



MG 617 - Shirley Serviss fonds

Dates: nd, 1975-1992 (inclusive).

Extent: 2 cm of textual records; 1 photograph.

Biography: Shirley Serviss is an author and poet. She was raised on a farm near Ethelton, Saskatchewan attended the University of Saskatchewan in 1971-1972, and took art classes from Reta Cowley. While working as a journalist for the Prince Albert Daily Herald, Serviss met John Hicks. Serviss earned her BA in creative writing from the University of Alberta, and her MA in theology from St. Stephen's College (1997). She and Alice Majors started Roland Books; and she taught at MacEwan University. Serviss was a founding member of the Writers Guild of Alberta.

Scope and Content: This fonds contains correspondence from Reta Cowley, and John Hicks. The Cowley correspondence in part, discusses her painting process; and the Hicks correspondence discusses the Saskatchewan writing scene (particularly Prince Albert); his publications and awards, and his ideas about writing.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions on access.

Title based on provenance.

Related material includes the John Hicks fonds (MG 194) and the Emma Lake Art School Scrapbooks (RG 2035).

Further accruals are expected.

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Correspondence – Cowley, Rita. – 1983-1984. – textual records, 1 photograph.

In these letters, Cowley writes about her painting process, and briefly mentions her marriage to Fred Cowley, who died in 1981.

Correspondence – Hicks, John V. – nd, 1975-1992.

Christmas cards and letters relating to writing; the death of John's wife, Marjorie; some poetry; etc.