

Caroline Balderston Parry Fonds

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Caroline Balderston Parry (Canadian). – March 1984 - 14 May 1999. – 2 archival boxes, 25cm.

Biographical sketch: Caroline Balderston Parry (b. 1945) is a Canadian author, musician, educator and performer. She is currently the Director of Religious Education for the Unitarian Church of Montreal in Westmount and lives in Montreal most of the year. Parry's late husband (1942-1995) David Parry, was a singer, actor and director, solo performer and member of the folk group Friends of Fiddler's Green. Her son, Richard Parry (b. 1977) leads the group Bell Orchestre and is the bassist for the rock band Arcade Fire. Evalyn Parry, her daughter, is an actress, director, spoken-word performer and musician.

Her book, *Let's Celebrate Canada's Special Days*, published in 1987, an important reference work for children. The book describes more than 250 holidays and special days celebrated in Canada. *Eleanora's Diary (1994)*, is a *Dear Canada series book based on the 1830s diary of a Canadian immigrant girl, Eleanora Hallen. Zoomerang A Boomerang!* (1991), a collection of poetry for beginning readers was edited by Caroline Parry.

Awards:

1987-88 Toronto IODE Book Award for *Let's Celebrate Canada's Special Days*

1988 Children's Literature Roundtables Information Book Award

Bibliography:

In Process

The Heron Spiral: A Commonplace Book, an illustrated adult book of meditative nature/spiritual essays, approximately 150 pp,

Excerpt posted at www.northwindpress.ca/ See "NUGGETS/quest", as "Winter Heron Thoughts"

Juvenile Non-Fiction

Let's Celebrate. Toronto: Kids Can Press, 1987.

From the author: Information book about holidays, religious, ethnic and regional groups in Canada, Kids Can Press, Toronto. 256 pp, b&w illustrations, various artists, index. ISBN # 0-921103-38-7. Sales: over 80,000 copies to date.

Dear Canada Series

Eleanora's diary: the journals of a Canadian pioneer girl. Scholastic: Richmond Hill, ON., 1994

From the author: 240 pp., glossary, b & w illustrations by Eleanora and period artists. ISBN #0-590-74096-2. Sales: ca. 25,000 copies.

See <http://www.carolinebalderstonparry.com/publishingcvMay10.pdf> for Caroline Balderston Parry's full CV

Custodial history: Gift of Caroline Balderston Parry

Scope and content: This gift of material represents the literary archive of Caroline Balderston Parry from March 1984 to May 14, 1999. The current gift contains manuscripts, papers, correspondence and textbooks related to *Let's Celebrate Canada's Special Days*. Caroline B. Parry went to work on this book on May 20, 1985 - Victoria Day.

Arrangement: The archivist has grouped folders by title, ordered by date of creation. The original location of each file is provided. Date order is complicated by the fact that drafts and proofs are dated both by "day/month/year" and by "month/day/year." In cases of ambiguity, the archivist has assumed "day/month/year."

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Restrictions on access: No restrictions in place

Series and Sub-series

1. *Let's Celebrate*

1.1 Rough Draft

Dates of creation: 198?

Physical description: 82 sheets

Scope and content: This folder contains rough drafts for Let's Celebrate, spring and summer sections.

1.2 Ethnic Contacts

Dates of creation: March 1984

Physical description: 125 sheets

Scope and content: This folder contains contacts from various ethnic communities as well as list of Toronto Public Library Children's Librarians from 1984.

1.3 Organization of Seasons Book

Dates of creation: unknown

Physical description: 108 coil-bound notebook + 3 loose pages.

Scope and content: This folder includes lists of multicultural references and list of activities by type.

1.4 (a) Draft – Intro and Winter

Dates of creation: 198?

Physical description: 154 sheets

Scope and content: This folder contains a rough draft for Introduction and Winter celebrations.

1.4 (b) Draft – Spring, Summer, Autumn [MISSING]

1.5. Invoices & Sales Receipts

Dates of creation: [MISSING]

Physical description: 35 sheets

Scope and content: This folder contains correspondence including Thank You letters to booksellers and invoices from publishers Kids Can Press.

1.6 Textbook: Clues to English, Grade 6

Dates of creation: 1998

Scope and content: This textbook features a section excerpted from *Let's Celebrate*.

Sasso, Jean and Wendy Williams. *Clues to English, Grade 6*. Anjou, Quebec: Les Edition CEC, 1998.

2. Let's Celebrate - 1986 Version

2.1 (a) Outline and Disks

Dates of creation: 1984-1985

Physical description: 4 floppy disks + 6 sheets

Scope and content: Table of Contents for *Let's Celebrate*.

2.1 (b) Intro, Winter and Spring

Dates of creation: 198?

Physical description: 274 sheets

Scope and content: This folder contains drafts for Table of Contents, Intro, Winter and Spring.

2.1 (c) Summer, Fall and Muslim Holidays

Dates of creation: 198?

Physical description: 167 sheets

Scope and content: This folder contains drafts for Summer, Fall and Muslim Holidays.

2.2 Contacts

Dates of creation: 198?

Physical description: 11 pages

Scope and contents: This folder features lists of contacts, returned thank you letters and a letter of criticism from Professor S. Fefferman dated 5 February 1988.

2.3 Reviews

Dates of creation: 1987

Physical description: 95 pages + 1 booklet (12 pages)

Scope and contents: This folder contains a one page letter from Michelle Lansberg (dated 27 October 1987) and various Thank You cards.

2.4 Textbooks

Dates of creation: 1989-1999

Scope and contents: 3 Textbooks featuring excerpts from revised version of Let's Celebrate.

Cornerstones: Canadian language Arts, Anthology 3b. Toronto: Gage Publishing, 1999. Pages 124-131 features excerpts from *Elenora's Diary*.

Nelson Language Arts 6: Going the Distance. Scarborough, Ontario: Nelson, 1998.

Swinging Below a Star. Scarborough, Ontario: Nelson, 1989. Pages 3-6 features excerpts from *Let's Celebrate*.