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JOAN GIVNER

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Biographical Sketch: Joan Givner (nee Short) graduated from the University of London with a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree in 1958 and a Ph.D. in 1972. She earned a Masters degree in Arts from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri in 1965. While in the United States she taught high school from 1959 until 1961. She then taught English at Port Huron Junior College (now St Clair County Community College) from 1961 until 1965. Givner joined the predecessor of the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, as a Lecturer of English in 1965 and in 1972 became an Assistant Professor, in 1975 an Associate Professor and in 1981 she became a Professor of English. Joan retired from the University of Regina in 1995 to Victoria, British Columbia and taught creative writing at Malaspina College – Cowichan Campus during the spring of 1997.

Joan Givner's Ph.D. thesis is titled *A Critical Study of the Worlds of Katherine Anne Porter* (1972), since then, Joan was chosen by Katherine Anne Porter to undertake the task of writing Porter's biography. *Katherine Anne Porter: A Life* was published in 1982. Other publications by Givner are *Tentacles of Unreason* (1985), *Katherine Anne Porter: Conversations* (1987); *Unfortunate Incidents* (1988), *Mazo de la Roche: The Hidden Life* (1989), *Katherine Anne Porter: A Life (Revised Edition)* (1991), *Scenes from Provincial Life* (1991), *The Self-Portrait of a Literary Biographer* (1993), *In the Garden of Henry James* (1996), *Thirty-four Ways of Looking at Jane Eyre: Essays and Fiction* (1998) and *Half Known Lives* (2000). She has also published numerous short stories. She has published articles in *Studies in Short Fiction*, *Genre*, *International Fiction Review*, *Southwest Review* and *Descant* to name a few. She has contributed chapters for several books and delivered many papers and readings on Katherine Anne Porter and other topics across Canada and the United States

Givner currently resides in a small seaside town north of Victoria, B.C. Although she is retired from teaching, Joan still continues to write fiction books such as *Half Known Lives* and *Ellen Fremedon* as well as reviewing books for *B.C. Bookworld*, *The Toronto Star*, *Books in Canada* and other publications.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of approximately 13 centimetres of textual records. It ranges in date from 1968 to 1995.

Custodial History: The collection was transferred to Archives and Special Collections by Joan Givner in October 1994.

Note on Arrangement: Preservation photocopying was required and carried out on newspaper clippings.

Future Accruals: Future accruals are expected.

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		Correspondence	
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	4	[Alvarez,] Beth	September 15, 1994
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	12	[Orchard], Karen	September 5, 1994
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	14	Hawkins, Lady	July 29, 1984
	15	Leath, Helen	November 11, 1985
		Professional Activities	
	16	Logan, Carolyn (Doctoral Committee Member) 1/2	1994
	17	Logan, Carolyn (Doctoral Committee Member) 2/2	1994
	18	University of Georgia	September 1994
	19	University Press of Virginia	September 29, 1994
	20	<i>Wascana Review</i>	September 16, 1994
		Publication	
	21	Carl Sandburg 1878-1978 A Century of America	
		Writing by Joan Givner	
	22	The Joy of Biographical Research	[1995]
		Writing by Others	
	23	Roseliep Raymond in Delta Epsilon Sigma Bulletins and Studia Mystica	1979-1980