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Physical description: 5.9 metres of textual records, 1 bulletin board, 490 photographs, 268 negatives, 399 slides, 1 sweatshirt, 10 video cassettes, 11 audio cassettes, 24 name tags in plastic sleeves (10 with satin ribbons), 4 paper name tags, 3 table place cards, 9 souvenir button pins, 1 key chain, 1 fabric school crest, 1 small metal pin, 1 satin ribbon, 377 35mm slides, 2 film strips, 1 metal tobacco container, 2 wall plaques, 1 medallion, 4 3.5” floppy diskettes in 37 boxes.

Biographical Sketch: Bernice Thurman Hunter was a Canadian children’s author. Her novels are autobiographical in nature and depict Toronto during the Great Depression in the 1930’s. She was born on November 3, 1922 in Toronto, Ontario and died on May 29, 2002 in Scarborough, Ontario. She attended Birchcliff Public School, Swansea Public School and Runnymede Collegiate Institute. Her interest in writing started during her childhood when she would often entertain friends with her own stories. When Ms. Hunter was fourteen she met her idol, Lucy Maude Montgomery (author of Anne of Green Gables) who was living in Toronto. (The visit is described in her book As Ever, Booky). Ms. Hunter presented one of her stories and solicited advice from Ms. Montgomery on how she too could become a published writer. The famous author noticed that Bernice had a good imagination but asserted that a writer must have a university education. This was a disheartening piece of advice because Ms. Hunter’s family was too poor to send her to university. Nevertheless, she continued to write. She married Lloyd Hunter and the couple had two daughters, Anita and Heather Anne. She worked as a bookkeeper for the T. Eaton Company. During the years when her children were young, she wrote stories for them that included them as characters. After her children were grown, she bought an Underwood typewriter and started to write seriously.

Hunter’s first publication was at the age forty-eight, when the Toronto Star newspaper published the short story called “A Grandchild Can Make Life Beautiful Again.” In 1981 Ms. Hunter published her first work That Scatterbrain Booky. This was the first of the “Booky” trilogy which also includes With Love From Booky (1983) and As Ever, Booky (1985). Other titles include Hawk and Stretch, A Place for Margaret (1984), Margaret in the Middle (1986), Lamplighter (1987), Margaret On Her Way (1988), The Railroader (1990), The Firefighter (1991), Hawk and Stretch (1993), Amy’s Promise (1995), Janey’s Choice (1998), Two Much Alike (1999), The Runaway (2001), and It Takes Two (2002). All of her books were published by Scholastic Canada. Other short stories and guides to writing for children were published. A musical of That Scatterbrain Booky was first performed in 1990 and was made into a half-hour television drama by Atlantis Films and shown on the Global TV network in 1992.

Ms. Hunter visited many schools and libraries across Canada as a guest speaker. She was a member of the Writers Union of Canada; the Canadian Society of Children’s Authors, Illustrators and Performers (CANSCAIP); and the Canadian Authors Association. She was nominated for many awards and won several. She was appointed Member of the Order of Canada in October 2001 for her literary contributions to the arts. The Ceremony of Investiture took place posthumously in Halifax on October 26, 2002.
**Custodial history**: Acquired from Ms. Hunter’s daughter Anita Farley, 39 Leeswood Crescent, Scarborough, Ontario, August 23, 2002.

**Scope and content**: Fonds mainly consists of records of Ms. Hunter’s writing life. Most of the records are from her literary productive years between 1981 and 2002. Records include evidence of writing, speaking engagements, reviews, promotions, autobiographies, research, fan mail and awards. Much of the fan mail is annotated with dates that Ms. Hunter replied to the sender. The fonds also contains personal material, such as letters and cards from family and friends, family photographs, and calendars.

**Arrangement**: The fonds was arranged by the archivist into series as listed in the index. The material was boxed by the family and delivered to the Osborne Collection at the Lillian H. Smith Library in Toronto. The material was received in disorder. In cases where it was evident that Ms. Hunter imposed order, this order was preserved. In general, all duplicates of records were culled. The fonds was arranged into 37 boxes. The box numbers accompany the finding aid descriptions down the left side of the page.

**Restrictions**: There are no restrictions on access.

**Finding aids**: Detailed finding aid available; file level control.

**Notes**: Title based on name of creator of the fonds.
Series Index (with sub-series)

Box 1

1.0 Bulletin board

**Dates of creation:** [194-?] – 2001.

**Physical description:** Textual records and 3 photos mounted with push pins on a cork bulletin board with wood frame measuring 60.5 x 45.5 x 2.5 cm (L x W x D).

**Scope and content:** This file consists of records on a cork bulletin board. Material includes business cards, return address labels clipped from envelopes, research material for her books, handwritten notes of ideas for her books, small calendars from 1943 and 1945, an award ribbon with name tag and 3 photographs.

**Notes:** Title based on mounting device of series.

2.0 Correspondence

**Dates of creation:** 1937-2002.

**Physical description:** 1.7m of textual records, 4 photographs, 1 video cassette, and 2 film strips in 8 boxes.

**Scope and content:** Series consists of three sub-series: fan mail, personal mail, business mail. The mail is sorted into three streams to give evidence of the three sides to Ms. Hunter’s life. She communicated with her family and close friends and conducted business with her publisher and colleagues. Overwhelmingly, the volume of fan mail is the largest amount of mail that she received. All of the fan mail is admiring in nature. Most of the individual letters are marked with dates when Ms. Hunter replied to the sender.

**Notes:** Title based on content of series.

2.1 Fan mail

**Dates of creation:** 1981 – 2002.

**Physical description:** 144cm of textual records, 2 photographs, 1 video cassette and 2 film strips in 4 boxes.

**Scope and content:** Sub-series consists of fan mail, mainly from children. The mail is arranged chronologically. The oversized fan mail is mostly undated and is stored in its own container. There is a separate file for her favourite fan, a young girl from Sweden named Hedda. The last file is titled Other Favourite Letters that contains letters stored separately by Ms. Hunter.

**Notes:** Title based on content of the sub-series.
2.1.1 Fan mail, 1981-2002


Physical description: 54 cm of textual records, 1 photograph in 4 boxes, 2 filmstrips, and 1 video cassette.

Scope and content: File consists of fan mail, mainly from children. The mail is arranged chronologically into 25 file folders and 1 box of oversized fan mail. Much of the mail is annotated by Ms. Hunter with the date that she replied to the fan.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Box 7 – 2 filmstrips and 1 video cassette are stored in box 7.

Box 8

2.1.2 Hedda Via


Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 1 photograph.

Scope and content: File consists of 21 letters from Hedda Via, a child from Sweden. The mail is arranged chronologically into 1 file folder.

Notes: Title based on author of contents of file.

2.1.3 Other favourite letters


Physical description: 1 file of textual records.

Scope and content: File consists of 4 letters and 1 invitation to the Canadian Book Awards champagne reception and banquet in Toronto in 1984. During the champagne reception, Ms. Hunter collected the signatures of authors Ben Wicks, Don Harron and Timothy Findley.

Notes: Title of file is taken from label on original folder.

Boxes 8, 9

2.2 Personal mail


Physical description: 26 cm of textual records, 2 photographs in 2 boxes.
**Scope and content:** Sub-series consists of personal mail, most of it received by Ms. Hunter. The sub-series is arranged into 5 files. There is a file that is mail mainly sent by Ms. Hunter to other people. There is a file of letters received from Ms. Hunter’s friends in England, John and Jean Neville. The majority of the sub-series is mail in the form of letters and cards received by Ms. Hunter. The mail is arranged chronologically with undated mail at the end.

**Notes:** Title based on content of sub-series.

2.2.1 L. M. Montgomery and other special autographs

**Dates of creation:** 1937 – 1994.

**Physical description:** 1 folder of textual records.

**Scope and content:** File consists of 6 letters from famous and influential people that Ms. Hunter grouped together. They are Lucy Maud Montgomery, Oprah Winfrey, Ronald Reagan, Deanna Durbin (2 letters) and Dave Jenkinson from the University of Manitoba.

**Notes:** Title taken from the label of original file folder.

2.2.1.1 Letter from Lucy Maud Montgomery

**Dates of creation:** [After July 12, 1937].

**Physical description:** 2 pages.

**Scope and content:** Item is a photocopy of the first page of the letter that Ms. Hunter received from Lucy Maud Montgomery, author of Anne of Green Gables in 1937. The front of the envelope is also copied. This letter is in response to a letter that Ms. Hunter wrote asking for advice on how to become a writer.

**Notes:** Title based on the item.

The date of the photocopy is not known.

2.2.2 Jean and Neville Robertson

**Dates of creation:** 1987 – 2002.

**Physical description:** 1 folder of textual records, 1 photograph.

**Scope and content:** File consists of 14 letters and cards from Jean and Neville Robertson of Suffolk, England who were friends of Ms. Hunter. There is also correspondence between Mrs. Irene “Cuckoo” Mulley and Mia “Pie” Abbott and the Robertson’s regarding the negative portrayal of the characters Mother Button, Flossie and Auntie Murna in Ms. Hunter’s novel The Runaway. These characters were based on real people.

**Notes:** Title based on authors of contents of file.

2.2.3 Women’s College Hospital
**Dates of creation:** 1945.

**Physical description:** 2 textual records.

**Scope and content:** File consists of 2 letters pertaining to the delivery of one of Ms. Hunter’s children.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

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**2.2.4 From Bernice Thurman Hunter and others**


**Physical description:** 1 folder of textual records, 1 photograph.

**Scope and content:** File consists of 3 sets of correspondence. The first group contains old letters that Ms. Hunter sent to family members and one postcard from her parents. The second group contains postcards and 1 letter from Ms. Hunter and her husband to their children. The third group contains 3 cards of condolence to Ms. Hunter’s family after her death in 2002.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

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**2.2.5 Letters and cards**

**Dates of creation:** 1942-2002.

**Physical description:** 8 folders of textual records.

**Scope and content:** File consists of letters and greeting cards received by Ms. Hunter starting with wedding greetings from her Aunt Alice in 1942. Material includes cards for Mother’s Day, Christmas and birthdays from her siblings, children and friends. This file is arranged chronologically with undated items put at the end.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

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**Box 10**

**2.3 Business mail**

**Dates of creation:** 1973-2002.

**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records.

**Scope and content:** Sub-series is arranged into 3 files. The first file includes letters from Ms. Hunter’s publishers, notices of business events, minutes of CANSCAIP meetings, mail from colleagues, requests for biographical information. The mail is ordered chronologically with one undated item at the end.

The second file contains rejection letters collated by Ms. Hunter.
The third file contains various material regarding the publication of *That Scatterbrain Booky*.

**Notes:*** Title based on content of sub-series.

### 2.3.1 Business

**Dates of creation:** 1973-2002.

**Physical description:** 7 folders of textual records.

**Scope and content:** File includes mail from various publishers, libraries, The Writer’s Union of Canada, and CANSCAIP. The material is related to Ms. Hunter’s business of having her work published. The file is arranged chronologically with 1 undated item at the end.

Four books that accompanied the letter from Scholastic Book Fairs, dated March 21, 2002, are shelved the Canadiana collection of the Lillian H. Smith library. The titles of the books are:

- A Job for Jesse
- My Dog Ralph
- The Lonely Inukshuk
- The Baby in the Basket

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

### 2.3.2 Rejection letters

**Dates of creation:** 1974-1979.

**Physical description:** 1 folder of textual records, 1 cardboard binder.

**Scope and content:** File consists of rejection letters and 1 photocopy of a cheque and stub for the story “Imagination.” This material was grouped together by the creator.

**Notes:** Title taken from title on original file binder.

### 2.3.3 Booky notices etc.

**Dates of creation:** 1980-1981.

**Physical description:** 1 folder of textual records.

**Scope and content:** File consists of a variety of material that was grouped by Ms. Hunter related to the publication of *That Scatterbrain Booky*. Material includes reviews, mail from the publisher, a letter to and from Mr. Fredrik Eaton and a CANSCAIP newsletter.

**Notes:** Title taken from title on original envelope.
3.0 Publicity

Dates of creation: 1981-2002

Physical description: 39cm of textual records, 49 photographs, 377 35mm slides, 8 video cassettes, 3 audio cassettes, 24 name tags in plastic sleeves (10 with satin ribbons), 4 paper name tags, 3 table place cards, 6 buttons, 1 key chain, 1 fabric school crest, 1 small metal pin, 1 satin ribbon

Scope and content: Series consists of material related to evidence of the publicity and promotion of Ms. Hunter’s work. This series is arranged into 7 files and 2 sub-series. Material includes advertisements, autobiographies, portraits and interviews, letters to fans, educational complements to books, evidence of many public appearances and 35mm slides and speech notes written by Ms. Hunter.

Notes: Title based on content of series. Box 3 – Non-textual material is stored in Box 3. Box 1 – Diorama is stored in Box 1.

Box 11

3.1 Advertisements

Dates of creation: 1985-1999

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 5 posters

Scope and content: File consists of advertisement material related to Ms. Hunter’s books, public appearances, and the theatrical and television productions of That Scatterbrain Booky. Material includes newspaper and magazine clippings and large size posters.

Notes: Title based on content of file. Box 1 – Five large posters are stored in Box 1.

3.2 Autobiographies

Dates of creation: [198-]-[199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of autobiographies, many with lists of books published to date. Two printouts of the files C:\BIOG. AND C:\CANSCAIP. are included. These files are now stored on diskette 2 in file 4.1.2.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

3.3 Portraits/interviews

Dates of creation: 1981-2002
Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 8 video cassettes, 3 audio cassettes

Scope and content: File consists of published print portraits of and video and audio taped interviews with Ms. Hunter. Material includes magazines, photocopies from various sources, CANSCAIP newsletters, two directories of authors and artists and a print out of Scholastic Canada Ltd.’s web site information on Ms. Hunter.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Boxes 2, 3 – Five video tapes dated 1981, 1985, and 1987 (quantity of 3) and audio cassettes are stored in Box 2. Three video tapes dated 1987, 1988, and 1990 are stored in Box 3.

3.4 Letters to fans

Dates of creation: [198-]-[199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of Ms. Hunter’s typed letters to fans covering topics such as being a writer and where she got the ideas for her stories. A printout of the file C:\WP_SAVE\CCL. from Ms. Hunter’s computer is also included. This file is now stored on diskette 1 in file 4.1.2.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

3.5 Author study

Dates of creation: [199-?] - 2000

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of author studies that were prepared for teachers to assist in presenting Ms. Hunter’s works to students. Material includes studies for That Scatterbrain Booky, Lampligher, and Ms. Hunter’s novels in general.

Notes: Title taken from envelope of one of the items in the file.

3.6 The Runaway

Dates of creation: 2001

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of material related to the launch of The Runaway. Material includes an invitation to the book launch, a copy of a letter from Scholastic Canada to book reviewers, samples of promotional materials, cards of congratulations, and Ms. Hunter’s speech.

Notes: Title taken from folder holding the contents of the file.
3.7 Scholastic book catalogues

**Dates of creation:** 1982-2000

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records in 2 folders

**Scope and content:** File consists of book catalogues containing Ms. Hunter’s books. Catalogues are mainly from her publisher Scholastic Canada Ltd. Other catalogues are from Canadian Children’s Books Rights (1982) and The Children’s Book Store (1983).

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

Box 12

3.8 Public appearances

**Dates of creation:** 1978, 1981-2002

**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records, 49 photographs, 1 paper bag, 24 name tags in plastic sleeves (10 with satin ribbons), 5 paper name tags, 3 table place cards, 7 buttons, 1 key chain, 1 fabric school crest, 3 small metal pins, 1 satin ribbon, 1 cardboard diorama, 1 video cassette

**Scope and content:** Sub-series consists of material related to her Ms. Hunter’s many speaking engagements. This series is arranged into 8 files. The first 4 files cover general appearances in chronological order from 1981 to 2002. Three appearances resulted in significant amounts of material collected and stored as a unit by the author. These files are from appearances in Summerside, PEI, Taber, AB, and Ottawa, ON. Another contains material from undated public appearances including a diorama of a scene from the novel *The Railroader*.

The last file contains 12 name tags and mementos such as 6 buttons, a small gold-coloured metal pin of Toronto city hall, a fabric school crest, and a key chain.

Textual material includes invitations to appear, newspaper clippings, agendas, thank you notes and tour report sheets filled out by Ms. Hunter.

**Notes:** Title based on content of sub-series. Box 3 – Non-textual material is stored in Box 3.

Box 12

3.8.1 Appearances 1981 – 1984

**Dates of creation:** 1981-1984

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 4 photographs
**Scope and content:** File consists of evidence of Ms. Hunter’s public appearances at schools, libraries, and conferences. Material includes letters of confirmation, agendas, thank you letters and cards, press releases and newspaper clippings.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

**3.8.2** Appearances 1985 – 1989

**Dates of creation:** 1985-1989

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 1 photograph

**Scope and content:** File consists of evidence of Ms. Hunter’s public appearances at schools, libraries, and conferences. Material includes letters of confirmation, agendas, thank you letters and cards, and newspaper clippings.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

**3.8.3** Appearances 1990 – 1996

**Dates of creation:** 1990-1996

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of evidence of Ms. Hunter’s public appearances at schools, libraries, and conferences. Material includes announcements, letters of confirmation, agendas, thank you letters and cards, press releases and newspaper clippings.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

**3.8.4** Appearances 1998 - 2002

**Dates of creation:** 1998-2002

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of evidence of Ms. Hunter’s public appearances at schools, libraries, and conferences. Material includes announcements of her impending visits, letters of confirmation, a speech and accompanying material, copies of public reading reports, agendas, thank you letters and cards, and copies of newspaper clippings.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

**3.8.5** Summerside, Prince Edward Island - 1989

**Dates of creation:** 1978, 1989

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 15 photographs, 1 paper bag, and 1 video cassette
Scope and content: File consists of evidence of Ms. Hunter’s public appearances in Summerside, PEI at schools and the library during Library Week festivities. Material includes agendas, souvenir paper bag and post cards, newspaper clippings, The Island Magazine which is a publication of history and folklore, and a video cassette of Ms. Hunter.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Box 3 – Video cassette is stored in Box 3.

3.8.6   Taber, Alberta - 1992

Dates of creation: 1992

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 7 photographs

Scope and content: File consists of evidence of Ms. Hunter’s visit to L.T. Westlake School in Taber, AB as a result of a teacher winning a contest sponsored by Scholastic Canada Ltd. Material includes school newsletters, letters of thanks, a copy of a newspaper clipping, and information on the city of Taber. Ms. Hunter originally stored this information together in a tan plastic legal-size folder.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

3.8.7   Ottawa, Ontario - 1993

Dates of creation: 1993

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 15 photographs

Scope and content: File consists of evidence of Ms. Hunter’s participation in 3 workshops at the Young Authors and Young Illustrators Conference hosted by the Multicultural Arts for Schools and Communities (MARC) in Ottawa, ON. Material includes an orientation letter, agendas, photographs, and the speeches delivered by Ms. Hunter. This material was kept together by the creator.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

3.8.8   Undated appearances

Dates of creation: [198-?] - [200-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 7 photographs

Scope and content: File consists of evidence of undated public appearances. Material includes cards and letters of thanks, an agenda, photographs, and newspaper clippings.

A cardboard diorama of a scene from the novel The Railroader was made out of a tissue box. It was either constructed by Ms. Hunter or a fan. It has a light bulb and wires to connect to a power source to light it up.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Box 1 – Diorama is stored in Box 1.
Box 3

3.8.9 Name tags

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] - [200-?]

**Physical description:** 24 name tags in plastic sleeves (10 with satin ribbons), 5 paper name tags, 3 table place cards, 7 buttons, 1 key chain, 1 fabric school crest, 3 small metal pins, 1 satin ribbon

**Scope and content:** File consists of various name tags and souvenirs from public appearances at schools, libraries, conferences, and dinners.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

Box 13

3.9 Speeches and slide shows

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] - [200-?]

**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records, 413 35mm slides

**Scope and content:** Sub-series consists of various speech notes and 35mm slides used by Ms. Hunter for her presentations.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of sub-series.

3.9.1 Kodak slide tray

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] - [200-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 45 35mm slides

**Scope and content:** File consists of 35mm slides that were mounted in a Kodak Carousel Transvue 80 slide tray and text of speeches that were also stored with them. This represents Ms. Hunter’s traveling slide show for the various public appearances that she made.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

3.9.2 Presentations

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] - [199-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to 3 different speeches given by Ms. Hunter. Material includes the speech delivered to the Swansea Historical Society, the acceptance letter to participate in the National Book Week in Summerside, PEI, and a 5 page speech titled “Presentation.”.
Notes: Title based on title printed on original file folder.

3.9.3  Speeches

Dates of creation: [198-]-[199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of speaking notes used by Ms. Hunter at her public appearances.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

3.9.4  CANSCAIP

Dates of creation: [199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of material related to Ms. Hunter’s participation in the Canadian Society of Children’s Authors, Illustrators and Performers (CANSCAIP) conference titled “Packaging Your Imagination.” Material includes speaking notes, magazine clippings, and copies of her work with editing marks.

Notes: Title taken from original folder cover.

3.9.5  Photos – slides

Dates of creation: [198-?] - [199-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 57 35mm slides

Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides of Ms. Hunter at home and making a public appearance, a young girl holding the 3 Booky books, and reproductions of very old family photos. There is a photo labeled “Family Now” which may be Ms. Hunter with her siblings.

Material also includes a textual draft of the video “Meet the Author: Bernice Thurman Hunter”.

Notes: Title taken from title printed on original folder.

3.9.6  Writing stages

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of 12 35mm slides

Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides of various stages of Ms. Hunter’s writing process and reproductions of old pictures.

Notes: Title taken from title printed on original plastic slide box.
3.9.7  Booky pictures - 1 of 2

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] - [199-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of 18 35mm slides

**Scope and content:** File consists of 35mm slides of Ms. Hunter as a young person and in front of Lucy Maude Montgomery’s former house in Toronto, the cover of the novel *The Railroader*, and various antique items.

**Notes:** Title taken from title printed on original plastic slide box. There were 2 slide boxes with same label.

3.9.8  Booky pictures - 2 of 2

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] - [199-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of 29 35mm slides

**Scope and content:** File consists of 35mm slides of Ms. Hunter with her siblings, the covers of the novels *That Scatterbrain Booky* and *Lamplighter*, and various old pictures.

**Notes:** Title taken from title printed on original plastic slide box. There were 2 slide boxes with same label. There were 25 slides in the box; the last 4 slides were stored near the slide box.

3.9.9  Barbara Woodhouse – DOGS

**Dates of creation:** [198-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of 20 35mm slides

**Scope and content:** File consists of 35mm slides of Ms. Hunter, her daughter Meredith as Booky, covers of the novels *With Love From Booky* and *A Place for Margaret*, and students assembled on the front steps of a school.

**Notes:** Title taken from title printed on original plastic slide box.

3.9.10  Washer (wheel)

**Dates of creation:** [198-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of 31 35mm slides

**Scope and content:** File consists of 35mm slides of antique family photos, art work and the cover of her novel *Margaret In the Middle*, a wooden washer and historical scenes of Toronto.

**Notes:** Title taken from title printed on original plastic slide box.

3.9.11  Some Booky replacements
Dates of creation: [198-?]
Physical description: 1 file of 29 35mm slides
Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides of That Scatterbrain Booky artwork.
Notes: Title taken from title printed on original plastic slide box.

3.9.12 Swansea
Dates of creation: [198-?]
Physical description: 1 file of 7 35mm slides
Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides of for Ms. Hunter’s presentation to the Swansea Historical Society.
Notes: Title based on label of original envelope.

3.9.13 Slide box 1
Dates of creation: [198-?]
Physical description: 1 file of 41 35mm slides
Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides that were part of Ms. Hunter’s traveling road show. Images include covers of various novels, historical scenes of Toronto and pages from old Eaton’s catalogues.
Notes: Title based on arbitrary ordering of slide boxes that had no title supplied by creator.

3.9.14 Slide box 2
Dates of creation: [198-?]
Physical description: 1 file of 29 35mm slides
Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides that were part of Ms. Hunter’s traveling road show. Images include historical scenes of Toronto and pages from old Eaton’s catalogues.
Notes: Title based on arbitrary ordering of slide boxes that had no title supplied by creator.

3.9.15 Slide box 3
Dates of creation: [198-?]
Physical description: 1 file of 15 35mm slides
Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides that were part of Ms. Hunter’s traveling road show. Images include historical images of family and movie stars and modern images of Ms. Hunter standing in front of a half-timber house.
Notes: Title based on arbitrary ordering of slide boxes that had no title supplied by creator.

3.9.16 Slide box 4

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of 15 35mm slides

Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides that were part of Ms. Hunter’s traveling road show. Images include the cover of the novel Margaret On Her Way, historical scenes of Toronto and pages from old Eaton’s catalogues.

Notes: Title based on arbitrary ordering of slide boxes that had no title supplied by creator.

3.9.17 Slide box 5

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of 18 35mm slides

Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides that were part of Ms. Hunter’s traveling road show. Images include covers of various novels, pages from her short stories The Heirloom and The Skaters, historical scenes of Toronto.

Notes: Title based on arbitrary ordering of slide boxes that had no title supplied by creator.

3.9.18 Slide box 6

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of 38 35mm slides

Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides that were part of Ms. Hunter’s traveling road show. Images include the cover and a page of That Scatterbrain Booky, the cover of The Firefighter, historical scenes of Toronto and family and pages from old Eaton’s catalogues.

Notes: Title based on arbitrary ordering of slide boxes that had no title supplied by creator.

3.9.19 Miscellaneous slides

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of 9 35mm slides

Scope and content: File consists of 35mm slides that were part of Ms. Hunter’s traveling road show. Images include covers of various novels that were translated into foreign languages.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.
4.0 Writings

Dates of creation: [196-] – 2001

Physical description: 1.75 m of textual records, 4 photographs, 4 3.5” floppy diskettes, 1 sweatshirt, 2 video cassettes, 1 pencil

Scope and content: Series contains records related to Ms. Hunter’s published and unpublished work, including novels, short stories, poetry and picture books in collaboration with an illustrator. Material includes handwritten notes, typed drafts and manuscripts, and printouts from Ms. Hunter’s computer.

The computer files are in WordPerfect 5.1 format and have been copied onto 4 diskettes that are stored in file 4.1.2. A printout of the directory tree from Ms. Hunter’s computer is also included. Series and file numbers have been noted beside each file name along with the diskette on to which it is copied.

This series is arranged into 2 sub-series: Published material and Unpublished material.

Notes: Title based on content of the series.

4.1 Published material

Dates of creation: 1974 - 2001

Physical description: 1.49 m of textual records, 2 photographs, 4 3.5” floppy diskettes, 1 sweatshirt, 2 video cassettes

Scope and content: Sub-series contains records related to Ms. Hunter’s published work, including novels and short stories. Material includes notes, drafts, manuscript copies and galley proofs. Sub-series is arranged into 17 files, one for each published work and the last for short stories.

Notes: Title based on content of the sub-series.

Box 14

4.1.1 That Scatterbrain Booky

Dates of creation: [198-?] - 1996

Physical description: 6.5cm of textual records in 4 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the writing of the novel That Scatterbrain Booky. Material includes 3 drafts of the book (2 typed, 1 handwritten), and a partial version which was printed from the file C:\WP_SAVE\MENU.CNF from Ms. Hunter’s computer. This file is now stored on diskette 1 in file 4.1.2.
Two of the drafts are titled *My Mother Called Me Booky*. Material also includes the camera-ready copy of the book cover. The novel was published in 1981.

**Notes**: Title based on contents of the file.

Box 15

4.1.2  *With Love From Booky*

**Dates of creation**: [198-]

**Physical description**: 6.5 cm file of textual records in 7 folders and 4 3.5” floppy diskettes containing 33 WordPerfect 5.1 files from Ms. Hunter’s computer and a printout of the hard disk file structure

**Scope and content**: File contains records related to the writing of the novel *With Love From Booky*. Material includes 5 drafts and 1 galley proof. Other titles of this novel that appear on the drafts are *The Gang On Veeny Street* and *Growing Up With Booky*. One version is a collection of handwritten notes and typed pages from the author’s early work on this novel. The novel was published in 1983. Copies of two published short story adaptations of the novel, under the names *White Smock* and *My Hero*, are also included.

Four diskettes containing the WordPerfect 5.1 files from Ms. Hunter’s hard disk are stored with this file due to space availability in the box.

**Notes**: Title based on contents of the file.

Box 16

4.1.3  *A Place For Margaret*

**Dates of creation**: [198-]

**Physical description**: 6.5 cm of textual records in 5 folders

**Scope and content**: File contains records related to the writing of the novel *A Place For Margaret* which was initially titled *Starr*. Material includes 3 drafts, 2 sets of early notes and a short story called “Horse Sense”, the precursor to the novel. The novel was published in 1984. A copy of an excerpt from the novel is also included.

**Notes**: Title based on contents of the file.

Box 17

4.1.4  *As Ever, Booky*

**Dates of creation**: [198-]

**Physical description**: 6.5 cm of textual records in 4 folders
**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the writing of the novel *As Ever, Booky*. Material includes 2 drafts, handwritten notes and typed pages. The novel was published in 1985. A copy of a published short story adaptation of the novel, under the name *Tea and Advice*, is also included.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

Box 16

**4.1.5  Margaret In the Middle**

**Dates of creation:** [198-]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records in 1 folder

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the writing of the novel *Margaret In the Middle*. Material includes 1 draft and 2 pads of handwritten notes. The novel was published in 1986.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

Box 18

**4.1.6  Lamplighter**

**Dates of creation:** [198-]

**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records in 5 folders

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the writing and publishing of *Lamplighter*. Material includes 4 draft versions, “junk pages” and mail from the publisher. The novel was published in 1987.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

The original sketch of the log house in this novel can be found in the Mark Thurman fonds. He is Ms. Thurman’s nephew.

Box 19

**4.1.7  Margaret On Her Way**

**Dates of creation:** [198-?]

**Physical description:** 6.5cm of textual records in 5 folders

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the writing of *Margaret On Her Way*. Material includes 1 complete draft and a variety of handwritten notes and typed pages. The last folder contains a mix of typed pages and handwritten notes from *Margaret In the Middle* and *Margaret On Her Way*. The novel was published in 1988.
4.1.8  *The Railroader*

**Dates of creation:** [198-?]

**Physical description:** 6.5cm of textual records in 3 folders

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the writing and publishing of the novel *The Railroader*. Material includes handwritten research and story notes, 1 draft, the final edited version with photocopies of photos to be used in the book, and a camera-ready copy of the book cover. The novel was published in 1990.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

4.1.9  *The Firefighter*

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] – [199-]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records in 4 folders

**Scope and content:** File consists of records related to the writing of the novel *The Firefighter*. Material includes 2 sets of rough notes and 2 drafts. The novel was published in 1991.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

4.1.10  *Hawk and Stretch*

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] – [199-]

**Physical description:** 1 file folder of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of records related to the writing of the novel *Hawk and Stretch*. Material includes 1 pad sets of handwritten notes, many typed draft pages and printouts of files C:\BILLY.C19 and C:\Y. from Ms. Hunter’s computer. These files are now stored on diskette 4 in file 4.1.2. The novel was published in 1993.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

4.1.11  *Janey’s Choice*

**Dates of creation:** [199-]
**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records in 9 folders

**Scope and content:** File contains material related to the writing of the novel *Janey’s Choice*. Material includes handwritten notes, a marked up print out, and 7 print outs of files from Ms. Hunter’s computer. The novel was published in 1998. The computer files are stored on diskettes 1, 2, and 3 in file 4.1.2.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

Box 24

4.1.12 *That Scatterbrain Booky* adaptations

**Dates of creation:** 1990 - 1997

**Physical description:** 1 file folder of textual records, 1 sweatshirt, 2 video cassettes

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the adaptation of the novel *That Scatterbrain Booky* into a theatrical production, 2 musicals, and a television drama. Material includes a ticket, program and information from the theatrical production at the Cascade Theatre in 1991, a program and 2 tickets from the musical production at Birch Cliff Public School in 1991, a study guide, draft copy of the script, and a sweatshirt signed by the cast of the musical production at Young People’s Theatre in 1991/1992, and a sweatshirt from the theatre signed by cast and crew of the musical.

Two copies of the television drama from 1995 and 1997 are also included.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file. Box 3 – Video cassettes are stored in Box 3.

Box 25

4.1.13 *Amy’s Promise*

**Dates of creation:** [199-]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records in 7 folders, 2 photographs

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the writing and publishing of the novel *Amy’s Promise*. Material includes handwritten notes, a letter from the publisher, and printouts from 6 computer files. The novel was published in 1995. The computer files are stored on diskettes 1, 2, and 3 in file 4.1.2.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

Box 26

4.1.14 *Two Much Alike*

**Dates of creation:** [199-]
Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 4 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the writing of the novel *Two Much Alike*. Material includes research information and 3 printouts of files from Ms. Hunter’s computer files. The novel was published in 2000. The computer file is stored on diskettes 2, 3, and 4 in file 4.1.2.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

Box 22

4.1.15 *The Runaway*

Dates of creation: [199-] - 2001

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 4 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the writing of the novel *The Runaway*. Material includes research notes, a typed manuscript, and 2 manuscript printouts from computer files. The novel was published in 2001. The computer files are stored on diskettes 1 and 2 in file 4.1.2.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

Box 22, 27

4.1.16 *It Takes Two*

Dates of creation: [199-] - 2001

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 5 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the writing and publishing of the novel *It Takes Two*. Material includes handwritten notes, one marked up computer printout, 2 printouts of computer files and the edited version from the publisher. The novel was published in 2002. The computer files are stored on diskette 2 in file 4.1.2.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Box 22 – File 1 of 5 is found in Box 22.

4.1.17 Short stories

Dates of creation: 1974 - [198-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 2 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the Ms. Hunter’s published short stories. Stories are arranged chronologically with undated works at the end. Two of the works are guides to writing for children. Titles of the works are:

- “Nana, Go Home!”
- “A Special Day”
- “The Derby”
- “Blood Sisters”
- “Chrissy”
- “Katie’s Promise”
- “Emergency”
- “Sonja Dunn, story teller extraordinaire”
- “The Skaters”
- “Getting Started”
- “About Writing for Children”
- “I Wonder How It Feels”
- “Imagination”
- “The Heirloom”

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

Box 28, 29

4.2 Unpublished material

Dates of creation: [196-] – [199-]

Physical description: 26cm of textual records, 2 photographs, 1 pencil

Scope and content: Sub-series contains records related to Ms. Hunter’s unpublished work, including a novel, short stories and poetry. Material includes notes and drafts. Sub-series is arranged into 16 files, one for each published work and the last for short stories.

Notes: Title based on content of the sub-series.

Box 28

4.2.1 Me First

Dates of creation: [199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 3 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished picture book *Me First, A Booky Picture Book*. Ms. Hunter worked with her nephew Mark Thurman, a Canadian children’s illustrator, who provided the art work. Material includes handwritten notes, 12
typed draft versions, 1 colour prototype of the book, 2 copies of the black and white art
dwork, and a printout of the file C:WP_SAVE\ME. from Ms. Hunter’s computer. The
printout contains 3 versions of Me First, a bible passage from First Corinthian, 4 versions
of Telephone Magic (unpublished picture book), 1 version of a short story called “My All-
time Favourite”, and a poem titled “Happy Birthday Gladys.” The computer file is stored
on diskette 3 in file 4.1.2.

Three versions of the “The Store Lady” were stored in the same envelope as some of the
Me First drafts. This envelope is now represented in folder 2. A colour prototype of this
book was produced and re-titled Nuts To All. The prototype can be found in file 4.2.2,
folder 2 of 2.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

4.2.2 Telephone Magic

Dates of creation: [199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 2 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished picture book
Telephone Magic, A Booky Picture Book. Ms. Hunter worked with her nephew Mark
Thurman, a Canadian children’s illustrator, who provided the art work. Material includes 4
typed draft versions, 1 colour prototype of the book, and 1 colour copy of 3 covers of the
picture books that Ms. Hunter was working on with Mr. Thurman.

The second folder of this file contains the prototypes of the 3 picture books Me First,
Telephone Magic and Nuts To All. They were contained in an envelope along with black
and white art work showing Booky in different views.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

4.2.3 Fluff

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished short stories “The
Quarrel”, “The Forbidden Door”, and “Fluff, the Apartment Cat.” Material includes
handwritten and typed drafts.

Notes: Title taken from label on original file folder.

4.2.4 Bird Brain

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 2 folders
Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished short story “Bird Brain” and poems “The Rescue” and “Wheels”. Material includes typed drafts. One is a printout of the file C:\WP_SAVE\BIRD. from Ms. Hunter’s computer. This file is now stored on diskette 1 in file 4.1.2.

The second folder contains the contents of an envelope grouped by the creator. It contains the poems and also autobiographical information.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

4.2.5 The Mysterious Stranger

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records


Notes: Title based on contents of file.

4.2.6 The Mixed-up Clown

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 1 photograph


Notes: Title based on contents of file

4.2.7 The Great Ring of Canada

Dates of creation: [198-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 1 photograph

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished articles “The Great Ring of Canada” and a sequel. The first article was written by Ms. Hunter and Ms. Dorothy Tillson, the second by Ms. Tillson alone. Material includes handwritten notes by Ms. Tillson, 2 typed drafts (one with illustrations), a photograph of Ms. Tillson and 2 manuscripts of short stories by Ms. Tillson called “The Elevator” and “My Johnny.”

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

4.2.8 Diana

Dates of creation: [198-?]
Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished short stories “Diana”, “Happy Birthday Irene”, “Tinder Box” and the poem “Wheels.” The short stories were written under the pseudonym Helen B. Hunter. Material includes typed drafts and handwritten notes, and a blank stationary letter.

Material also includes a copy of a manuscript for a television drama called Me and You by Ms. Hunter’s daughter Heather Hunter Berthelet.

Notes: Title taken from label on original file folder.

4.2.9 The Orange Tree

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished short story “The Orange Tree.” Material includes 2 typed drafts.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

4.2.10 Francelina

Dates of creation: [198-?] - [199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 2 folders

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished short stories “Francelina” and “The Cowbell” and information on the history of the village of Swansea and Ms. Hunter’s family tree. Material is divided into 2 folders. The first folder contains handwritten notes for “The Cowbell”, the historical records and the envelope that Ms. Hunter used to group these records. The second folder contains handwritten notes for “Francelina.”

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

4.2.11 Damn You For Dying

Dates of creation: [197-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File contains records related to the unpublished short story “Damn You For Dying” about the death of Ms. Hunter’s sister Marlys. Material includes a handwritten draft, notes and a birthday card from Marlys.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.
4.2.12 A Visit With A Very Famous Person

**Dates of creation:** [197-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the unpublished short story “A Visit With A Very Famous Person.” Material includes a typed draft.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

4.2.13 Poetry

**Dates of creation:** [196-] - [198-]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records in 3 folders

**Scope and content:** File contains records of Ms. Hunter’s poems. Material in the first folder includes 17 personal poems and 4 drawings that were grouped together by Ms. Hunter. One is a drawing of ‘Dit” by Ms. Hunter and the others are drawings by Meredith at 3 years of age.

Material in the second folder includes 6 other poems written by Ms. Hunter.

Material in the third folder includes 1 poem and 1 letter.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

4.2.14 Early submissions

**Dates of creation:** [197-] - [198-]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File contains records of Ms. Hunter’s early submissions of poetry and short stories for publication. Material includes the poems “My Hoop-And-Stick” and “Angels!”, and short stories “The Silver Star”, “Night Noises”, “Something For Danny”, “What’s Your Name?”, “The Skaters”, “A Very Special Day”, “Chrissy” and “My Aunt Alice.” Material also includes “Booky typo’s”, two notices of receipt of story submissions, and professional author’s news.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

4.2.15 Blue folder

**Dates of creation:** [199-]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 1 pencil
Scope and content: File contains records of Ms. Hunter’s early drafts of several stories. Material includes version of “The Girls They Left Behind”, “My All-Time Favourite” (published), chapter 18 from *Two Much Alike* (published), and a magazine article entitled “How To Improve Your Writing” and instructions for using WordPerfect, Ms. Hunter’s word processing program.

Notes: Title taken from type of original folder.

4.2.16  Kimberley

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 3 folders

Scope and content: File contains records of the writing of the unpublished novel *Kimberley*. Material includes handwritten notes, a typed manuscript and a printout of the file C:\WP_SAVE\KIM. from Ms. Hunter’s computer. This file is now stored on diskette 1 in file 4.1.2.

Notes: Title based on contents of the file.

4.2.17  Kim 2

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File contains records of Ms. Hunter’s story ideas that were contained in an envelope entitled “story ideas, material, Kim 2.” Material includes handwritten notes and types pages for a *Kimberley* sequel, a poem about her grandson Hunter, and short stories “Trixie the Tricycle”, “The Orange Tree” and “Heroes.”

Notes: Title taken from label on original envelope.

4.2.18  The Girls they Left Behind

Dates of creation: [199-]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File contains records of the unpublished novel *The Girls They Left Behind*. Material contains 4 printouts of files from Ms. Hunter’s computer. These files are now stored on diskette 1, 2, and 4 in file 4.1.2.

Notes: Title based on contents of the file.

4.2.19  Lamplighter sequel

Dates of creation: [198-?]

Physical description: 1 file of textual records in 2 folders
**Scope and content:** File contains records of the sequel to *Lamplighter*. Material includes handwritten notes and types pages.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

4.2.20 Chief Running-Foot In The Clouds

**Dates of creation:** [197-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to the unpublished short story “Chief Running-Foot In The Clouds.” Material includes a typed draft.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

4.2.21 Story ideas

**Dates of creation:** [197-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to unpublished short story ideas. Material includes a handwritten draft, notes and a birthday card from Marlys.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

4.2.22 Miscellaneous

**Dates of creation:** [198-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File contains records related to 2 unpublished stories.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

Box 30

5.0 Awards/Honours

**Dates of creation:** 1982-2002

**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records, 1 wooden wall plaque award, 5 photographs

**Scope and content:** Series consists of material related to her many awards, nominations and honours and into 14 files which are ordered chronologically. Material includes official notification correspondence, certificates, one wooden wall plaque, letters and cards of congratulations, and newspaper articles.

**Notes:** Title based on content of series.
5.1 Toronto I.O.D.E. Book Award – 1981

Dates of creation: 1982

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of material related to her Municipal Chapter of Toronto I.O.D.E. Book Award for her book *That Scatterbrain Booky*. Material includes notification of the award, the award certificate, invitation to the presentation of the award, and agenda for the presentation.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

5.2 City of Toronto Book Award – 1981

Dates of creation: 1982

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of material related to her City of Toronto Book Award for her book *That Scatterbrain Booky*. Material includes notification of the award, invitation to the presentation of the award, and agenda for the presentation.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

5.3 Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction (Nomination) – 1988

Dates of creation: 1988

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of one letter that notifies Ms. Hunter about *The Lamplighter* being nominated for the first Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

5.4 Vicky Metcalfe Body of Work Award – 1990

Dates of creation: 1990

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of material related to her winning the Vicky Metcalfe Body of Work Award from the Canadian Authors Association. Material includes notification of the award, the award, invitation to the CAA Literary Awards Banquet and CAA Annual Conference, agendas for the banquet and conference, and various announcements of Ms. Hunter winning the award.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Box 1 – The framed award certificate is stored in Box 1 of the Bernice Thurman Hunter fonds.
5.5 Manitoba Young Reader’s Choice Award (Nomination) – 1990

**Dates of creation:** 1990

**Physical description:** 1 textual record

**Scope and content:** File consists of the brochure with voting form for the award.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

5.6 Woman on the Move Award - 1990

**Dates of creation:** 1990

**Physical description:** 1 textual record

**Scope and content:** File consists of the program and ticket for The Toronto Sun Women on the Move awards luncheon.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

5.7 Dora Mavor Moore Awards – 1990/91

**Dates of creation:** 1991

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to the Dora Mavor Awards for the musical production of *That Scatterbrain Booky*. Material includes two newspaper articles on the awards winners and the official program for the awards presentation ceremony.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

5.8 Silver Birch Award – 1994

**Dates of creation:** 1994

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to the 1994 Silver Birch Award from the Ontario Library Association for her novel *The Firefighter*. Material includes notification of the award, and the award certificate.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

5.9 Toronto Historical Board Commendation – 1994

**Dates of creation:** 1994

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to the Toronto Historical Board Commendation for the novels *Hawk and Stretch* and *The Firefighter*. Material includes a letter
of appreciation for attending the awards presentation, a black and white photograph of Ms. Hunter receiving the award, and a brochure of the winners signed by Mr. Ed Mirvish.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Box 1 – The framed award certificate is stored in Box 1 of the Bernice Thurman Hunter fonds.

5.10 Silver Birch Award – 1995

Dates of creation: 1995

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of the 1994 Silver Birch Award certificate from the Ontario Library Association for her novel *Hawk and Stretch*.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

5.11 City of Scarborough Bicentennial Civic Award of Merit – 1996

Dates of creation: 1996-1997

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 1 medallion and 1 wall plaque

Scope and content: File consists of material related to the City of Scarborough Bicentennial Civic Award of Merit. Material includes notification of the award, the plaque-mounted award, the award in the form of a medallion, invitation to the presentation of the award, agenda for the presentation, letter of gratitude for attending the ceremony with a colour photograph of Ms. Hunter receiving the award. There is also an announcement of her winning and a letter of congratulations.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

5.12 Red Cedar Book Award – 1997-1998

Dates of creation: 1998

Physical description: 1 file of textual records, 5 photographs, and 1 wooden wall plaque

Scope and content: File consists of material related to the 1997-1998 Red Cedar Book Award from the Young Readers’ Choice Awards Society of British Columbia for the novel *Amy’s Promise*. Material includes the award in paper form and as a cedar wood wall plaque, agenda for the presentation, itinerary for travel, and a brochure describing the Red Cedar Book Award.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

5.13 Red Cedar Book Award – 2000-2001

Dates of creation: 2001

Physical description: 1 file of textual records
**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to the 2000-2001 Red Cedar Book Award from the Young Readers’ Choice Awards Society of British Columbia for the novel *Janey’s Choice*. Material includes notification of nomination, invitation to the Awards Ceremony Gala, the award in paper form, agenda for the presentation, itinerary for travel, and a poster of the nominees.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

5.14 Runnymede Collegiate’s Wall of Fame – 2002

**Dates of creation:** 2002

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to her selection as member of the Wall of Fame at Runnymede Collegiate Institute in Toronto, Ontario. Material includes notification of the honour and invitation to the ceremony and the certificate.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

5.15 Member of the Order of Canada – 2002

**Dates of creation:** 2001-2002

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to her being named a Member of the Order of Canada. Material includes notification of recommendation for the award, a copy of the Constitution of the Order of Canada, letters and cards of congratulations, and a newspaper article on Ms. Hunter’s award.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file. Box 1 – One large format card of congratulations is stored in Box 1.

Box 31, 32, 33

6.0 Photographs

**Dates of creation:** [18-] - [19-]

**Physical description:** 30cm of textual records, 381 photographs, 266 negatives, and 22 35mm slides in 3 boxes

**Scope and content:** Series consists of photographs related to Ms. Hunter’s family and public appearances.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of series.

Box 31, 32
6.1 Family

Dates of creation: [18–] - [19–]

Physical description: 30cm textual records, 192 photographs, 20 negatives, 1 35mm slide in 3 boxes

Scope and content: Sub-series consists of photographs of Ms. Hunter and her family.

Notes: Title based on contents of sub-series.

Box 31

6.1.1 Black and white

Dates of creation: [18–] - [19–]

Physical description: 2 textual records, 147 photographs, 10 negatives, 1 35mm slide in 1 box

Scope and content: File consists of black and white photographs of Ms. Hunter, her family, including old photos of ancestors, and friends. Material includes both original and copied photographs. Most material is undated.

Notes: Title based on contents of the file.

Box 32

6.1.2 Colour

Dates of creation: [19–]

Physical description: 38 photographs, and 10 negatives

Scope and content: File consists of colour photographs of Ms. Hunter, her family and her friends. Most material is undated.

Notes: Title based on contents of the file.

6.1.3 Framed photographs

Dates of creation: [19–]

Physical description: 7 black and white and colour photographs

Scope and content: File consists of photographs of Ms. Hunter and her family, which were received in frames. The photographs were removed from their frames by the archivist.

Notes: Title based on contents of the file.

Box 32
6.2 Book covers

**Dates of creation:** [198-] – [199-]

**Physical description:** 22 colour photographs, 28 negatives (and 4 13cm strips of black negatives), and 21 colour 35mm slides

**Scope and content:** Sub-series consists of images of the covers of Ms. Hunter’s novels. Images are undated.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the sub-series.

6.3 Colour research

**Dates of creation:** 1988 – [199-]

**Physical description:** 21 colour photographs and 49 colour negatives

**Scope and content:** Sub-series consists of photographs of research for the novels *Lamplighter* and *The Runaway*.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the sub-series.

Box 33

6.4 School readings and travel

**Dates of creation:** [1984?] – [199-]

**Physical description:** 1 textual record, 136 colour photographs, 6 black and white photographs, 4 colour photocopied photographs, 169 colour negatives in 1 box

**Scope and content:** Sub-series consists of photographs of Ms. Hunter at various public appearances. Material also includes photographs of Ms. Hunter with her writing workshop friends and travels. Dated photographs have been arranged chronologically with undated ones at the end.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the sub-series.

Box 34

7.0 Conferences

**Dates of creation:** [1986? – 1992?]

**Physical description:** 3 file folders of textual records, 1 souvenir button

**Scope and content:** Series consists of material related to Ms. Hunter’s attendance at various conferences. Material includes programs, souvenirs, and travel documents.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of series.
7.1 Conference information

**Dates of creation:** [1986?] – [1992?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to various conferences attended by Ms. Hunter. Conferences include Ideashop ’86, Young Authors’ ’86, Storymakers ’89, CANSCAIP’s Policy and Planning Seminar 1991. Material also includes information on conferences that may or may not have been attended by her: The Writers’ Union of Canada General Meeting 1992, Canadian Writers at Work – no date, and Book & Periodical Development Council “Freedom to Read” Night – no date.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

7.2 PEI stuff

**Dates of creation:** 1987

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 1 souvenir button

**Scope and content:** File consists of material related to Ms. Hunter’s participation in The Shining Waters Children’s Book Festival in Prince Edward Island and her sightseeing while there.

**Notes:** Title taken from original bag that held the contents of the file.

7.3 Travel documents

**Dates of creation:** [198-]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of miscellaneous material from Ms. Hunter’s travels. Material includes a boarding pass from Sault Ste. Marie, an airplane tickets to Charlottetown and Winnipeg, a train menu, Visa receipt for train ticket to Dorval and a room receipt for the Montréal Aéroport Hilton.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

Box 35

8.0 Reviews

**Dates of creation:** 1981-2002

**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records
**Scope and content:** Series contains material related to reviews of Ms. Hunter’s published works. There are also reviews of theatrical, musical and television adaptations of her novel *That Scatterbrain Booky*.

The reviews are from newspapers and magazines. The material is a mixture of original copy and photocopies. Duplicates were culled from the original collection. Originals were saved where possible. Dates of photocopying are not known.

**Notes:** Title based on content of series

8.1 *That Scatterbrain Booky*

**Dates of creation:** 1982-1996

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *That Scatterbrain Booky* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.2 *With Love From Booky*

**Dates of creation:** 1983-1986

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *With Love From Booky* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.3 *A Place For Margaret*

**Dates of creation:** 1984-1986

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *A Place For Margaret* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.4 *As Ever, Booky*

**Dates of creation:** 1986

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *As Ever, Booky* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.
8.5 *Margaret In The Middle*

**Dates of creation:** 1986-1988

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *Margaret In The Middle* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.6 *Lamplighter*

**Dates of creation:** 1987-1988

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *Lamplighter* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.7 *Margaret On Her Way*

**Dates of creation:** 1988-1991

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *Margaret On Her Way* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.8 *That Scatterbrain Booky* play

**Dates of creation:** 1988

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains one review of the theatrical production of *That Scatterbrain Booky* at the Cascade Theatre from The Toronto Star newspaper.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.9 *The Railroader*

**Dates of creation:** 1990-1992

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *The Railroader* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.
8.10 Booky: A Trilogy

**Dates of creation:** 1990, 1997, 1998

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the Booky Boxed Set which contains *That Scatterbrain Booky, With Love From Booky* and *As Ever, Booky*. Material is from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.11 *That Scatterbrain Booky* musical

**Dates of creation:** 1991-1992

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains newspaper reviews of the musical production of *That Scatterbrain Booky* at the Young People’s Theatre.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.12 *The Firefighter*

**Dates of creation:** 1991-1992

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *The Firefighter* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.13 *That Scatterbrain Booky* television drama

**Dates of creation:** 1992

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains one newspaper review of the television drama *That Scatterbrain Booky*.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

8.14 *Hawk And Stretch*

**Dates of creation:** 1994

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *Hawk and Stretch* from magazines and the Internet.
Notes: Title based on contents of file.

8.15 *Amy’s Promise*

**Dates of creation:** 1995

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *Amy’s Promise* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

8.16 *Janey’s Choice*

**Dates of creation:** 1998-1999

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *Janey’s Choice* from newspapers and magazines. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

8.17 *Two Much Alike*

**Dates of creation:** 2000-2001

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains reviews of the novel *Two Much Alike* from newspapers, magazines and the Internet. Some are originals and some are photocopies.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

8.18 *The Runaway*

**Dates of creation:** 1002

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** This file contains photocopies of reviews of the novel *The Runaway* from newspapers and magazines.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

8.19 General reviews

**Dates of creation:** 1984-2002

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records
Scope and content: This file contains reviews of groups of Ms. Hunter’s novels from newspapers, magazines and the Internet. Material also includes a handwritten summary by Ms. Hunter of several reviews.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

8.20 “Chrissy”

Dates of creation: [1981]

Physical description: 1 textual record

Scope and content: This file contains a review of the anthology Canadian Children’s Annual 1981 in which Ms. Hunter’s short story “Chrissy” appeared.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

Box 34

9.0 Financial records


Physical description: 13cm of textual material

Scope and content: Series consists of material related to Ms. Hunter’s finances. Materials include records of personal and business transactions. This series contains 9 files that separate her records into payments for public readings and royalties, grant applications, contracts, personal income tax, bank statements and receipts for purchases.

Notes: Title based on contents of series.

9.1 Payments for public readings


Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of payment receipts and cheque stubs of honorariums paid for public readings at various Toronto and Scarborough public libraries, and one from the Elgin County Board of Education.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

9.2 Royalty reports

Dates of creation: 1979-1994

Physical description: 1 file of textual records
Scope and content: File consists of payment receipts and cheque stubs of royalties paid for
the sale of books.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

9.3 Rights and permissions

Dates of creation: 1978-1993

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of payment receipts and cheque stubs of rights purchased
from Ms. Hunter to use various short stories and novels for reprints and translations.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

9.4 Scholastic invoices

Dates of creation: 1982-1986

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of invoices from Scholastic Book Services for the purchase
of books.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

9.5 Bank statements and VISA invoices

Dates of creation: 1984 - 1986

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of material related to personal finances. Material includes
bank statements, money order receipts, VISA card and TD Green Machine information, car
insurance, and VISA statements.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

9.6 Miscellaneous receipts

Dates of creation: 1976, 1984-1986

Physical description: 1 file of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of miscellaneous receipts from personal purchases. Material
includes Visa receipts and store receipts. Car sale receipt to Mr. Lloyd Hunter (Ms. Hunter’s
husband) from 1976 is included.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

9.7 Federal income tax
**Dates of creation:** 1984-1987

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of income tax receipts and forms from 1984, a Tax Guide for Writers, and a Notice of Assessment for Ms. Hunter’s apartment 703 at 3333 Finch Avenue East from 1987.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

9.8 Contracts

**Dates of creation:** 1983-1999

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of various agreements to buy Ms. Hunter’s short stories, to perform public readings, and a guide for creating invoices for storytelling services.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

9.9 Grant applications

**Dates of creation:** 1987

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of two grant information brochures titled “Aid to Artists” from The Canada Council as well as the application form for grants.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of file.

Box 36

10.0 Research notes

**Dates of creation:** [190-?] – [199-]

**Physical description:** 13cm of textual records, 39 photographs, 2 negatives, 5 audio cassette tapes, 1 metal tobacco container

**Scope and content:** Series consists of material related to research that Ms. Hunter collected for her novels which are historical fiction. The series is divided into 10 files. Material includes old catalogues, magazines, and newspaper clippings, a grammar book, and Ms. Hunter’s family tree.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of series. Box 1 – 3 large format text items are stored in Box 1.

10.1 Catalogues and magazines

**Dates of creation:** 1916 - 1988

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual material, 1 large format catalogue
Scope and content: File consists of three magazines and two catalogues (Sears and Eaton’s) that were used for researching the eras in which Ms. Hunter’s books take place.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Box 1 – Large format Eaton’s catalogue from 1927 is stored in Box 1.

10.2 Grammar reference book

Dates of creation: 1972

Physical description: 1 item of textual records

Scope and content: File consists of the second edition of *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk, Jr. and E.B. White. The book is falling apart, is well annotated and contains many Post-It notes marking pages of interest.

10.3 Booky and sequel notes

Dates of creation: 1977 - 1982

Physical description: 1 file textual records

Scope and content: File consists of newspaper clippings and handwritten notes that are related to the Booky books and were collated by Ms. Hunter into a folder.

Notes: Title supplied by title written on original cover of contents of file.

10.4 Newspaper clippings

Dates of creation: [196-] – [199-]

Physical description: 1 file textual records

Scope and content: File consists of various newspaper clippings about historical ways of life. This material was used as research for Ms. Hunter’s books.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

10.5 *The Firefighter*

Dates of creation: [198-]

Physical description: 1 file textual records

Scope and content: File consists of information from the Big Brothers of Metropolitan Toronto and handwritten notes about the job of a firefighter. This information was used as research for the novel *The Firefighter*.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

10.6 Research material
Dates of creation: [198-]

Physical description: 1 file textual records

Scope and content: File consists of newspaper articles and handwritten notes that were collated by Ms. Hunter into an envelope. Information relates to historical times that was used as research for her books.

Notes: Title taken from label on the original envelope containing the file.

10.7 Notes to be organized

Dates of creation: [199-]

Physical description: 1 file textual records

Scope and content: File consists of newspaper articles and handwritten notes that were collated by Ms. Hunter into an envelope. Information relates to historical times that was used as research for her books.

Notes: Title taken from label on the original envelope containing the file.

10.8 Family tree

Dates of creation: [19—]

Physical description: 1 file textual records, 6 photographs

Scope and content: File consists of Thurman family tree information.

Notes: Title based on contents of file.

10.9 White box

Dates of creation: [19—]

Physical description: 1 file textual records, 32 photographs, 2 negatives

Scope and content: File consists of records that were placed in a white cardboard box. Material includes family history, a letter from Ms. Hunter to her Aunt Alice and old newspaper clippings.

Notes: Title based on original container of file.

10.10 Swansea history

Dates of creation: [19—]

Physical description: 1 file textual records

Scope and content: File consists of information on the history of the village of Swansea in Toronto. Material also includes a folder of information about the centennial celebration of Swansea Public School.
Notes: Title based on contents of file.

10.11 Miscellaneous research

Dates of creation: [19—]

Physical description: 1 file textual records, 1 photograph, and 1 metal tobacco container

Scope and content: File consists of various articles, publications and handwritten notes that were collected by Ms. Hunter. Information relates to historical times that was used as research for her books.

Notes: Title based on contents of file. Three large-format textual items are stored in Box 1.

10.12 Audio cassette tapes

Dates of creation: [199-]

Physical description: 5 audio cassette tapes

Scope and content: File consists of 5 audiocassette tapes that contain interviews between Ms. Hunter and others on 3 of the tapes. The tapes are titled: Annette & Bernice; Aunt Edith and me; and Mary.Marg. The other 2 tapes seem to contain readings of 2 manuscripts entitled “Twins” and “Me.”

Notes: Title based on contents of the file. Box 3 – The contents of this file are stored in Box 3.

Box 37

11.0 Miscellaneous personal material

Dates of creation: [19—] - 2002

Physical description: 13cm of textual material, 5 photographs, 3 audio cassette tapes, 2 souvenir pins

Scope and content: Series consists of records that are personal in nature.

Notes: Title based on contents of series.

11.1 Calendars

Dates of creation: 1968, 1982 - 2002

Physical description: 1 files textual records

Scope and content: File consists of 10 calendars. Eight have handwriting on them.

Notes: Title based on contents of the file.

11.2 Plastic cards

Dates of creation: [19—] - 2002
**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 5 photographs

**Scope and content:** File consists of records that were kept in a business card box entitled “Plastic cards - Mini book – ‘My Cards’”. The box was half filled with Ms. Hunter’s business cards of which 1 was retained. Other material in the box included a mini note book containing addresses and notes, laminated old Canadian currency, photographs, business cards, hospital cards, and membership cards.

**Notes:** Title taken from label on original box containing the file.

### 11.3 Signed books

**Dates of creation:** 1985 - 1994

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of 5 books signed by the authors. The authors are Robertson Davies, Jean Booker, Eric Wilson and Barbara Greenwood.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

### 11.4 Newspaper clippings

**Dates of creation:** [198-?]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of newspaper clippings that were grouped together in an envelope. Much of it is inspirational in nature.

**Notes:** Title taken from label on original envelope.

### 11.5 Inspirational

**Dates of creation:** [198-?] - 2002

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of records of a religious nature.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

### 11.6 Family matters


**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records

**Scope and content:** File consists of records that relate to various family members. Items have been sorted chronologically with undated items at the end.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.
11.7 Miscellaneous

**Dates of creation:** [19—]

**Physical description:** 1 file of textual records, 3 audio cassette tapes, 2 pins

**Scope and content:** File consists of records of various natures. Material includes 3 magazines, 6 postcards, music, a micro audio cassette tape and 2 souvenir pins.

**Notes:** Title based on contents of the file.

12.0 The Descendants of Thomas and Ann Thurman of Tollerton, Nottinghamshire

(By Vaughan H. Thurman. Toronto: Portage, 2013.)

**Dates of creation:** published 2013

**Physical description:** 1 coil-bound book on the history of the Thurman family (299 pages).