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MAGGIE SIGGINS

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Biographical Sketch: Maggie Siggins was born on May 28, 1942 in Toronto and attended Ryerson Polytechnical University from 1962 to 1965 earning a Bachelor degree in Applied Arts.

She is an author who has worked as a magazine writer, political columnist and television reporter and film producer. From 1965 to 1970 she was a general reporter with the Toronto *Telegram*. She was a freelance writer with *Chatelaine* from 1970-71 in Toronto. At City-TV, also in Toronto, she worked as an on-air political reporter/commentator. She worked with CBC Toronto as a reporter/interviewer/producer from 1975 until 1977. From 1979 to 1981 she was with CityPulse News in Toronto as a producer. From 1981 to 1983 (still in Toronto), she produced freelance work for *Toronto Life*, *Reader's Digest*, *Financial Post*, *Today Magazine*, *MacLean's* and others. While in China, in 1985-86 she worked at the New China News Agency.

She has taught Journalism while a Max Bell Professor in Journalism at the University of Regina in 1983-84 and Professor of Graduate Studies at the Beijing Broadcast Institute during her 1985-86 visit to China.

Siggins has written twelve books including: *A Guide to Skiing in Eastern North America*, 1969; *How to Catch a Man* co-authored with Ben Wicks, 1970; *Bassett: his Forty Years in Politics, Publishing, Business and Sports*, 1979; *Brian and the Boys: a Story of Gang Rape*, 1984; *A Canadian Tragedy JoAnn and Colin Thatcher: a Story of Love and Hate*, 1985; *Revenge of the Land: a Century of Greed, Tragedy and Murder on a Saskatchewan Farm*, 1991; *Louis Riel: a Life of Revolution*, 1994; *In her Own Time: a Class Reunion Inspires a Cultural History of Women*, 1999; *Bitter Embrace: White Society's Assault on the Woodland Cree*, 2005 and *Marie-Anne: The Extraordinary Life of Louis Riel's Grandmother*. Two novels are scheduled for 2014. *Scattered Bones* which takes place in Pelican Narrows, Saskatchewan and *Greedy*, a story if insider trading. *Louis Riel: a Life of Revolution* and *Marie-Anne* have both been published in French.

She has received numerous awards: Southam Journalism Fellowship at the University of Toronto in 1974-75; Arthur Ellis Award in the Best True Crime Category for *A Canadian Tragedy JoAnn and Colin Thatcher: A Story of Love and Hate* in 1986; Governor General's Award for Non-Fiction for *Revenge of the Land: a Century of Greed, Tragedy and Murder on a Saskatchewan Farm* in 1992; City of Regina Best Book Award for *Louis Riel: a Life of Revolution* in 1994; and City of Regina Best Book Award for *In her Own Time: a Class Reunion Inspires a Cultural History of Women* in 1999.

A Canadian Tragedy JoAnn and Colin Thatcher: A Story of Love and Hate was produced as a four-hour mini-series by CBC Television. The CBC aired the series in December 1989 NBC in July 1990 in the United States, BBC in England in 1991 and over 40 other countries since. *Louis Riel: a Life of Revolution* was translated into French by Editions Québec-Amérique of Montreal in the spring of 1996. *Revenge of the Land: A Century of Greed, Tragedy and Murder on a Saskatchewan Farm* was produced into a four-hour mini-series with CBC and aired in December 2000.

The Life and Times of Gordon Tootossis, Unhealed Wounds, Scarred by History, was nominated for "Best Historical Documentary" at Toronto's International Documentary Film Festival and the second episode, *Nanjing Nightmares* was nominated for two awards at Canada's Yorkton Film Festival. The highly acclaimed *A Cruel Wind Blows* was the first Saskatchewan movie to win Yorkton's Best Film Award.

Updated with Information by Maggie Siggins
August 2013

Scope and Content: This accession is comprised of 6 centimeters of text relating to the Colin Thatcher trial and Siggins's subsequent book *Revenge of the Land* including 64 photographs and 1 negative.

Custodial History: The collection was sent to the University of Regina Archives and Special Collections by the Sandra Bartlett in January 1990.

Legal Agreement: The legal agreement was signed in February 1996.

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Related Accessions: 84-4, 84-26, 87-46, 94-67, 2000-23, 2002-43, 2005-30 and 2008-18.

Future Accruals: Future Accruals are expected.

- Box 1
- 1 News Clipping [Re: Thatcher Trial]
 - 2 Transcripts or Interviews 1980, 1984 – 1985
 - 3 Photographs and Negatives (Includes photographs: #1 - #64) (Includes Negative: #1)
 - Negative 1
 - Date: [Unknown]
 - Color
 - Size: >4 x 6
 - Photographer: [Unknown]
 - Additional Information: [Front of the Parliament Buildings, Regina, Saskatchewan]
 - Location: [Regina, Saskatchewan]
 - Photograph 1
 - Date: [Unknown]
 - Black and White
 - Size: <4 x 5
 - Photographer: [Unknown]
 - Additional Information: Woman
 - Location: [Unknown]
 - Photograph 2
 - Date: [Unknown]
 - Color
 - Size: 4 x 6
 - Photographer: [Unknown]
 - Additional Information: Building [Unknown]
 - Location: [Unknown]
 - Photograph 3
 - Date: [Unknown]
 - Sepia
 - Size: 4 x 6
 - Photographer: [Unknown]
 - Additional Information: Building [Unknown]
 - Location: [Unknown]
 - Photograph 4
 - Date: [Unknown]
 - Color
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 - Photographer: [Unknown]
 - Additional Information: Building [Unknown]
 - Additional Information: Written on back of Photograph – Abandoned Farm
 - Location: [Unknown]
 - Photograph 5
 - Date: [Unknown]
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 - Photographer: [Unknown]
 - Additional Information: Building [Unknown]
 - Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 6

Date: [Unknown]
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Additional Information: Building [Unknown]
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 7

Date: [Unknown]
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Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 8

Date: [Unknown]
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Size: 4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Building [Unknown]
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 9

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Jo Ann holding a cat
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Jo Ann at Grandma and Grandpa
Carlson's Farm Home. Vinton, Iowa
Location: Vinton, Iowa

Photograph 10

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Don and Jo
Ann under a Christmas Tree
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Don and Jo Ann
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 11

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Girl with a Tea Set
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 12

Date: 1945
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Don, Carolyn
and Jo Ann
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Don, Carolyn and Jo Ann, 1945
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 13

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Girl Posing
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 14

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Jo Ann and
Don Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Jo Ann and Don
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 15

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Girl Posing by Tree
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 16

Date: 1952
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Girl Posing
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – About 1952
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 17

Date: December 25, 1961
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Jo Ann standing beside
Christmas Tree
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Jo Ann – Christmas Day at
Grandparents' Farm Home. December 25, 1961

(Last Time Jo Ann was home for Christmas)

Location: Grandparents' Farm Home

Photograph 18

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White

Size: <3 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Woman Posing in Winter

Location: Chi Omega 227 Gray

Photograph 19

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: Hill Studio; Ames, IA.

Additional Information: Woman Posing

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 20

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White

Size: 5 x 7

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Woman Posing

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 21

Date: July 1963

Black and White

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Left to Right: Dark Horse;
White Horse "Golden Girl"; and Jo Ann

Additional Information: Written on back of

Photograph – Jo Ann and "Golden Girl" – July
1963

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 22

Date: July 28, 1963

Black and White

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Left to Right: Jo Ann and
Colin Surrounded by Horses

Additional Information: Written on back of

Photograph – July 28, 1963 – Colin and Jo Ann
with "Golden Girl" and other horses at ranch at
Caron

Location: Caron

Photograph 23

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Mrs. Flara
McNaughton; Ross Thatcher; Peggy Thatcher and
Nancy
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Mrs. Flara (“Flukie”) McNaughton
(Peggy’s Mother) with Ross and Peggy Thatcher
and Jo Ann’s Youngest Sister, Nancy. Following
Wedding Reception at Memorial Union on Iowa
State University Campus
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 24

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Woman Posing in
Wedding Dress
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 25

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Wedding Pose
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 26

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Wedding – Cake Cutting
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Courtesy of Geiger Family
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 27

Date: 1959
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Woman and
Man Posing
Additional Information: [Unknown] Party - 1959
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 28

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Man and
Woman Dancing

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 29

Date: Gala Night, 1965

Black and White

Size: 8 x 10

Photographer: Please Credit: Saskatchewan

Archives Board; Photograph No. R-A8326

Additional Information: Group

Additional Information: Written on back of

Photograph – Left to Right: Lt. Governor Robert L.

Hanbridge; Mrs. Thatcher; Ross Thatcher;

_____ ; James Wilfrid Gardimer. Gala

Night 1965. Regina Exhibition Grounds

Location: Regina Exhibition Grounds

Photograph 30

Date: Gala Night, 1965

Black and White

Size: 8 x 10

Photographer: Please Credit: Saskatchewan

Archives Board; Photograph No. R-A8330

Additional Information: Two Men Talking

Additional Information: Written on back of

Photograph – With Lorne Greene. Gala Night

1965

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 31

Date: Province Day, 1965

Black and White

Size: 8 x 10

Photographer: Please Credit: Saskatchewan

Archives Board; Photograph No. R-B4401

Additional Information: Man Speaking

Additional Information: Written on back of

Photograph – Province [Saskatchewan] Day, 1965

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 32

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White

Size: 8 x 10

Photographer: Photograph Copyright by West's
Studio Ltd., Regina

Additional Information: Man Posing

Additional Information: Written on back of

Photograph – Crossed out R-B8199

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 33

Date: 1966

Black and White

Size: 8 x 10

Photographer: Please Credit: Saskatchewan

Archives Board – Photograph No. R-B7227

Additional Information: Group
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – With Indian and Metis Children in
Premier's Office, 1966
Location: Premier's Office

Photograph 34

Date: 1966, Double Copy of Photograph 33
Black and White
Size: 4 x 5
Photographer: Please Credit: Saskatchewan
Archives Board – Photograph No. R-B7227
Additional Information: Group
Location: Premier's Office

Photograph 35

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: 4 x 5
Photographer: Please Credit: Saskatchewan
Archives Board – Photograph No. R-B4478 (2)
Additional Information: Left to Right: [Unknown]
Man; [Unknown] Man; [Unknown] Man; [Unknown]
Man
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 36

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: 4 x 5
Photographer: Please Credit: Saskatchewan
Archives Board – Photograph No. R-A 8327
Additional Information: Man Speaking
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 37

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: 5 x 7
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Man and
Woman
Location: Parkbeg, Saskatchewan

Photograph 38

Date: 1973
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Colin
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Colin - 1973
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 39

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Colin
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Colin – Palm Springs
Location: Palm Springs

Photograph 40

Date: [Unknown]
Color
Size: <3 x 5
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Buildings and Landscape
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 41

Date: [Unknown]
Color
Size: <3 x 5
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Landscape and Buildings
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 42

Date: [Unknown]
Color
Size: <3 x 5
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Palm Springs Buildings
Additional Information: Written on back of
Photograph – Palm Springs Condo Golf Club
Location: Palm Springs

Photograph 43

Date: [Unknown]
Color
Size: <3 x 5
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Building and Landscape
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 44

Date: [Unknown]
Color
Size: <3 x 5
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Building and Landscape
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 45

Date: [Unknown]
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Size: <3 x 5
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Building and Landscape

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 46

Date: [Unknown]

Color

Size: <3 x 5

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Building and Landscape

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 47

Date: [Unknown]

Color

Size: <3 x 5

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Building and Landscape

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 48

Date: [Unknown]

Color

Size: <3 x 5

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Building and Landscape

Additional Information: Written on Back of

Photograph – Palm Springs Condo

Location: Palm Springs

Photograph 49

Date: [Unknown]

Color

Size: <3 x 5

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Building – Hank's

Additional Information: Written on Back of

Photograph – Lynne Mendell's Father's Place

Location: Hanks – Café [Unknown]

Photograph 50

Date: [Unknown]

Color

Size: <3 x 5

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Building – Frontier Gun Shop

Location: Frontier Gun Shop, [Palm Springs]

Photograph 51

Date: [Unknown]

Color

Size: <3 x 5

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Building – Frontier Gun Shop

Additional Information: Written on Back of

Photograph – In Palm Springs

Location: Frontier Gun Shop, Palm Springs
Photograph 52
Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Regan,
Stephanie and Greg
Additional Information: Written on Back of
Photograph – Regan, Stephanie and Greg – Palm
Springs
Location: Palm Springs

Photograph 53
Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Regan,
Stephanie and Greg
Additional Information: Written on Back of
Photograph – Regan, Stephanie and Greg. Den in
home at 1116 Redland, Moose Jaw
Location: 1116 Redland, Moose Jaw

Photograph 54
Date: Winter 1977 – 1978
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Regan in Hockey Outfit
Additional Information: Written on Back of
Photograph – Regan – Winter 1977 – 1978
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 55
Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Stephanie holding a Cat
Additional Information: Written on Back of
Photograph – Stephanie at Ginger and Ray's
Farm Home, Springville, Iowa
Location: Springville, Iowa

Photograph 56
Date: August 1979
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Left to Right: Stephanie,
Greg and Regan
Additional Information: Written on Back of
Photograph – Stephanie, Greg and Regan – Early
August 1979

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 57

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Stephanie Fishing

Additional Information: Written on Back of

Photograph – Stephanie – While on Visit to Farm

Home of Betty's Sister and Husband – Springville,
Iowa

Location: Springville, Iowa

Photograph 58

Date: 1983

Black and White

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Left to Right: Tony Wilson;
Betty; Stephanie; Marja Lahtinen; Harlan

Additional Information: Written on Back of

Photograph – Stephanie with Tony Wilson, Betty,
Marja Lahtinen; and Harlan – Summer Visit in

Ames, 1983

Location: Ames

Photograph 59

Date: 1983, Double Copy of Photograph 58

Sepia

Size: 4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Left to Right: Tony Wilson;
Betty; Stephanie; Marja Lahtinen; Harlan

Location: Ames

Photograph 60

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Man Speaking at a
Podium

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 61

Date: [Unknown], Double Copy of Photograph 60

Sepia

Size: <4 x 6

Photographer: [Unknown]

Additional Information: Man Speaking at a
Podium

Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 62

Date: [Unknown]

Black and White
Size: 5 x 7
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Man Posing
Location: [Unknown]

Photograph 63

Date: April 1985
Color
Size: <4 x 5
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Court House Building,
Saskatoon
Additional Information: Written on Back of
Photograph – Saskatoon Court House, April 1985
Location: Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Photograph 64

Date: [Unknown]
Black and White
Size: <4 x 6
Photographer: [Unknown]
Additional Information: Man Posing
Location: [Unknown]