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## Finding Aid - Marie Barton fonds (CA UMASC Mss 156, Pc 181, Tc 114 (A.99-55, A.02-12, A.04-35, A.05-44))

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# Marie Barton fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections
<b>Title:</b>	Marie Barton fonds
<b>ID:</b>	CA UMASC Mss 156, Pc 181, Tc 114 (A.99-55, A.02-12, A.04-35, A.05-44)
<b>Date:</b>	1908-2002 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	3.9 m of textual material and other material -- 138 photographs, 4 albums, 56 negatives, 6 slides
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Marie Barton (nee Rossander) was born in Hundtofte, Denmark on April 21, 1905, the daughter of Karl Peder and Karen Marie Rossander. In 1911, the family immigrated to Canada where they raised eight children on a homestead near Kerrobert, Saskatchewan. At the age of eighteen, Marie started her teaching career and met Leonard Barton at a school dance. They were married in 1928 at the school's Christmas concert. Overcoming the barriers that existed for married women, she taught for four years so that she could help buy a farm in Davidson, Saskatchewan. The prairie drought of the 1930s drove them from their Davidson farm to a farm at Togo, Saskatchewan and then to Camperville, Manitoba. In the late 1930s Leonard was diagnosed with cancer and passed away in 1943, leaving Marie to return to teaching to support their four children, Arthur, Joy and twins Lois and Ray. She continued to upgrade her teaching skills through correspondence and summer school, and in 1955 graduated from the University of Manitoba with a B.A. and a B.Ed. Marie taught for twenty-three years in Manitoba, first in country schools in the Dauphin area and then in Winnipeg where she managed a pilot program for visually impaired junior high school students until her retirement in 1970. After her retirement Marie devoted much of her time to writing and published many articles in newspapers and magazines. She also organized a senior citizen's writing group and endorsed the on-going Marie Barton Award for Excellence in Short Fiction presented by the Canadian Author's Association (Manitoba Branch). In 1996, she completed an autobiography, *In Search of Baked Pigeons*, which chronicled her varied life experiences from driving oxen at age six to learning to use a computer at age eighty. Marie Barton passed away on October 13, 1999 at the age of ninety-four.

### Custodial history

The majority of the fonds (A.99-55, A.04-35, A.05-44) was donated by Marie Barton's children to University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections in 1999, 2004 and 2005. Betty L. Dyck donated

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accession A.02-12 to University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections on behalf of Marie Barton in 2002.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of correspondence, newspaper clippings, personal journals, education material, teaching material including visually impaired material, drafts of articles and manuscripts, published articles, photographs, ephemera, unpublished fiction and non-fiction including plays, book reviews, poetry, material regarding the senior citizen's writing group, Terry King, Foster Parent's Plan, the Assiniboine Slopes Ecological Reserve, and patient rights. Included are several copies of her published books and anthologies in which she was published. The fonds also consists of biographical information about Barton's family members, correspondence from the family between 1951 and 1997, handwritten notes and excerpts from manuscripts, and reviews and correspondence regarding her book "A Slice of Life."

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Arrangement

This collection is organized into nine series

### Restrictions on access

There are no restrictions on the material.

### Finding aids

A finding aid can be generated from this description.

### Related material

Digitized Material:  
Women in Education

### Accruals

Further accruals are not expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

## Series descriptions

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
<b>Accession CA UMASC Mss 156, Pc 181, Tc 114 (A.99-55, A.02-12, A.04-35, A.05-44)-A1999-055: Marie Barton fonds</b>				
<u>Date</u> : ca.1908 - 1999 (date of creation)				
<u>Scope and content</u> :				
<p>The fonds consists of: correspondence; newspaper clippings; personal journals; education material; teaching material including visually impaired material; drafts of articles and manuscripts; published articles; photographs and ephemera; unpublished material both fiction and non-fiction including plays, book reviews, poetry; material regarding the Senior Citizen's Writing Group, Terry King, Foster Parent's Plan, the Assiniboine Slopes Ecological Reserve, and patient rights; and several copies of her books and other anthologies in which she was published.</p>				
<u>Physical description</u> : {quantity}				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Professional correspondence			1 1- 4
	Otherlevel - Professional correspondence (1943 re: welfare)			1 5
	Otherlevel - 3rd party correspondence			1 6
	Otherlevel - Family correspondence			1 7-9
	Otherlevel - Family correspondence			2 1-2
	Otherlevel - Drafts, lists of publications			2 3
	Otherlevel - Newspaper clippings of Barton's articles			2 4-7
	Otherlevel - Personal journals			2 8-10
	Otherlevel - Personal journals			3 1-3
	Otherlevel - University work			3 4-12
	Otherlevel - Teaching			4 1-7
	Otherlevel - Visually impaired teaching			4 8-15
	Otherlevel - Draft "In Quest of Baked Pigeons"			4 16-18
	Otherlevel - Photographs and ephemera			5 1-9
	Otherlevel - Visually impaired teaching			5 10
	Otherlevel - Education			5 11
	Otherlevel - Three cassette tapes			5
	Otherlevel - Two copies: We Don't Need No Substitute			5
	Otherlevel - One copy: In Quest of Baked Pigeons			5
	Otherlevel - One Copy: Mendel's Children: A Family Chronicle by Cherie Smith			5

	Otherlevel - Senior Citizen's Writing Group	6 1
	Otherlevel - Terry King	6 2
	Otherlevel - Correspondence from Marie	6 3
	Otherlevel - Foster Parents Plan	6 4
	Otherlevel - Assiniboine Slopes Ecological Reserve	6 5
	Otherlevel - Poetry	6 6
	Otherlevel - Plays, Book Reviews	6 7
	Otherlevel - Unpublished Fiction	6 8-16
	Otherlevel - Published Non-fiction	6 17-18
	Otherlevel - Published Non-fiction	7 1-9
	Otherlevel - Patients' rights	7 10-11
	Otherlevel - Letter from John Diefenbaker (photocopy) 1960	7 12
	Otherlevel - Education	7 13
	Otherlevel - Biographical Information	7 14
	Otherlevel - One copy: Manitoba Stories edited by Joan Parr	7
	Otherlevel - One copy: A Slice of Life	7
	Otherlevel - One copy: We Don't Need No Substitute	7
	Otherlevel - One copy: Canadian Children's Annual 10th Anniversary Edition	7
	Otherlevel - Medical Information, 1990-1991	8 1
	Otherlevel - Information re: Martin Rossander (Barton's brother) 1990-1997	8 2
	Otherlevel - Rossander Family History and Reunion 1908-1994	8 3
	Otherlevel - Biographical Information	8 4
	Otherlevel - Saskatoon History contains article about Barton's sister, Sophia Dixon, 1980	8 5
	Otherlevel - Property Information, 1956-1987	8 6
	Otherlevel - Heritage Scholarship Trust Foundation, 1988-1991	8 7
	Otherlevel - Students work, 1965	8 8
	Otherlevel - Early attempts at fiction, 1966	8 9
	Otherlevel - Writings on loneliness, 1970	8 10
	Otherlevel - Barton's obituary and funeral service, 1999	8 11

**Accession CA UMASC Mss 156, Pc 181, Tc 114 (A.99-55, A.02-12, A.04-35, A.05-44)-A2002-012: Marie Barton fonds**

Date: 1951-1997 (date of creation)

<b>File / item list</b>				
<b>Biographical</b>				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Biographical information about Barton's Family			1 1
	Otherlevel - Family photos			1 2
	Otherlevel - Inclusion in the Canadian Who's Who			1 3
	Otherlevel - Congratulation letters on the occasion of M. Barton's 90th birthday, 1995			1 4
	Otherlevel - Memorial Service for Marie Barton (donated by Betty L. Dyck), 1999			1 5
<b>Correspondence - Family 1951-1997</b>				
<u>Physical description:</u> {quantity}				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Letters from Sophia H. Dixon (M. Barton's sister), 1979-91			1 6
	Otherlevel - Correspondence – Family, 1970-1989			1 7
	Otherlevel - Correspondence – Family, 1990-1997			1 8
	Otherlevel - Correspondence – general, 1951-1997			1 9
	Otherlevel - Letters, poetry by Alma Barkman			1 10
<b>Reviews</b>				
<u>Physical description:</u> {quantity}				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - "A Slice of Life" – reviews, correspondence			1 11
<b>Manuscripts</b>				
<u>Physical description:</u> {quantity}				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Handwritten notes, excerpts, articles - pt. 1			1 12

	Otherlevel - Handwritten notes, excerpts, articles - pt. 2	1 13
	Otherlevel - Handwritten notes, excerpts, articles - pt. 3	1 14
	Otherlevel - "Immigrants in the land of Roast Pigeons" (includes a letter from the publisher), 1993	1 15
	Otherlevel - Poetry and Fiction:	2 1
	Otherlevel - "The Road" (Published in Oberon Press) Pt. I, II, III	2 2

## Articles About Prominent People, Places, Events

Physical description: {quantity}

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Joy (Barton) Finlay			2 3
	Otherlevel - Mina Rosner			2 4
	Otherlevel - Victoria Jason			2 5
	Otherlevel - Stanley Wujec			2 6
	Otherlevel - Grant McDonald			2 7
	Otherlevel - Reverend Laurence F. Wilmot			2 8
	Otherlevel - Leonard Noel Barton			2 9
	Otherlevel - Articles			2 10
	Otherlevel - Articles			2 11
	Otherlevel - Articles			2 12
	Otherlevel - Articles			2 13
	Otherlevel - Articles			2 14
	Otherlevel - Articles			2 15
	Otherlevel - Articles			3 1
	Otherlevel - Articles			3 2
	Otherlevel - Articles			3 3

## Miscellaneous

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Joy and Cam Finlay			3 4
	Otherlevel - Anna Zuk (Silver Cross Mother), 12 photographs included			3 5
	Otherlevel - Michael Myer			3 6
	Otherlevel - Ideas leading to stories – personal notes, newspaper articles			3 7
	Otherlevel - Senior Writers' Group - membership list and phone numbers			3 8
	Otherlevel - Manitoba Social Sciences Teachers' Association – Executives 1977-78			3 9
	Otherlevel - Storytelling Circle for Seniors			3 10



	Otherlevel - Prince Edward Island - articles, info	3 11
	Otherlevel - Barton's students (children poems)	3 12
	Otherlevel - Artifact – Butter paper (a note from M. Barton's daughter Joy included)	3 13

### Accession CA UMASC Mss 156, Pc 181, Tc 114 (A.99-55, A.02-12, A.04-35, A.05-44)-A2004-035: Marie Barton fonds

#### Scope and content:

The accession contains the correspondence during Marie Barton's stay at River East and her writing/research material and (PC 181) photographs.

Physical description: 10 cm of textual material, 138 photographs + 4 albums, 56 negatives, 6 slides

#### Note:

Notes provided by Joy Finlay - Marie Barton's daughter

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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#### Bibliographic information

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Bibliographic dates and a visitor book,	1997-1999		1 1

#### Correspondence

Date: {unitdate} (date of creation)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Correspondence rec'd at River East,	July 1998 - October 1999		1 2

#### Writing/Research

Date: {unitdate} (date of creation)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Garter Snake, Narcisse, Manitoba,	1977-1991		1 3
	Otherlevel - The Souris Bridge,	1974-1984,		1 4

	Otherlevel - "Manitoba's Bold Head Hills: Manitoba's shrinking "Desert" by Marie Barton		1 5
	Otherlevel - Slice of Life by Marie Barton,	1995	1 6
	Otherlevel - Sketches for M. Barton by Ed Gutherd		1 7
	Otherlevel - Article about Martin Rossander - Family,	April 27, 1995	1 8
	Otherlevel - Seniors Writing Group,		1 9
	Otherlevel - Miscellaneous research material, articles	{unitdate}	1 10
	Otherlevel - M. Barton's subscriptions to the newspapers (Senior Today, Western People, Man. Soc. of Seniors		1 11

**Series CA UMASC Mss 156, Pc 181, Tc 114 (A.99-55, A.02-12, A.04-35, A.05-44)-A2004-035-PC 181 (A2004-035): Photographs**

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Otherlevel - Joy Finlay's letter describing her mother's interests	{unitdate}		1 1
	Otherlevel - Marie Barton's home at 42 Echo Bay,			1 2
	Otherlevel - Classroom photos,			1 3
	Otherlevel - Manitoba Naturalist Society - nature shots,			1 4
	Otherlevel - Trip to Australia,	July 1966,		1 5
	Otherlevel - Pioneer Museum at Roblin, Manitoba,			1 6
	Otherlevel - Garter snakes, blubirds,			1 7
	Otherlevel - Manipogo - Manitoba's lake monster,			1 8
	Otherlevel - Doukhobor, Verigin, Sask.,			1 9
	Otherlevel - Person's Awards,			1 10
	Otherlevel - Pictures related to Marie Barton's writing/research, pt.1,			1 11
	Otherlevel - Pictures related to Marie Barton's writing/research, pt.2,			1 12
	Otherlevel - Pictures related to Marie Barton's writing/research, pt.3,			1 13
	Otherlevel - Pictures related to Marie Barton's writing/research, pt.4,			2 1
	Otherlevel - Pictures related to Marie Barton's writing/research, pt.5,			2 2
	Otherlevel - Pictures related to Marie Barton's writing/research, pt.6,			2 3
	Otherlevel - Pictures related to Marie Barton's writing/research,			2 4