
The Finding Aid of the Marcyn Del Clements Collection on Virginia Hamilton Adair 0069

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Title: Marcyn Del Clements Collection on Virginia Hamilton Adair

Creator: Del Clements, Marcyn

Identifier/Call Number: 0069

Contributing Institution: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Special Collections and Archives

Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 3.54 Linear Feet(6 boxes)

Date (inclusive): circa 1927-1946, 1963-2010

Date (bulk): 1995-1998

Abstract: The collection contains materials collected by Virginia Hamilton Adair's friend Marcyn Del Clements, including poetry written by Virginia Hamilton Adair, drafts of Adair's first two books, magazines with articles about Adair, and videocassettes related to Adair.

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Preferred Citation

[Box/folder# or item name], Marcyn Del Clements Collection on Virginia Hamilton Adair, Collection no. 0069, Pomona Valley Historical Collection, Special Collections and Archives, University Library, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Marcyn Del Clements donated the collection to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 2010.

Biographical / Historical

Marcyn Del Clements is a published poet and she was a friend of Virginia Hamilton Adair (1913-2004). The two met in the early 1990s and belonged to a Claremont, California poetry group called "The Fortnitelies." Along with others, Clements assisted Adair in typing her poetry and preparing her books after Adair lost her vision.

Clements lives in Claremont and works as a massage therapist. She has had her poetry published in *Alaska Quarterly Review*, *Eureka Literary Magazine*, *Literary Review*, and other publications.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains materials collected by Virginia Hamilton Adair's friend Marcyn Del Clements, including poetry that Adair shared with her poetry group "The Fortnitelies"; drafts of Adair's first poetry books, *Ants on the Melon* and *Beliefs and Blasphemies*; and animal-related poetry that Adair and Del Clements were arranging for a possible book.

The folder poetry drafts - rituals contains a notebook and papers with poems. The poems appear to have been written by Virginia Hamilton Adair and some contain her initials.

The collection also includes audiovisual materials, including a videocassette of Adair receiving an honorary doctorate from Mt. Holyoke College in 1999, an audiocassette of poetry readings of Adair's work, and audiocassettes with performances of music by Gwyneth Walker set to Adair's poetry. Additionally, the collection includes a broadside with the text of Adair's poem "Keyring" and posters titled "Rules of Behaviour" that were printed by Adair's husband, Douglass, and colored by Adair.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Related Materials

Virginia Hamilton Adair Papers, Collection no. 0045, University Archives, Special Collections and Archives, University Library, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Mary Virginia Hamilton Adair Papers, Archives and Special Collections, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, USA.

Separated Materials

The following items have been removed from the collection and added to the Special Collections and Archives Rare Books Collection:

Adair, Virginia. *Ants on the Melon*. New York: Random House, 1996.

Adair, Virginia. *Beliefs and Blasphemies: A Collection of Poems*. New York: Random House, 1998.

Mount Holyoke College. *The Llamarada*. South Hadley, MA: Mount Holyoke College, 1933.

Processing Information

The collection was processed by Rob Strauss and Alex Dan in May 2018.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Adair, Virginia, 1913-2004

Poets, American

box 1	Audiocassettes - Readings of Virginia Hamilton Adair's Poetry 1995-2010
box 1	Audiocassettes - Performances of "An Hour to Dance" (Music by Gwyneth Walker set to Virginia Hamilton Adair's poetry) circa 2000 - 2010
box 1	Audiocassette - "The Writer's Almanac" 1997 January 27
box 6	Broadsides - <i>Ants on the Melon</i> - Limited Edition circa 1996
box 2	Clippings - Book Reviews and Mentions of Virginia Hamilton Adair 1996-2010
box 2	Draft - <i>Beliefs and Blasphemies</i> circa 1998
box 2	Drafts - <i>Ants on the Melon</i> circa 1996
box 2	DVD - Virginia Hamilton Adair Receiving Honorary Doctorate from Mt. Holyoke College 1999
box 3	List of Virginia Adair's Poem Titles circa 1993-1995
box 3	Newsletter - <i>The Academy of American Poets</i> 1996
box 3	Newsletter - <i>Mt. Baldy Zen Center</i> 1996
box 3	Notes and Articles from Virginia Hamilton Adair to Marcyn Del Clements circa 1987-2010
box 3	Poems - "Book of Animals" circa 1927-1946, 1967-1995, 2010
box 3	Poems - Fortnitelies Poetry Group [A-C] circa 1970-1979, 1990-2001, 2010
box 3	Poems - Fortnitelies Poetry Group [G-J] 1970,1989-2000
box 3	Poems - Fortnitelies Poetry Group [K-N] 1992-2001, 2010
box 3	Poems - Fortnitelies Poetry Group [O-S] 1972-1974,1992-2001
box 3	Poems - Fortnitelies Poetry Group [T-Z] 1968, 1988-2001
box 4	Poems - "The Marcy Poems" 1991-1999
box 4	Poetry Drafts - "Rituals" 1992-1993
box 4	Poetry Readings - Advertisements, Programs, Notes circa 1996-1999, 2010
box 6	Posters - "Rules for Behaviour" 1963
box 4	Publication - <i>American Poet</i> 1996
box 4	Publication - <i>California State Poetry Quarterly</i> (Signed by Adair) 1997
box 4	Publication - <i>The New York Review of Books</i> 1996 March 21
box 4	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> (Signed by Adair) 1995 July 31
box 4	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1995 October 16
box 4	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1995 November 6
box 4	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1995 December 11
box 4	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1995 December 25
box 4	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1996 January 22
box 4	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1996 February 26
box 5	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1996 March 18
box 5	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1997 January 20
box 5	Publication - <i>The New Yorker</i> 1998 July 20
box 5	Publication - <i>People Weekly</i> 1996 August 19
box 5	Publication - <i>Poetry</i> 2004 December
box 5	Publication - <i>Poetry Pilot</i> 1994
box 5	Publication - <i>Rattle</i> 1997
box 5	Publication - <i>Time</i> 1996 Mary 27
box 5	Videocassette - Poetry Readings - Anthony Hecht and Robert Mezey 1997 February-March
box 5	Videocassette - Virginia Hamilton Adair Receiving Honorary Doctorate from Mt. Holyoke College 1999