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Summary information

Repository: University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections

Title: Mary H. Valentine fonds

ID: MSS 515 (A2016-005)

Date: 1948-2016 (date of creation)

Physical description: 6383 photographs, 0.92 m of textual material, 1130 photo slides, 16 cds, 5 cassette tapes, 2 dvds

**Dates of creation,
revision and deletion:**

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Mary Valentine was born in Ottawa, Ontario on May 6, 1931. Her interest and aptitude for art began in her early years and she attended a variety of art classes, including studying with Ernest Fosberry. She attended the (short lived) Fine Arts Program at McGill University, graduating in 1952. While at McGill she had noted Canadian artists John Fox, Arthur Lismer and John Lyman as teachers.

After her graduation Mary married Barry Valentine (1927-2009), a theology student who would become a clergy member of the Anglican Church. They first lived mainly in the Montreal area, with Mary working first as an art teacher and later at the Bell Telephone Company creating advertising images for the Yellow Pages. With the arrival of her first child in 1954 Mary took a step back from her art, concentrating on raising her four children (John, Leslie, Guy and Michael) and supporting her husband's career. With her husband's election as Bishop of Rupert's Land the family moved to Winnipeg in 1969, where Mary would continue to live. Mary would go on to work in the library and teach Art appreciation at St. Johns Ravenscourt School after receiving her Manitoba teacher certification.

With Mary's 1978 separation from her husband she made the foray back into the art world, with her first show in 1979 at the University of Manitoba. As she neared 50 years old she made the decision to stop teaching and concentrate full time on painting, making a living solely from her art from that point onwards. Mary painted both landscapes and people, creating some notable portraits, such as that of the late Senator Gildas Molgot which is held at the Speaker's Portrait Gallery in Ottawa, as well as a portrait of Captain George Blagdon Westcott which is held in Allhallows Museum in Devon, England. She gained inspiration for her paintings from her travels, particularly her travels to Canada's north. Beginning in 1980 she travelled throughout the Artic, including a trip to Alert on Ellesmere Island at the invitation of Governor General Ed Schreyer. She travelled extensively throughout Nunavut (then Northwest Territories), but also spent time in Alaska, BC, Greenland and Newfoundland. In 1987-1988 Mary took an extended trip around the South Pacific, Southeast Asia and Europe, while later years took her to Greece and Turkey. The people and the places of her travels are reflected in her paintings.

Mary's work was showcased in exhibitions throughout Canada and the United States at galleries such as the Buhler Gallery (Winnipeg), the Monkland Gallery (Montreal), the Mira

Godard Gallery (Calgary and Toronto) and the Plains Art Museum (Moorehead, Minnesota). Mary also held an annual show at her personal studio in Winnipeg. Her work continues to be held in corporate, private and public collections, such as that of St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba. Mary passed away February 21, 2016.

Scope and content

The fonds consists of material related to Mary's life as an artist, from her early years in Ottawa and Montreal, to her later years in Winnipeg. Included is information about her education, her years teaching, and her transition to being a full time artist. Personal and professional correspondence is included, along with information detailing her professional life as an artist, such as finances, research, examples of her work and memorabilia from exhibitions. Of particular interest is her photographs on location in Canada's arctic communities through the 1980s-1990s.

The 2016 accession is divided into 5 series, with one sous-fonds. Series I relates to biographical information, Series II relates to her personal correspondence, Series III relates to art activities, Series IV relates to her photographs and Series V is mixed media consisting of slides, cds and dvds detailing her work. The sous-fonds relates to Mary's records of artist Keith Wood's work.

Notes

Title notes

Physical condition

Handle notebooks, photographs and sketches carefully

Restrictions on access

No restrictions

Finding aids

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Accruals

Further accruals are not expected

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Records in Electronic Form (documentary form)

Series descriptions

Biographical				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Memories and Reflections Essay	2013		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0001
	File - CV	n.d.		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0002
	File - Schooling	1948-1981		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0003
	File - B.F.A. Class of '52	2001-2003		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0004
Personal Correspondence				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Mike Beedell	ca.2004		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0005
	File - Bonnell's	1982		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0006
	File - Mary Claireford	1985		A2016-005, Box 0001

		A2016-005, File 0007
	File - Jenny and Tom Ellison 2001-2006	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0007
	File - Sigge Falk (Sweden) 2003	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0009
	File - Ruth Hartman 2005	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0010
	File - Terry Jusadason 1987-2002	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0011
	File - Merloyd Seymor Lawrence n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0012
	File - Tom and Barb Matthews 1992-2004	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0013
	File - Jeni Peyton 1986	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0014
	File - Charlie Rapsky ca1985	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0015
	File - Pat Rousseau 1998-2000	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0016
	File - Tony Tascona 1993-2006	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0017
	File - Cathy and Buster Welch 1993-1998	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0018
	File - Dr. Ian and Erica White 2004	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0019
	File - Carol's Biog n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0020

	File - Lesley's Short Stories	n.d.		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0021
	File - Christmas Letters	1998-2012		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0022
	File - Memorabilia	2002-2012		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0023
	File - Notes and Postcards	1983-2014		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0024
Art Activities				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	File - Alice Peck Gallery	1981-1984		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0025
	File - Arctic Art Gallery YK	1987-1992		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0026
	File - Buhler Gallery Show	2012		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0027
	File - Glenbow Show and Lotto	1988-1991		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0028
	File - High Arctic Enterprises	1982-1986		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0029
	File - James Murray Gallery	1983		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0030
	File - Kensington Paper Gallery	1988-1990		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0031
	File - The Light Within Manitoba Women Artists	1998		A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0032

	File - Mira Godard Gallery Calgary	1982-1985	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0033
	File - Monkland Gallery Mtl	1983	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0034
	File - Piano Nobile Concert Hall	2001	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0035
	File - Quatre Saisons Show Mtl	1990	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0036
	File - Resolute NU Show	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0037
	File - Rotary Club Yellowknife	1986	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0038
	File - Toronto School of Theology Show	1989	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0039
	File - W.A.G. Art Rental	1984-2013	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0040
	File - First Show	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0041
	File - 1982 Show Correspondence	1982	A2010-022, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0042
	File - Exhibitions	1981-2014	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0043
	File - Art Consultant and Movie Rentals	1988-2006	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0044
	File - Assorted Thank Yous	1980-2006	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0045
	File - Donations	1985-2013	A2016-005, Box 0001

		A2016-005, File 0046
	File - Government Correspondence 1981-1994	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0047
	File - Newspaper Clippings 1947-2007	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0048
	File - Rejections 1982-1997	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0049
	File - School Visit 1983	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0050
	File - Travel Diaries ca1988 & 1996	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0051
	File - Arctic '81'82 1981-1982	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0052
	File - Arctic 1985 Polar Continental Shelf 1984-1988	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0053
	File - Nahanni ca2004	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0054
	File - Jarvis Portrait 2003	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0055
	File - Portrait Steve Johnson ca2005-2006	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0056
	File - Molgot Portrait 2002-2006	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0057
	File - Portrait Capt Geo Westcott ca1999	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0058
	File - Parish Education Cards 1965	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0059

	File - S.J.R.	1986-1987	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, File 0060
	Item - Sketchbook	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - Sketchbook	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - Sketchbook	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0001 A2016-005, Item 0003
	File - Photos of Paintings	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, File 0001
	File - Photos of Paintings	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, File 0002
	File - Photos of Paintings	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, File 0003
	File - Account Books	1981-2015	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, File 0004
	File - Sales Books	1983-2014	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, File 0005
	File - Price Lists	1983-2014	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, File 0006
	Item - Guest Book	1981-2014	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - Photos of Paintings in Storage Box	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0002 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - Index Cards of Paintings Sold 1982	1982	A2016-005, Box 0003 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - Index Cards of Paintings Sold 1983-1984	1983-1984	A2016-005, Box 0003

			A2016-005, Item 0002	
	Item - Index Cards of Paintings Sold 1985-1988	1985-1988	A2016-005, Box 0003 A2016-005, Item 0003	
	Item - Index Cards of Paintings Sold 1989-1993	1989-1993	A2016-005, Box 0003 A2016-005, Item 0004	
	Item - Index Cards of Paintings Sold 1999-2005	1999-2005	A2016-005, Box 0003 A2016-005, Item 0005	
	Item - Index Cards of Paintings Sold 2006-2014	2006-2014	A2016-005, Box 0003 A2016-005, Item 0006	
	File - Loose Sketches	n.d.	A2016-005, File 0001O/S	
	File - Early Years	ca1939	A2016-005, File 0002O/S	
	File - High School	ca1948	A2016-005, File 0003O/S	
	File - BFA	1949-1952	A2016-005, File 0004O/S	
	File - Unlabeled Sketches	n.d.	A2016-005, File 0005O/S	
Photographs				
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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
	Item - Shows 1980-85	1980-1985		A2016-005, Box 0004 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - Shows 86-96-7	1986-1997		A2016-005, Box 0004 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - Shows 1998-2003	1998-2003		A2016-005, Box 0004 A2016-005, Item 0003
	Item - Shows 2003-	2003-2013		A2016-005, Box 0004 A2016-005, Item 0004
	Item - Pangnirtung 1981	1981		A2016-005, Box 0005 A2016-005, Item 0001

	Item - Auyiuttuq	1981	A2016-005, Box 0005 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - Summer 1982	1982	A2016-005, Box 0005 A2016-005, Item 0003
	Item - Summer 1982-Summer 1983	1982-1983	A2016-005, Box 0005 A2016-005, Item 0004
	Item - Summer 1983	1983	A2016-005, Box 0005 A2016-005, Item 0005
	Item - Winter 1984	1984	A2016-005, Box 0006 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - 1985 Fort Smith, Yellowknife, Resolute, Axel Heiberg, Ellesmere	1985	A2016-005, Box 0006 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - 1985 Somerset, Devon I, Arctic Bay	1985	A2016-005, Box 0006 A2016-005, Item 0003
	Item - 1985 Arctic Bay Frobisher 1986 Frobisher-Apex	1985-1986	A2016-005, Box 0007 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - 1986 Greenland-Nuuk	1986	A2016-005, Box 0007 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - 1989 Resolute Somerset	1989	A2016-005, Box 0007 A2016-005, Item 0003
	Item - 1991 Resolute	1991	A2016-005, Box 0008 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - 1991 Resolute Ellesmere I	1991	A2016-005, Box 0008 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - 1993 Arctic Watch Somerset I	1993	A2016-005, Box 0008 A2016-005, Item 0003
	Item - Yukon and Alaska 1996	1996	A2016-005, Box 0008

			A2016-005, Item 0004
	Item - Yukon and Alaska 1996	1996	A2016-005, Box 0008 A2016-005, Item 0005
	Item - Yukon and Alaska 1996	1996	A2016-005, Box 0008 A2016-005, Item 0006
	Item - Queen Charlottes 1997	1997	A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - Queen Charlottes 1997	1997	A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0002
	Item - Khutzeymateen	ca1999	A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0003
	Item - 2002 Queen Charlottes	2002	A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0004
	Item - 2004 Nahanni RIVER	2004	A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0005
	Item - Nahanni Glacier Lake 2004 Inside Passage by Freighter 2006	2004-2006	A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0006
	Item - Flood	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0007

Media**File / item list**

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	Item - Slides 1960-1985	1960-1985		A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Box 0009 A2016-005, Item 0001
	Item - Slides 1986-2003	1986-2003		A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0002

	Item - Paintings 2008	2008	A2016-005, Item 0003 A2016-005, Box 0010
	Item - Paintings 2009	2009	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0004
	Item - Paintings 2010	2010	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0005
	Item - Paintings 2011	2011	A2016-006, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0006
	Item - Paintings 2012	2012	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0007
	Item - Painting Index Cards	1997-2003	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0008
	Item - Painting Index Cards	1992-1997	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0009
	Item - Painting Index Cards	1948-1982	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0010
	Item - Mary Valentine (Leif Norman)	2014	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0011
	Item - M.V. Paintings	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0012
	Item - Pastels Mixed	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0013
	Item - M.V. Paintings	n.d.	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0014
	Item - Mary Pics 2010	2010	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0015
	Item - Mary's 80th Birthday	2011	A2016-005, Box 0010

		A2016-005, Item 0016
	Item - Our Canada 2012	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0017
	Item - Mary Valentine Photos 2014	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0018
	Item - Mary Valentine People Show 1985	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0019
	Item - M. Valentine 1985 CKRC 63 1993 1985, 1993 CBC	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0020
	Item - CBC 1993 Jacqui Good 1993	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0021
	Item - M. Valentine Aug 3 2000 Tape 1 of 2 2000	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0022
	Item - M. Valentine Aug 3 2000 Tape 2 of 2 2000	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0023
	Item - Unveiling Portrait of the Late Hon. Gildas Molgot 2003	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0024
	Item - Carol and Roly's 50th Wedding Anniversary 2000	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, Item 0025
	Otherlevel - Keith Wood	A2016-005, Box 0010 A2016-005, File 0001