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GERALD HILL

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Biographical Sketch: Gerald (Gerry) Hill was born in 1951 to parents Alice and Don Hill of Herbert, Saskatchewan. Don, an educator and Superintendent of Schools in Herbert, would later move his family to Regina where he worked at the University of Regina until his retirement.

In Regina, Hill attended Massey School and Campbell Collegiate. Upon graduation from Campbell in 1968, just 16, he studied for two years at University of Regina in the faculty of Administration. At the beginning of his third year, he switched to Arts, then dropped out altogether, moving to Calgary, where he worked for Canada Post as a letter carrier.

Eventually he went back to school at the University of Calgary, completing a Bachelor of Education degree in 1975. He taught junior high Language Arts for two years at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, and then went to Papua New Guinea as a Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) high school teacher in 1978. He returned to Canada in 1981 and took part in a one year creative writing program at David Thompson University Centre (DTUC) in Nelson, B.C.. The influence of three writers from DTUC - Fred Wah, Tom Wayman and Dave McFadden - remained an influence on Gerald's evolving writing style.

Hill moved back to Regina in 1982, supporting himself with teaching jobs, and joined the Saskatchewan Writers Guild. He met theatre artist Ruth Smillie at a writing retreat in Fort San. They married in 1984 and moved to Edmonton, where Ruth ran a theatre company and Hill taught adult education; they had three children before ending the marriage in 1992.

In 1990 Hill earned a Master of Arts degree in English from the University of Alberta and began work on his Ph.D. (unfinished). Gail Scott, Robert Kroetsch, Daniel Defoe, and Hélène Cixous were subjects of his academic articles; he also earned a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada doctoral fellowship.

Freelance writing and editing projects still supplement his income, and annual retreats, to Emma Lake and St. Peter's Abbey and other residencies, national and international, provide large amounts of writing time. His first poetry collection, *Heartwood*, was published in 1985 by Thistledown Press in Saskatoon, and by the 1990's his work had been published in more than two dozen literary magazines as well as several anthologies.

The Man from Saskatchewan, Hill's second collection, was published in 2001 by Coteau Books as well as a collection of mini-biographies of Saskatchewan men killed in World War II, Their Names Live On, published by the Canadian Plains Research Centre with Doug Chisholm. Gerald Hill's third collection, Getting To Know You, won the Saskatchewan Book Award for Poetry in 2004, and My Human Comedy was published by Coteau in 2008. Hill's next poetry collection, 14 Tractors, was published in 2009 by NeWest Press and won his second Saskatchewan Book Award for Poetry. In 2012 Hill published Hillsdale, a Map (with designer Jared Carlson) and a chapbook, Street Pieces, with Alfred Gustav Press. Work from both of those projects appeared in Hillsdale Book, a poetry collection published by NeWest Press in 2015. Also in 2015, Hill published Still A Round: A History of Regina's Globe Theatre.

In 2015, Gerald Hill retired from his Instructor position teaching English and Creative Writing at Luther College, University of Regina. In 2016 he served as Poet Laureate of Saskatchewan.

Written by Gerald (Gerry) Hill, 2015 updated by Gerald Hill, 2017

Scope and Content: This collection is comprised of approximately 1 meter of textual material and 1 photograph. The collection ranges in dates from 1911 to 2017 and is comprised of drafts of Gerald's writing and of his experiences during his time as Saskatchewan's Poet Laureate.

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Note on Arrangement: Preservation photocopying was carried out where necessary; the photograph was numbered and sleeved. Material in the Miscellaneous folders includes payment stubs and other financial notes from professional activities carried out by Gerald Hill.

Box 1	File 1 2	Grants and Awards Saskatchewan Art Board Grant Saskatchewan Writers' Guild - John V. Hicks Awards Luncheon	2015 October 2015
		Personal Activities	
	3	Miscellaneous (Photograph #1 Writing with Style, Banff Centre [2010])	2015
	4	Miscellaneous	2016
	5	Miscellaneous	2017
	6	Retirement	2015
		Professional Activities	
	7	Bushwakker Brewpub - 25 Candles for Bushwakker Brewpub	January 2016
	8	Globe Theatre - A Round for Fifty Years: A History of	2014
	0	Regina's Globe Theatre	2014
	9 10	Europe Travel Trip – Portugal Lawrence, Katherine (blurb for publication, Never Mind)	2014 2016
	11	Olive Reading Series	September 2016
	12	Ontario Heritage Trust – Doris McCarthy House	2015
		Poet Laureate (Saskatchewan)	20.0
	13	About Victoria Park	July 2016
	14	April Event at Government House	April 2016
	15	Bushwakker Writers Corner Launch	November 2016
	16	Flin Flon / Creighton	2016
	17	Melville Festival	2016
	18 19	Miscellaneous Publicity in Leader post / QC	December 2016
	20	Poetry and a Pint – Saskatoon Poetry at the Manor - Windsor	September 2016 2016
	21	Promotion	n.d
	22	Red Hot Riot Audience	December 2016
	23	Regina Folk Festival	August 2016
	24	Resignation of Gerald Hill at Poet Laureate Post	December 2016
	25	Reports to Administrator of Poet Laureate at Saskatchewan Writers' Guild	2016
	26	Saskatchewan Arts Alliance Conference	May 2016
	27	Saskatchewan Book Awards Brunchraiser	November 2016
D 0	28	Saskatchewan Festival of Words – Moose Jaw	July 2016
Box 2	29 30	Text for Humboldt Poetry Becomes City – Edmonton Poetry Festival	November 2016 August 2016
	31	Road Trip – CP Locomotives Log	2008-2014
	32	Sage Hill Spring Colloquium	May 2016
		Saskatchewan Writers' Guild	,
	33	Retreat at St. Peter's Abbey	February 2017
	34	Talking Fresh 14: Duality	2016
	35	Saskatchewan Council for International Co-Operation - Workshop	n.d
	00	at Regina Public Library	0040
	36 37	University of Vigo - Europe Travel to Espana Versefest – Ottawa	2010 March 2016
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		Publications	
	38	Edited by Gerald Hill	0044
	20	Let's Call It Donkey Anyway - An English 252 Anthology	2011
	39	Featuring Gerald Hill	Spring 2016
		Contemporary Verse 2 Fiddlehead	Spring 2016 Autumn 2016
		Freelance	April 2016
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                         And the People Who Gave Him Flak/Flack
                         Catching a Glimpse
                         Essay Mix
                         Hooray for Bob
                         Milk
                         Passengers Only
                         Pen Scratches
                         These Days
                         To
              Writing by Gerald Hill (Drafts)
                    Crooked at the Far End -
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                         The Man from Saskatchewan, Book Six
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                         Crooked at the Far End (Version Rejected by University
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                           of Regina Press)
                    Growing the Maritime Berry
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                    Hillsdale Book - Visuals
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                    Journal of PM Wrongs
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                    Line Dance
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                         Prompts and Poems
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                         Prompts and Poems, Edit Charts
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                    Miscellaneous Poem Edits
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                         Regina, Saskatchewan, May 2014 (black)
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                         Regina, December 8, 2015, (black)
                         Fool's Paradise, October 6, 2015, (sketchbook);
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                         Regina, March 26, 2015 (spiral notebook)
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                         September 8, 2016 (brown)
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69	Cities 17: A Travel in Southern Europe and Morocco	2014
70	Poem for a Dollar	n.d
	Poet Laureate	
71	Herbert Suite - Notes for Herbert Reading	2016
72	When I became	January 2016
	Said and Done	
Box 6	Studies in Time and Motion	2016
73	Draft 3	2017
74	Section Edit	2015
75	Trevor Herriot Note (Second draft)	2015
	Writing by Others	
76	Once An Outlaw, Theresa Michaels (Source of Introduction for Saskatchewan Writers Guild Open Microphone, Fall 2016)	