side A: Discovering Past Lives (Flying) by Herb Tozeland. Side B: Discovering Past Lives (Gate) by Herb Tozeland (488-2055)	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0003 File 0008

Accession MSS 107-A2013-045: Eileen Sykes fonds

Scope and content:

This accession consists of 1 Ouija Board.

Physical description: 1 Ouija board.

Restrictions on access:

There are no restrictions on access.

Finding aids:

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Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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	File - Ouija Board	n.d.	MSS 107, Box 0001 File 0001
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