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## **Florence Burrill Jacobs papers, 1904-1976**

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Maine Women Writers Collection
<b>Creator:</b>	Jacobs, Florence Burrill
<b>Title:</b>	Florence Burrill Jacobs papers
<b>ID:</b>	0191
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1904-1976
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7.5 linear feet 9 boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Florence Burrill Jacobs papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Born in 1898 to George and Ria Morrison Burrill, Florence Elizabeth Burrill was the fifth generation of her family to reside the family home in East Madison, Maine. She began writing verse at the age of six, but never considered herself an intellectual. Jacobs graduated East Madison High School in 1916, and then was a schoolteacher for several years. She took courses at Shaw's Business College in Portland, as well as at other schools, and worked for a time in the Farm Bureau Office in Skowhegan and in her father's store. In 1928 she married George Jacobs, a high school industrial arts teacher, and the two continued to live in Madison. Jacobs began submitting her poetry for publication as a teenager and began making a career of writing in the 1930s. Her verse was published in many diverse publications ranging from Farm Journal to Saturday Evening Post, and appeared in numerous Hallmark greeting cards and gift books. Jacobs published two volumes of her poetry, *Stones and Other Poems* (1932) and *Neighbors* (1938), a book of witty sonnets about typical rural Maine characters. In addition to poetry, for which she won many local and national awards, Jacobs wrote short stories and articles on agriculture, education, romance, and other topics. Jacobs belonged to a number of literary organizations, including the Poetry Society of America and the National League of American Pen Women Pine Tree Branch. She died in 1978, and was survived by her husband.

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## Collection Scope and Content

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This collection includes extensive files of Jacobs' manuscripts, both published and unpublished, as well as correspondence from publishers dating from the 1920s through the 1970s. Also in the collection is biographical information, including autobiographical notes, student essays about Jacobs, photographs and school-related notebooks and memorabilia. Material relating to literary organizations and poetry awards is found in folders 121-124. The collection also includes clippings and scrapbooks of Jacobs' published work, and many of the complete issues of these journals are housed in the MWWC Periodical Collection.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is organized into the following five series: I. Biographical information; II. Correspondence; III. Writing; IV. Memorabilia; V. Notebooks.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- American poetry -- 20th century
- Country life
- East Madison (Me.)
- Ephemera
- Research
- Genealogy
- Diaries
- Yearbooks
- Maps
- Photographs
- Correspondence
- Typescripts
- Drawings
- Notebooks
- Clippings
- Scrapbooks
- Calendars
- Memorabilia
- Jacobs, Florence Burrill
- Jacobs, Florence Burrill
- Poetry Society of America
- National League of American Pen Women

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## Collection Inventory

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Biographical information		
Title/Description	Instances	
Bio/bibliographic information	Box 1	Folder 001
Biographical information sheets	Box 1	Folder 002

Biographical sketch by Eleanor Walker, 1962	Box 1	Folder 003
Bibliographic notes	Box 1	Folder 004
Notes on health, diet, exercise	Box 1	Folder 005
Notes on education, teaching, poetry	Box 1	Folder 006
Birthday notes, 1973	Box 1	Folder 007
Student paper by Joyce Kandupa, 1974	Box 1	Folder 008
Student papers on FBJ	Box 1	Folder 009
Grace Dow/DMH profiles of FBJ	Box 1	Folder 010
Lecture notes on FBJ - Priscilla Farington Schumacher	Box 1	Folder 011
High school reunion, 1976	Box 1	Folder 012
Burrell genealogy	Box 1	Folder 013
Report cards, 1904-1916	Box 1	Folder 014
FBJ school papers, circa 1915	Box 1	Folder 015
Diary, 1910	Box 1	Folder 016
Composition book, circa 1911	Box 1	Folder 017
Composition book, 1911-1912	Box 1	Folder 018
Skowhegan High School graduation invitation and yearbook, 1916	Box 1	Folder 019
Madison School Dept. appointment	Box 1	Folder 020
Election clerk certificate, 1924	Box 1	Folder 021
Hand-drawn map of Jacobs property	Box 1	Folder 022
Photographs, 1917-1979	Box 1	Folder 023
Wedding announcement, 1928	Box 1	Folder 023a

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## Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances	
FBJ to Elizabeth Rourke, circa 1960-1979	Box 1	Folder 024
FBJ to William Dixon, circa 1960-1979	Box 1	Folder 025
FBJ MWWC includes publication lists, 1960	Box 1	Folder 026
Prize letter, 1916	Box 1	Folder 027
ALS and TLS, 1900-1929	Box 1	Folder 028
ALS and TLS, 1930-1939	Box 1	Folder 029

ALS and TLS, 1940-1959	Box 1	Folder 030
	Box 1	Folder 031
Henry Beston concerning Neighbors	Box 1	Folder 031a
ALS and TLS, 1960-1969	Box 1	Folder 032
Margaret Chase Smith to FBJ, 1960-1969	Box 1	Folder 033
<u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Letter from Margaret Chase Smith to Florence Burrill Jacobs.</a>		
Richard Aldridge/Florence Jacobs, 1960-1969	Box 1	Folder 034
ALS and TLS, 1970-1979	Box 1	Folder 035
Richard Badger re: Stones, 1930-1939	Box 1	Folder 036
Harpers re: Neighbors, 1940	Box 1	Folder 037
Correspondence from publishers, 1920-1929	Box 1	Folder 038
Correspondence from publishers, 1930-1939	Box 1	Folder 039
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Correspondence from publishers, 1950-1959	Box 1	Folder 043
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Correspondence from publishers, 1960-1969	Box 1	Folder 045
	Box 1	Folder 046
Native Stock publication letters	Box 1	Folder 046a
Hallmark correspondence/contracts, 1960-1979	Box 1	Folder 047
<u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">Novelty Valentine heart</a>		
Publisher correspondence, 1970-1979	Box 1	Folder 048
Bicentennial Commission correspondence	Box 1	Folder 048a
Vermont Life, 1970-1979	Box 1	Folder 049
Vouchers	Box 1	Folder 050
Literary rights	Box 1	Folder 050a

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## Writing

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Poetry - early verse, commonplace book	Box 2	Folder 051

Early Writing	Box 2	Folder 052
Poetry, 1912-1929	Box 2	Folder 053
Poetry, 1912-1916	Box 2	Folder 053a
Greeting card verse, 1915, 1920	Box 2	Folder 054
Christmas song and story	Box 2	Folder 055
Neighbors - Proof	Box 2	Folder 056
Neighbors - Misc. letters, reviews	Box 2	Folder 057
Harper catalog, 1949	Box 2	Folder 058
Neighbors - Typescript with revisions	Box 2	Folder 059
	Box 2	Folder 060
Neighbors - First copies	Box 2	Folder 061
Published poetry	Box 2	Folder 062
Hallmark gift books	Box 2	Folder 063
Hallmark gift books	Box 2	Folder 064
Typescripts of published poetry	Box 2	Folder 065
Poetry "Sold to Hallmark"	Box 2	Folder 066
Poetry "Sold to Lyric"	Box 2	Folder 067
Poetry published, 1963-1966	Box 2	Folder 068
George Jacobs' inventory lists	Box 2	Folder 069
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	Box 2	Folder 071
Ridge Road (Native Stock)	Box 2	Folder 072
While Love Goes On	Box 2	Folder 073
Occasional verse, contests	Box 2	Folder 074
Woodmen, Watermen	Box 2	Folder 075
	Box 2	Folder 075a
Unpublished poetry	Box 2	Folder 076
	Box 2	Folder 077
	Box 2	Folder 078
	Box 2	Folder 079
	Box 2	Folder 080
Published stories	Box 2	Folder 081



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Published stories - "Charm", 1951, 1952	Box 2	Folder 084
Typescripts of unpublished stories	Box 2	Folder 085
	Box 2	Folder 086
Typescripts of unpublished stories	Box 3	Folder 087
	Box 3	Folder 088
	Box 3	Folder 089
	Box 3	Folder 090
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	Box 3	Folder 092
	Box 3	Folder 093
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Unpublished(?) stories, poems	Box 3	Folder 097
"Jawnie" sketches and correspondence	Box 3	Folder 098
"The Petals are Fallen"	Box 3	Folder 099
Elizabeth Lettice correspondence and typescripts	Box 3	Folder 100
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Epigrams, gag lines, cartoon ideas	Box 3	Folder 105
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Correspondence with Ethel Harnden with music and verse	Box 4	Folder 130
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Commonplace book - favorite poems	Box 5	Folder 132
Poetry books - Robert Burns and Robert Service	Box 5	Folder 133
News clippings, 1916-1970	Box 5	Folder 134

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Scrapbook pages, 1930-1970	Box 5	Folder 141
"The Mirror" Westbrook College publications <u>Digital Object:</u> <a href="#">The Mirror, Winter 1972</a>	Box 5	Folder 142
Scrapbook pages	Box 5	Folder 143
"Rings on Her Finger" The Community Jeweler, 1937 May	Box 5	Folder 144
Tearsheets, clippings	Box 5	Folder 145
Farm Bureau News typescripts, 1920-1922	Box 5	Folder 146
Pamphlets w/ F.B.J. poems and articles, 1950-1969	Box 5	Folder 147
The Bozart Westminster, Oglethorpe University, 1936	Box 5	Folder 148
True Romance stories, circa 1961	Box 5	Folder 149
Bird notes and articles	Box 5	Folder 150
Down East calendar, 1963	Box 5	Folder 151

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## Memorabilia

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Framed silhouette of Rebecca Lancey Fuller [FBJ's great-grandmother]	Box 6	Folder 153
Brass lantern used by Ann McLaughlin, FBJ's grandmother	Box 6	Folder 154
"The Happy Mood" Hallmark poster	Box 8 (OVS)	Folder 155
White and blue wash basin and pitcher	Box 7	Folder 156

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## Notebooks, 1916-1970

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Notebook/scrapbook, 1930-1939	Box 9	Folder 158
Notebook/scrapbook, 1940-1949	Box 9	Folder 159
Notebook/scrapbook, 1950-1955	Box 9	Folder 160
Notebook/scrapbook, 1956-1960	Box 9	Folder 161
Notebook/scrapbook, 1960-1964	Box 9	Folder 162
Notebook/scrapbook, 1965-1969	Box 9	Folder 163
Notebook/scrapbook memorabilia, Undated	Box 9	Folder 164

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