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Dolores Cairns collection, 1927-1947

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Cairns, Dolores
Title:	Dolores Cairns collection
ID:	0059
ID [aspace_uri]:	/repositories/3/resources/494
Date [inclusive]:	1927-1947
Physical Description:	1 folder
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Dolores Cairns collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Biographical/Historical Note

Dolores Cairns was born May 9, 1906, in Manchester, Maine, of a Scottish father and a Mexican mother. She attended high school in Augusta, Maine and began working for the Northeastern Press, a small publishing company, in 1930. She worked there as a proofreader until it closed in 1943 due to a shortage of metal for type during World War II. Dolores then moved to Cambridge, Massachusetts, to work at the Riverside Press until 1964 when she went onto work at Houghton Mifflin in Boston until 1974. Once retired, she became involved in Civil Rights and different social concern groups. She worked closely with prison groups and the Council Against the Death Penalty in Boston, supported Amnesty International, and the Southern Poverty Law Center. In 1991, health concerns prompted her move into a retirement home in Quincy, Massachusetts, where she continues to follow her social concern groups from afar. While she lived in Maine, Dolores was a member of the Maine Poetry Fellowship. Her published work dates from 1927-1954. She published widely in *The Christian Science Monitor*, *New York Herald Tribune*, *Boston Herald*, *Lewiston Evening Journal*, *Hartford Times*,

Poetry, Winged Word, American Bard, Hippocrene, and Saturday Review of Literature.
At least 365 of her published poetry and prose are contained in her scrapbooks.

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Collection Scope and Content

The collection includes a biographical information sheet and photocopies of scrapbooks containing Cairns' published poems and essays.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Augusta (Me.)
- Scrapbooks
- Manchester (Me.)
- Cairns, Dolores

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Scrapbook created by Dolores Cairns, 1927-1947 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 5	Folder 001