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Velma Brown fonds

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Summary information

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| Repository: | Dalhousie University Archives |
| Title: | Velma Brown fonds |
| Reference code: | MS-2-379 |
| Date: | 1971-1979 (date of creation) |
| Language: | English |
| Physical description: | 8 cm of textual records |
| Note [generalNote]: | Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Velma Brown fonds, MS-2-379, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Velma Purdy Brown was born in 1915 in Truro, the eldest daughter of Gordon Dencil and Elsie Mae (Talbot) Purdy. After finishing school she worked at Truro Printing and Publishing and Margolian's Department Store. In 1940 she married Frederick Cameron Brown and in 1964 moved to Dartmouth and Halifax.

Brown was active and involved in the arts, her church, and charitable activities. A prolific writer of poetry and prose for her own pleasure, she also contributed to various local church publications. She was involved in producing newsletters and other materials, particularly relating to the United Amateur Press Association (UAPA). Her own poetry flourished from 1971-1979 when she had her work published in many UAPA and other publications. Brown died in 2009.

Custodial history

Fonds was donated by Velma Brown in 1979.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of newsletters and poetry publications from 1971-1979. Most of the publications feature poetry written by Velma Brown, but a number of other authors are also featured, including Sidney M. Parker, known as the blind poet of Truro, Nova Scotia.

Notes

Title notes

Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions on these materials. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Related material

See also the papers of Sidney Mansfield Parker (MS-2-378).

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published

Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Authors, Canadian--20th century (subject)
- Nova Scotia--Authors (subject)
- Personal archives (subject)
- Poetry (subject)
- Publishers and publishing (subject)
- Women authors, Canadian (subject)
- Women poets (subject)
- Dartmouth (N.S.) (place)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)
- Truro (N.S.) (place)

Collection holdings

Series: Publications of the United Amateur Press Association

Title: Publications of the United Amateur Press Association

Date: 1971-1975 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains publications issued by the United Amateur Press Association, including issues of The Bundle, a non-profit recruiting publication that prints short stories and poetry.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 3 - Issue of The Bundle

Title: Issue of The Bundle

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 3

Date: Christmas 1974 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 4 - Issue of The Bundle

Title: Issue of The Bundle

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 4

Date: March 1975 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 5 - Issue of The Bundle

Title: Issue of The Bundle

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 5

Date: October 1975 (date of creation)

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 7 - On Drifting Wing

Title: On Drifting Wing

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 7

Date: 1971-1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a publication featuring poetry by S.M. Parker.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 6 - Glooscap Muse

Title: Glooscap Muse

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 6

Date: 1972-1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains publications featuring poetry by Velma Brown and other writers.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 8 - Parnassus

Title: Parnassus

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 8

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a publication featuring poetry by Velma Brown, S.M. Parker, and others.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Box 26 - Issues of Quid Nunc?

Title: Issues of Quid Nunc?

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Box 26

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains issues of a publication issued by the United Amateur Press Association. Each month's issue focuses on a different writer.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Folder 27 - Sand Pebbles

Title: Sand Pebbles

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Folder 27

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a publication featuring poetry by various writers, including Velma Brown.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Folder 28 - Various poetry publications issued by the United Amateur Press Association

Title: Various poetry publications issued by the United Amateur Press Association

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Folder 28

Date: 1971-1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains one copy of: Desert Voices, The Greatness of God, Jerusalem Artichoke, Poets on Parade.

Series: Works by others writers

Title: Works by others writers

Scope and content:

Series contains literary works by other writers, including Mary Reid Gregg and Donald Cooke, and other publications.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 9 - Bluenose Rambler

Title: Bluenose Rambler

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 9

Date: March 1977 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a publication edited by Blanche Fralic.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 10 - Drifting East Quarterly

Title: Drifting East Quarterly

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 10

Date: 1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a small staple-bound publication featuring poetry by Velma Brown and others.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 11 - "In Tribute to our Canadian Vice President"

Title: "In Tribute to our Canadian Vice President"

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 11

Date: 1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains an eight page program with a tribute poem by Donald Cooke. The program has a photograph of Velma Brown on cover.

Physical description: 8 pages

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 12 - Legend

Title: Legend

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 12

Date: 1973 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a small staple-bound publication from Michigan.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Folder 29 - Marsh and Maple

Title: Marsh and Maple

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 31, Folder 29

Date: 1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a one page publication issued by the Scotian Pen Guild. Various writers are featured in the publication.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 13 - Amber

Title: Amber

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 13

Date: April 1978-April 1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains two small staple-bound publications issued by the Scotian Pen Club.

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 14 - White Easter Day by Mary Reid Gregg

Title: White Easter Day by Mary Reid Gregg

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 14

Date: 1971 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a handwritten poem.

Physical description: 1 page

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 15 - With Fettered Hands by Donald Cooke

Title: With Fettered Hands by Donald Cooke

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 15

Date: 1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a small staple-bound publication.

Series: Poetry Collections by Velma Brown

Title: Poetry Collections by Velma Brown

Date: 1971-1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains two small bound books of poetry by Velma Purdy Brown.

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 2 - Waiting for the Echo

Title: Waiting for the Echo

Title [statRep]: Velma Purdy Brown

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 2

Date: 1972 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a small staple-bound publication of poetry by Velma Brown. The poetry is dedicated to her mother.

Physical description: 20 pages

File: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 1 - Our Sapphic Seas by Velma Purdy Brown

Title: Our Sapphic Seas by Velma Purdy Brown

Reference code: MS-2-379, SF Box 40, Folder 1

Date: 1974 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a small staple-bound publication of poetry by Velma Brown. The poetry is dedicated to many including S.M. Parker.

Physical description: .25 cm of textual records
