

UNIVERSITY OF REGINA ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
THE DR JOHN ARCHER LIBRARY

94-67

MAGGIE SIGGINS

By SELINA COWARD

MARCH 13, 1996

Scope and Content:

This fonds consists of 3.8 meters of material.

The fonds are open for research.

The scope of these fonds is from 1987 - 1994.

The fonds consist of material generated by Maggie Siggins in the research and writing of two books: Revenge of the Land: a Century of Greed, Tragedy and Murder on a Saskatchewan Farm published by McClelland and Stewart in 1991 and Riel: a Life of Revolution published by Harper Collins.

The Revenge of the Land:... series consists of excerpts from books, historical papers and documents, court documents, homestead documents, interviews (transcribed and original recordings), newspaper and magazine articles and photographs. All of these document the history and settlers of Section 11, Township 16, Range 25, west of the Second Meridian near Pasqua, Saskatchewan from 1883 to 1989. Some of the material also related to the people and events occurring in the Moose Jaw area during this period.

The Riel:... series includes excerpts from articles, books, newspapers and legal documents pertaining to Louis Riel's life from 1844 to 1885. These records include documentation relating to the Red River Colony and the Red River Rebellion in Manitoba and the North-West Rebellion of 1884 to 1885 culminating in Riel's death. Also included are materials on the settlement of the Red River Colony; Louis Riel's parents and grandparents; and events occurring in Regina, Prince Albert and the Batoche area during the North-West Rebellion; and translations, from French to English, of poetry and letters by and to Louis Riel.

Biographical Sketch: Maggie (Marjorie) May Siggins was born May 28, 1942 in Toronto, Ontario. She is the daughter of Elizabeth May Siggins. She married Gerald (Gerry) B. Sperling on August 23, 1987. She has 3 children.

Place of Residence: She currently resides in Regina, Saskatchewan.

Education: A Bachelor of Applied Arts in Journalism from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute was received in 1965.

Occupation, life and activities: Maggie Siggins began her journalism career as a Reporter at the Toronto Telegram in 1965. In 1971 she became a political reporter and commentator for CITY-TV, Toronto. Leaving CITY-TV where she worked for CBC Television, Toronto as a reporter, interviewer and producer during 1975 - 77, she returned to produce an hour long night news program, CITYPULSE News, 1979 - 81.

Maggie Siggins has worked as a freelance magazine writer and broadcaster. Her work has appeared in numerous publications including: Chatelaine, MacLean's, Reader's Digest, Financial Post, and Today Magazine. In Toronto Life, 1981 - 1983, she published a monthly political column, and she has produced television documentaries for CBC and CITY.

Maggie Siggins spent 1985-86 in Beijing, China, working for the New China News Agency and as a professor of graduate studies at the Beijing Broadcast Institute. She has also taught journalism at the University of Toronto under the Southam Fellowship for Journalists, 1973-74 and at the University of Regina under the Max Bell Chair in Journalism, 1983-84.

Siggins has published numerous non-fiction books: A Guide to Skiing in Eastern Canada, 1969; How to Catch a Man with cartoonist Ben Wicks, 1970; Bassett: His Forty Years in Politics, Publishing, Business and Sports, 1979; Brian and the Boys: A Study in Gang Rape, 1984; A Canadian Tragedy: JoAnn and Colin Thatcher. A Study of Love and Hate, 1984; Revenge of the Land: A Century of Greed, Tragedy and Murder on a Saskatchewan Farm, 1991 and Louis Riel: A Life of Revolution, 1994.

A Canadian Tragedy:... was produced into a 4 hour mini-series by CBC Television and aired in December 1989. It was re-aired on NBC in the United States in July 1990, the BBC in England in 1991 and forty other countries. A mini-series of Revenge of the Land:... is currently in production by CBC Television. A French translation of Riel:... is to be published by Editions Quebec-Amerique, Montreal in the spring of 1996.

A member of the Writers' Union of Canada she is serving as its Chair in 1995-96. She holds memberships in the following professional organizations: Saskatchewan Writers' Guild, Canadian Historical Association, Alliance of Canadian Television and Radio Artists, Canadian Association of Journalists and Saskatchewan Motion Picture Association (ACTRA). In 1995-96 she is also Board Member of Poets, Playwrights, Editors, Essayists and Novelists (P.E.N.). She has participated as a member of the Board of Directors for NeWest Press in Edmonton, Alberta and Curtain Raisers Players in Regina, Saskatchewan.

In 1985 Siggins won the Crime Writers of Canada Arthur Ellis Award for A Canadian Tragedy:.... Revenge of the Land:... was awarded the Governor-General's Literary Award for Nonfiction in 1992. In 1994 Riel:... won the City of Regina, Best Book Award.

Besides English she is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and literate in French.

Table of Contents

"REVENGE OF THE LAND: A CENTURY OF GREED, TRAGEDY AND
MURDER ON A SASKATCHEWAN FARM"

	Location in Index
Background Information	6
Books, Historical Papers, Documents	6
Correspondence	6
Court Documents	6
Farm Book Chronology	6
Farm Book File	6
Homestead Files	6
Interviews	6 - 8
Land Documents	8
"Life and Death of the Family Farm"	8
Manuscript	8
Miscellaneous Items	8
Murder Chronology	8
Newspaper, Magazine, etc. Clippings	8 - 9
Notebooks	9
Notes	9
Photographs	9
Research	9 - 10
Research Notes	10
Sound Recordings	10
Tracy's Notes [from Moose Jaw <u>Herald</u> and <u>Times</u>]	10
"RIEL: A LIFE OF REBELLION"	
Articles	10
Bibliography	10 - 11
Chronology of Louis Riel's Life	11
Copy Books	11
Correspondence	11
Une Cure sans Dime: St. Louis de France de Terreborne au XIXe Siecle	11
Letters	11
Louis Riel Index	11
"Louis Riel's Will"	11
Manuscript	11 - 12
Miscellaneous Articles	12
Miscellaneous Items	12
Notebooks	12
Notes	13 - 14
Photographs	14
Places	14 - 15
Translations	15

"REVENGE OF THE LAND: A CENTURY OF GREED,
TRAGEDY AND MURDER ON A SASKATCHEWAN FARM"

- Box 1
1. Background Information
 2. Background Information
 3. Carmichael
 4. Court Records
 5. The Graysons
 6. The Graysons
 7. Wellington White (includes 1 oversize item)
- Books, Historical Papers, Documents
8. B1 - 35
see also: X48 and Research,
Sioux\Black Moon
- Box 2
9. B36 - 50 ***B56
 10. B51 - 85 (includes 1 oversize item)
 11. B86 - 99
 12. B100 - 139 (includes 2 oversize items)
(missing B136)
 13. B140 - 149 ****B143
(missing B145)
 14. B150 - 170
(missing B168 and B169)
 15. B171 - 199 (includes 1 oversize item)
(missing B179, B183, B184 and B199)
- Box 3
- Correspondence
16. 1990 - 1991 (includes 8 photographs -
No. 1-8, 9-11)
- Court Documents
17. C1 - 50
 18. C50: Donald James Sutherland -
Transcript of Proceedings
 19. C51: Kenneth Gerald Sutherland
Transcript of Proceedings
 20. C52: Aaron Albert Racette -
Preliminary Inquiry
- Farm Book Chronology
21. Farm Book Chronology
 22. Farm Book File
- Homestead Files
23. HF 1 - 50
 24. HF 51 - 100
 25. HF 101 - 150
- Box 4
26. HF 151 - 159 (includes 5 oversize items)
 27. Robert Foote
- Interviews
28. I1/I2: Corporal Keith McGillvray
and Sergeant Ron Kredba, Moose Jaw
R.C.M.P.

*** Contained in Newspaper, Magazine, etc. Clippings,
William and Mrs. Grayson

**** *ibid.*

29. I3: Grant Babick
 30. I4: Leo Atkins
 31. I5: Jim Foote
 32. I6: Vi Foote
 33. I7: Lawrence Champion
 34. I8: Val Lewis
 35. I9: Clifford Gentner
 36. I10: Maurice Williams
 37. I11: Bart, Doreen and Marlene Meadows
 38. I12: Eleanor Thompson
 39. I13: Bill MacKay
 40. I14: Ron Bourgeault
 41. I15: Joan Bidwell
 42. I16: William D. Grayson
 43. I17: Russell Filson
 44. I18: June Woodley
 45. I19: Ernie Smith
 46. I20: Jean Schuster
 47. I21: Ross Foote
 48. I22: Evelyn Evans
 49. I23: Gerty Aitkins and Cecil Champion
 50. I24: Mary Franklin/Jefferson
 51. I25: Lionel Sproule
 52. I26: Frank White
 53. I27: Bill McWilliams
 54. I27 #2: Bill McWilliams
 55. I28: Walter Champion
 56. I29: Alexander Eberle
 57. I30: Laretta Schaeffer
 58. I31: Elain Looker
 59. I32: Brian Tooley and wife
 60. I33: Frank Eberle, Rostadt Colony
 61. I34: Hertha Eberle
 62. I35: Darlene Foote
 63. I36: Judy (Winnifred) Dixon
 64. I37: Frank Eberle, Vibank
 65. I38: Joan Pawelchuk (Meadows)
 66. I39: Brian Stinton
 67. I40: Clint White
 68. I41: John Stewart
 69. I42: Rod Christie
 70. I43: Arlene Meadows
 71. I44: Glen Butler
 72. I45: Joseph Eberle
 73. I46: Brent Eberle
 74. I47: Joe Walsh
 75. I48: Clara and Bernard Feiner
 76. I49: Brian Eberle
 77. I50: Donna Sutherland
 78. I51: Yvonne Nargang
 79. I52: Harvey and Ralph Brentnell
 80. I53: Duane (Looker)

- Box 5
- 81. I54: Rob Tooley
 - 82. I55: Tony Herauff
 - 83. I56: Leo and Clara Fahlman
 - 84. I57: Sharon Martin
 - 85. I58: Bruce Champion
 - 86. I59: Leslie Winters
 - 87. I60: Jim Low
 - 88. I61: Michael Voss
 - 89. I62: Steve Durnin
 - 90. I63: Adam Bishoff
 - 91. I64: Bob [and] Judy Dixon
 - 92. I65[a]: Prosecutor (Walter Wall) *
 - 93. I65[b]: Isadore Gorski *
 - 94. I66: Gerry (Boyton) Johnson * 95.
Mary Jefferson and Tracy Stevens *
 - 96. Carol Ostrander *
 - 97. Unknown
 - Land Documents
 - 98. L1 - 50 (includes 13 oversize items)
(includes 13 oversize items)
 - 99. "Life and Death of the Family Farm"
Outline
 - Manuscript
 - Edited Galleys
 - 100. Pages 1 - 199
 - 101. Pages 200 - 399
 - 102. Pages 400 - 599
 - Box 6 103. Pages 600 - 689 and Index
 - 104. The Graysons
 - Miscellaneous Items
 - 105. Miscellaneous Items (includes 1 oversize
item)
 - 106. Thomas Aspdin
James Duncan
 - 107. Income Tax: 1957 - 1964
 - 108. X1 - 24
 - 109. X25 - 49
X48: see also: Research, Sioux\Black
Moon and B2
 - Box 7 110. X49
 - 111. X 51 - 55
 - 112. X 66 - 99 (includes 1 oversize item)
 - 113. X100 - 130
 - 114. X131 - 160
 - 115. Murder Chronology
Newspaper , Magazine, etc. Clippings
 - 116. Newspaper , Magazine, etc. Clippings
 - 117. William and Mrs. Grayson
(includes B56, B143, N253, N327,
N633, N693, N728, N742, N760,

* Not included in Farm Book File

- N800, N814, N856, N925, N1028 -
1030, N1032 - 1041, N1062)
(includes 10 oversize items)
118. N 1 - 50
119. N 51 - 99
(missing N53 and N56)
120. N 100 - 149
121. N 150 - 199
(missing N151)
- Box 8 122. N 200 - 249 (includes 3 oversize items)
123. N 250 - 299 ***N253
124. N 300 - 349 ***N327
125. N 350 - 399
126. N 400 - 449
127. N 450 - 499
128. N 500 - 549
- Box 9 129. N 550 - 599
130. N 600 - 649 ***N633
131. N 650 - 699 ***N693
132. N 700 - 799 ***N728, N742, N760
133. N 800 - 899 ***N800, N814, N856
- Box 10 134. N 900 - 999 ***N925
135. N 1001 - 1099 ***N1028 - 1030, N1032 -
1041, N1062
136. N 1100
137. Aaron Albert Racette
138. John R. Ross: Federal Election of
November 1925 (includes 13 oversize
items)
- Notebooks
139. F1
140. F2
141. F3
142. F4
143. F5
- Box 11 144. F6
145. F7
- Notes
146. Notes
147. Bischoff, Werdelis
148. Eberle, Frank and Kay
149. Rastadts
150. Photographs (includes 1 photograph - no.12)
- Research
151. Research
(includes 7 oversize items)
152. Eberle Family History
153. Eberles
154. Eberles (includes 3 oversize items and 1
photograph - no. 13)
155. Estate of Frank Peter Eberle and
Katherine Eberle
Farm Book File
156. Draft

- Box 12
157. Draft
158. Robert Foote (includes 2 oversize items)
159. J. R. Green
160. Hugh James Keeffe
161. List of Police Officers/Lawyers
162. Sioux/Black Moon
see also: B2 and X48
163. Andrew David Muntean
164. Carole Anne Ostrander/Sutherland
(nee Eberle) (includes 1 oversize
item)
165. Aaron Albert Racette
166. Benjamin Smith (includes 13 photographs
- No. 14 - 26))
167. Benjamin Smith (includes 1 oversize
item)
168. Sutherland, Donald
169. Sutherland, Donald and Kenneth
170. Sutherland, Kenneth Gerald
171. Ursuline High School
172. Research Notes (includes 4 photographs -
no. 27 - 29, 30)
- Sound Recordings
- No. 1 - Leo Atchins
- No. 2 - Grant Babich - June 28/88
- No. 3 - Joan Bidwell - May 30/90
- No. 4 - Lawrence Chanpien - October
10/89
- No. 5 - Cranford
- No. 6 - Evelyn Evans - July 23/90
- No. 7 - Ross Foote - July 17/90
- No. 8 - Vi Foote - October 11/89
- No. 9 - Vi Foote - October 11/89
- No. 10 - Gentner - December 1/89
- No. 11 - Val Lewis - September 22/8?
- No. 12 - Jean Shuster - July 18/90
- No. 13 - Marnie Williams - October 7/89
- No. 14 - June Woodley - June 8/90
- Tracy's Notes [from Moose Jaw Herald and
Times]
- Box 13
(half-box) 173. TF 1 - 10
174. TF 12 - 20
175. TF 22 - 24
176. TF 27 - 37, 40 - 51
- "RIEL: A LIFE OF REVOLUTION"
- Articles
- Box 14
177. A1 - 20
(missing A10 and A 19)
178. A21 - 45
179. A46 - 69
180. A70 - 99
(missing A83)

- Box 15
181. A100 - 120
(missing A116)
182. A121 - 140
(missing A122)
(includes 2 oversize items)
183. A141 - 160
184. A161 - 189
(missing A163, A178, A179 and A187)
185. A190 - 225
(missing A187, A210 and A219)
- Box 16
186. A226 - 259
(Includes 1 oversize item)
(missing A246)
187. A260 - 285
188. A286 - 320
189. A321 - 345
(missing A327 and A338)
190. A346 - 360
(missing A356)
- Box 17
191. A361 - 385
192. A386 - 414
(missing A395, A401, A402, A409 and A410)
193. A415 - 427
194. Bibliography
Bibliography
(Includes 3 oversize items)
195. Books
196. Chronologies
197. Journals, Magazines
198. Notes
199. Theses
200. Chronology of Louis Riel[*'s* Life]
Copy Books
- Box 18
201. C1 - 20
202. C21 - 37
203. C38 - 55
204. C56 - 80
205. C81 - 109
- Box 19
206. C110 - 111
207. C112 - 130
208. C131 - 149
209. C150 - 170
210. C180 - 199
(missing C189, C194 and C195)
- Box 20
211. C200 - 218
(includes 1 oversize items)
212. Correspondence
213. Une Cure sans Dime: St. Louis de France de Terrebonne au XIXe Siecle
Letters
214. Edward Mallett
Louis Riel Index
215. A - P

216. Q - Z
217. "Louis Riel's Will". The Archivist, volume 20, #1, 1993: pp. 23 - 25
Manuscript
218. Accompanying Correspondence - 1994
Edited Version
Part One: Emergence
- Box 21 219. Chapter One
220. Chapter Two
221. Chapter Three
222. Chapter Four
223. Chapter Five
224. Chapter Six
225. Chapter Seven
226. Chapter Eight
[Part Two]: Exile
227. Chapter Nine
228. Chapter Eleven [sic]
[Ten]
229. Chapter Twelve [sic]
[Eleven]
230. Chapter Twelve
231. Chapter Thirteen
232. Chapter Fourteen
233. Chapter Fifteen
234. Chapter Sixteen
235. Chapter Seventeen
236. Chapter Eighteen
Box 22 237. Chapter Nineteen
238. Chapter Twenty
(Incomplete)
- Miscellaneous Articles **
239. Miscellaneous Articles
240. Miscellaneous Articles
(includes 1 oversize item)
241. Miscellaneous Articles
242. Miscellaneous Articles
(Includes 3 oversize items)
- Box 23 243. Miscellaneous Articles
244. Miscellaneous Articles
245. Miscellaneous Articles
246. Miscellaneous Articles
(includes 2 oversize items)
- Miscellaneous Articles
247. M1 - 33
248. M34 - 45
(missing M37 - M39)
249. M46 - 58
(includes 1 oversize item)
(missing M46 and M50)

** Not included in Riel Book filing system

- Box 24
- 250. National Archives of Canada
(Includes 5 oversize items)
 - 251. National Archives of Canada
(includes 62 oversize items)
 - 252. National Archives of Canada
(includes 89 oversize items)
 - 253. Louis Schmidt
 - 254. Province of Alberta Archives
 - 255. Province of Alberta Archives
(includes 1 oversize item)
 - 256. Saskatchewan Archives Board
- Box 25
- Miscellaneous Items
 - 257. [Miscellaneous Items]
 - 258. Miscellaneous Items
 - 259. Miscellaneous Items
(includes 1 oversize item)
 - 260. Miscellaneous Items
(includes 2 oversize items)
 - Miscellaneous Items
 - Newspaper Articles
 - 261. P1 - 49
(includes 1 oversize item)
 - 262. P50 - 99
(missing P77)
(includes 1 oversize item)
 - 263. P100 - 120
(includes 3 oversize items)
- Box 26
- Notebooks
 - 264. N1
 - 265. N2
 - Notes
 - 266. Notes
 - 267. Notes
 - 268. Appeals
 - 269. Ballandine Affair
 - 270. Batoche (Chapters 16 and 17)
 - 271. Battle at Batoche
 - 272. Belcourt, G. A.
 - 273. Boulton, Corporal Charles W.
 - 274. Buffalo Hunt: Description
 - 275. Chapter 3
 - 276. Chapter 4
 - 277. Chapter 5
 - 278. Chapter 6
 - 279. Chapter 8
 - 280. Chapter 9
 - 281. Chapter 10
 - 282. Chapter 11
 - 283. Chapter 12
 - 284. Chapter 13
 - 285. Chapter 14
 - 286. Chapter 16/17
 - 287. Chapter 18
 - 288. Chapter 19

- Box 27
- 289. Chapter 20
 - 290. [Clergy]
 - 291. Delegates (Chapter 7)
 - 292. Fort Douglas
 - 293. Fort Garry
 - 294. Frechette and Lamartine
 - 295. [French Canadians]
 - 296. Funds/Goods in Short Supply
 - 297. Gauillemette
 - 298. Heaven
 - 299. Ile a la Crosse
 - 300. [Indians of the Prairies]
 - 301. Lagimodiere, Jean-Baptiste
Louis Schmidt
 - 302. Malmros
 - 303. Marriage/Religion
 - 304. McDougall
 - 305. McDougall in Pembina
 - 306. Meeting of July 24, [1870]
 - 307. Metis Land Claims
 - 308. [Mixed Marriages]
 - 309. Muir, Charles (Charlie)
 - 310. Negotiations with Canada
 - 311. New Nation
 - 312. Nolin, Charles
 - 313. Oblates and Sulpicians
 - 314. Political Events while in School
 - 315. Population
 - 316. Public Reaction
 - 317. Rainy River
 - 318. Red River Settlement
 - 319. Red River Settlement Description
 - 320. Riel, Jean-Louis
 - 321. Riel, Louis
Riel, Louis
 - 322. [Riel] as Community Leader
 - 323. Riel during Rebellion
 - 324. Riel Elected Again
 - 325. Riel, Louis: Letter to Dubuc
 - 326. Riel's Childhood
 - 327. Riel's Death
 - 328. Riel's Family
 - 329. [Riel's] Poetry in College
 - 330. Riel's Relationship with Belcourt
 - 331. Role of Freeman
 - 332. Ross, James
 - 333. Saint Boniface
 - 334. Sayer
 - 335. Schmidt, Louis
 - 336. Schultz, John
 - 337. Scott, [Thomas]
 - 338. Selkirk
 - 339. Smuggling/Free Trade
 - 340. Storming of Fort Schultz

341. Struggle for Possession of Smith Papers
 342. Stutsman, Enos (Chapter 5)
 343. Surveyors
 344. Tache, Bishop Alexander
 345. Them, Adam
 346. Thomas Scott Affair (Chapter 9)
 347. Voyageurs
 348. Washington, D. C.
 349. Winnipeg (Chapter 5)
 350. Photographs (2 photographs - no. 31, 32)
 Places
- Box 28 351. Places
 (includes 32 oversize items)
 352. Chicago
 353. Chicago
 354. Keeseville, New York (included 36
 photographs - no. 33 - 68)
 (includes 1 oversize item)
 355. Minneapolis - Saint Paul
 356. Minnesota
 357. Montana
 358. Montana
 (includes 1 oversize item)
- Box 29 359. Montana
 360. Montreal
 (includes 1 oversize item)
 361. The Prairies
 362. Prince Albert
 (14 oversize items)
 363. Regina
 (includes 24 oversize items)
 364. Regina: [Events] March to November 1885
 365. Washington, D. C.
 366. Washington, D. C.
- Translations
- Box 30 367. Translations
 368. Joanne Bonneville
 369. Wilf Dube
 370. Julienne
 371. Letters
 372. Letters
 (includes 2 oversize items)
 Letters
 Louis Riel Collection: Public
 Archives of Manitoba
 373. 1 - 341
 374. 342 - 629
 375. Mental Institution
 376. Poetry