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Joyce Butler collection, 1969-2014

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Butler, Joyce
Title:	Joyce Butler collection
ID:	0031
Date [inclusive]:	1969-2014
Physical Description:	.5 linear feet 23 folders
Language of the Material:	English

Preferred Citation

Joyce Butler collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Biographical/Historical Note

Joyce Butler was born in Portland, Maine on June 27, 1933. She graduated from Westbrook Junior College in 1953 and in 1955 earned her B.A. in English from Boston University. She was married that same year to Robert Butler and the couple moved to Kennebunk in 1967. Raising her three children and restoring their old house gave Butler plenty of writing inspiration. She approached the editor of the York County Coast Star with a short piece about the house, and she was subsequently asked to write a regular column. She continued this column for ten years, detailing her experiences as a housewife and mother in small town Maine. Her first book, *Pages from a Journal* (1976) is a collection of these writings. In 1974 she began a second column for the Star on Kennebunkport history. Her fascination with local history culminated in a position as archivist at the Kennebunkport Historical Society, which she held from 1975 to 1979. Her most well known book, *Wildfire Loose*, was published in 1978, and is an account of the 1947 fire of Maine. The book was chosen as one of Maine's 100 distinguished books by the Baxter Society's 2001 Maine bibliography, *Mirror of Maine*. Additionally, Butler served as curator of manuscripts and exhibitions at the Brick Store Museum from 1980 to 1995, appointed town historian for Kennebunk in 1990, and was curator of museum collections at Maine Historical Society from 1996 to 2000. Butler is also a prolific freelance writer, with poems and stories published in magazines and

newspapers such as York County Coast Star, Down East, Maine Life, Lady's Circle, Chapters in Local History, and Log of Mystic Seaport.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection consists mostly of published articles and essays on Maine history, written by Butler between 1970-1986. Also included are promotional material and reviews for her published books, and one folder of biographical material.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Publication Statement

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Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Maine -- History
- Kennebunk (Me.)
- Clippings
- Exhibition catalogs
- Postcards
- Butler, Joyce
- Butler, Joyce
- Brick Store Museum

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical information, 1969-2014	Box 4	Folder 001
Interview, 1979	Box 4	Folder 002
"William E. Barry " Landmarks Observer, 1982	Box 4	Folder 003
"Bringing Brownie Home" Lady's Circle, 1978	Box 4	Folder 004
Tourist News, 1979, 2013	Box 4	Folder 005
"When Silk Jostled Homespun" from Down East, 1980	Box 4	Folder 006
Brick Store Museum	Box 4	Folder 007
"A Goodly Heritage: The Maine Women Writers Collection." Reprint and typescript from Maine Life, October 1980	Box 4	Folder 008
The Log of Mystic Seaport Summer, 1983	Box 4	Folder 009
Chapters in Local History, 1984, 1986	Box 4	Folder 010
Articles from Yankee, 1980s	Box 4	Folder 011
Published articles	Box 4	Folder 012
Reviews in Maine Historical Society Quarterly, 1979, 1984	Box 4	Folder 013

"Abbott Fuller Graves" exhibit catalog and article, 1979	Box 4	Folder 014
"Louis D. Norton" exhibit catalog, 1982	Box 4	Folder 015
"The Artist as Historian" exhibit catalog, 1983	Box 4	Folder 016
Newspaper articles, 1970-1975	Box 4	Folder 017
Newspaper articles, 1976-1980	Box 4	Folder 018
A Kennebunkport Album - Promotional broadside	Box 4	Folder 019
Pages from a Journal - promotional material	Box 4	Folder 020
"The South Congregational Church. An Architectural History", 1973	Box 4	Folder 021
Wildfire Loose - Brick Store promotional postcard	Box 4	Folder 022
Finding aid of Margaret Deland items donated to the Brick Store Museum by Joyce Butler, 2014	Box 4	Folder 023