

Katy Perry papers, 1966-2012

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Summary Information

Repository: Maine Women Writers Collection

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Date [bulk]: 1980-2011

Physical 2 linear feet 103 folders; 44 cassettes

Description:

Language of the English.

Material:

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Biographical/Historical Note

Katy Perry was born Catherine Luke in Millinocket, Maine, in 1920. She graduated from Stearns High School in 1938 and from Farmington State Normal School in 1941, and over the next few years taught in Millinocket, Milo, and Whitefield. In 1943 she married Bernard Perry and they lived briefly in Milo before settling in North Whitefield, where they raised their four sons and lived until 1959. That year they moved to Augusta for Bernard Perry's job at the state veteran's hospital, which provided housing for them.

Perry had begun freelance writing while living in Whitefield in the late 1940s. She began a daily interview show on WRDO Radio in Augusta in 1968, and recorded segments on local people and events. Perry later worked as a public relations specialist with the Maine Department of Human Services and co-anchored an educational program for underemployed Mainers in 1978. Upon her husband's retirement in 1975, the couple had moved to Pittston and it was there that Bernard Perry died in 1981. Perry published her first book, *Drinking from*

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a Tin Cup, in 1980, and also that year she began publishing a weekly column in the *Maine Sunday Telegram* called "Around the Valley," which she continued until 1984.

After the death of her husband, Perry opened a craft shop in Hallowell with friends in 1982 and sold her interest in the business when she joined the Peace Corps, spending 1985-1987 in Belize. Upon her return from Central America, Perry resumed her journalism career, and for 20-plus years she contributed many feature articles to a variety of local papers, as well as maintained a number of long-running weekly columns: "A Nickel's Worth" in the *Kennebec Journal* (1988-1990); "View from the Cape" in the *West Prince Graphic* (Prince Edward Island, Canada, 1991-1997); and "Gatherings" and "Community Forum" in the *Capital Weekly* (Augusta, 1995-2011). From 1997 to 2003, Perry also hosted a local interest television show on Augusta's Adelphia Channel 9 called "Our Towns."

In addition to *Drinking from a Tin Cup*, she has published five more adult books: *Only One Ice Box to Fill* (1990), *Mad Tuesdays* (1992), *Pieces of Earth* (1994), *Living on the Edge* (2003), *Years Pass, but Memories Last (Only as Long as We Do): Remembering Whitefield* (2004) and three children's books, *My Grandmother Wears Crazy Hats* (1992), *The Laughing Lighthouse* (1995) and *Gardens Are For Looking* (1996). She died in 2014.

Collection Scope and Content

The bulk of this collection is composed of drafts for articles and clippings of Perry's numerous newspaper columns from 1966-2011. Also included are a few articles about Perry, as well as a biographical sketch, business card, senior thesis comparing Perry's *Pieces of Earth* to Thoreau's *Walden*, and approximately 44 VHS tape recordings of her television program, Our Towns, dated 1995-2004.

Arrangement

This collection is organized into two series: I. Manuscript Material; II. Media. Arranged chronologically.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Children's literature, American
- Hallowell (Me.)
- Millinocket (Me. : Town)
- Whitefield (Me.)
- Maine -- Social life and customs
- Pittston (Me.)
- Maine -- Biography
- Clippings
- Business cards
- Manuscripts
- Correspondence
- Typescripts
- Video recordings
- Capital weekly
- Kennebec journal

- Kennebec observer
- Maine Sunday telegram
- Perry, Katy

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Biographical information, business cards	Box 1	Folder 001
Book reviews and newspaper articles about Perry, 1989-2003, undated	Box 1	Folder 002
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.		
Senior thesis on Perry by Katherine Armstrong, "Katy Perry's Pieces of Earth': A Comparison to Thoreau's 'Walden'", 1996	Box 1	Folder 003
Language of the Material: English.		
Early writings by Perry, 1966-1970	Box 1	Folder 004
Language of the Material: English.		
News articles by Perry"Around the Valley" "Hail to the Chief" columns, Maine Sunday Telegram, early 1980s, andated	Box 1	Folder 005
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.		
News articles by Perry"Around the Valley" column and eatures, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1980 August-December	Box 1	Folder 006
Language of the Material: English.		
Around the Valley" column and features, Maine Sunday 'elegram, Kennebec Journal, 1981 January-June	Box 1	Folder 007
Language of the Material: English.		
Around the Valley" column and features, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1981 July-December	Box 1	Folder 008
Language of the Material: English.		
articles by Perry in The Maine Paper, 1981-1982	Box 1	Folder 009
anguage of the Material: English.		
Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1982 anuary-June	Box 1	Folder 010

"Around the Valley," "Hail to the Chief" and "Twin Cities Topics" columns, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1982 July- December	Box 1	Folder 011
Language of the Material: English.		
"Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1983 January-June	Box 1	Folder 012
Language of the Material: English.		
"Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1983 July-December	Box 1	Folder 013
Language of the Material: English.		
Typewritten letter to Kennebec Journal editor, 1983	Box 1	Folder 014
Language of the Material: English.		
Typewritten articles, no publication specified, 1983, 1995-1996, undated	Box 1	Folder 015
Language of the Material: English.		
"Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1984 January-June	Box 1	Folder 016
Language of the Material: English.		
"Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1984 August-December	Box 1	Folder 017
Language of the Material: English.		
"Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1985	Box 1	Folder 018
Language of the Material: English.		
Typewritten drafts"A Nickel's Worth" in Kennebec Journal/ Observer; "View from the Cape," West Prince Graphic, 1988-1994	Box 1	Folder 019
Language of the Material: English.		
Newspaper articles by Perry in Forum: A Newsletter, 1989	Box 1	Folder 020
Language of the Material: English.		
"Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1984 January-June	Box 1	Folder 021
Language of the Material: English.		
"Around the Valley" column, Maine Sunday Telegram, 1984 July-December	Box 1	Folder 022
Language of the Material: English.		
Typewritten columns about Belize, 1986-1989	Box 1	Folder 023

Typewritten column drafts, Capital Weekly and West Prince Graphic, 1986, undated <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 024	
Language of the Material, English.			
Typewritten drafts, "A Nickel's Worth" in Kennebec Journal, undated	Box 1	Folder 025	
"A Nickel's Worth" column, Kennebec Observer, 1988 January-June	Box 1	Folder 026	
Language of the Material: English.			
"A Nickel's Worth" column, Kennebec Observer, 1988 July- December	Box 1	Folder 027	
Language of the Material: English.			
"A Nickel's Worth" column, Kennebec Observer, 1989 January-June	Box 1	Folder 028	
Language of the Material: English.			
"A Nickel's Worth" column, Kennebec Observer, 1989 July- December	Box 1	Folder 029	
Language of the Material: English.			
"A Nickel's Worth" column, Kennebec Observer, 1990 January-June	Box 1	Folder 030	
Language of the Material: English.			
"A Nickel's Worth" column, Kennebec Observer, 1990 July- December, undated	Box 1	Folder 031	
Language of the Material: English.			
Articles in The Local Voice: "Valley Vibes" column and features, 1990-1991	Box 1	Folder 032	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1991 July-December, undated	Box 1	Folder 033	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1992 January-June	Box 1	Folder 034	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1992 July-December, undated	Box 1	Folder 035	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Maine Journal" column in Kennebec Journal, 1992 January-June; 1993 October	Box 2	Folder 036	

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"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1993 January-June	Box 2	Folder 037	
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1993 July-December	Box 2	Folder 038	
Language of the Material: English.			
Typewritten piece, "A Tribute to Mike Molloy", 1993	Box 2	Folder 039	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1994 January-June	Box 2	Folder 040	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1994 July-December	Box 2	Folder 041	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 1995	Box 2	Folder 042	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1995 January-June	Box 2	Folder 043	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1995 July-December	Box 2	Folder 044	
Language of the Material: English.			
Feature article, Kennebec Journal, 1995	Box 2	Folder 045	
Language of the Material: English.			
Typewritten drafts for articles, Kennebec Journal and others, 1995-1996	Box 2	Folder 046	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1996 January-June	Box 2	Folder 047	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1996 July-December, undated	Box 2	Folder 048	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 1997 July-December	Box 2	Folder 049	

"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1997 January-June	Box 2	Folder 050	
Language of the Material: English.			
"View from the Cape" column, West Prince Graphic, 1997 July-December, undated	Box 2	Folder 051	
Language of the Material: English.			
Correspondence, article re: Mount Textiles in Fiberarts Magazine, 1998	Box 2	Folder 052	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, features, Capital Weekly, 1998 January-June	Box 2	Folder 053	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly; features in Maine Sunday Telegram, 1998 July- December	Box 2	Folder 054	
Language of the Material: English.			
Various writings by others, 1998, undated	Box 2	Folder 055	
Language of the Material: English.			
Typewritten letters by Perry, 1998	Box 2	Folder 056	
Language of the Material: English.			
Various articles by Perry, 1999	Box 2	Folder 057	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, features, Capital Weekly, 1999 January-June	Box 2	Folder 058	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 1999 July-December	Box 2	Folder 059	
Language of the Material: English.			
Features and letter in Lincoln County Weekly, 1999, 2001	Box 2	Folder 060	
Language of the Material: English.			
Article by Perry in Katahdin Times, 2000	Box 2	Folder 061	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2000 January-June	Box 2	Folder 062	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2000 July-December	Box 2	Folder 063	

"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, features, Capital Weekly, 2001 January-June	Box 2	Folder 064	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2001 July-December	Box 2	Folder 065	
Language of the Material: English.			
Typewritten draft of article "Uncle Maury", 2001	Box 2	Folder 066	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2002 January-June	Box 2	Folder 067	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" column, Capital Weekly, 2002 July-December	Box 2	Folder 068	
Language of the Material: English.			
Articles by Perry in various publications, 2002	Box 3	Folder 069	
Language of the Material: English.			
Typewritten drafts for various publications, 2002	Box 3	Folder 070	
Language of the Material: English.	Box 3	Folder 071	
Letter to editor, unknown publication, 2002	Box 3	Folder 072	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, features letters, Capital Weekly, 2003 January-June	Box 3	Folder 073	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2003 July-December	Box 3	Folder 074	
Language of the Material: English.			
Typewritten drafts for various publications, 2003	Box 3	Folder 075	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns features, Capital Weekly, 2004 January-June	Box 3	Folder 076	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns features, Capital Weekly, 2004 July-December	Box 3	Folder 077	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, features reviews, Capital Weekly, 2005 January-June	Box 3	Folder 078	

"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, features letters, Capital Weekly, 2005 July-December	Box 3	Folder 079	
Language of the Material: English.			
Articles by Perry in Courier Gazette, 2005 December	Box 3	Folder 080	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, features Capital Weekly, 2006 January-June	Box 3	Folder 081	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns and letters, Capital Weekly, 2006 July-December	Box 3	Folder 082	
Language of the Material: English.			
Feature in Lincoln County News, 2006 March	Box 3	Folder 083	
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.			
Typewritten drafts for Hallowell Record/Register and others, 2006-2008	Box 3	Folder 084	
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2007 January-June	Box 3	Folder 085	
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2007 July-December	Box 3	Folder 086	
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2008 January-June	Box 3	Folder 087	
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.			
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2008 July-December	Box 4	Folder 088	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Thank-you" letter to Old Hallowell committee for Hallowell Citizen of the Year award, 2008	Box 4	Folder 089	
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.			
"Gatherings" column, Capital Weekly, 2009 January-June <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 4	Folder 090	
"Gatherings" and "Community Forum" columns, Capital Weekly, 2009 July-December	Box 4	Folder 091	
Language of the Material: English.			
"Gatherings" column, Capital Weekly, 2010 January-June	Box 4	Folder 092	

Language of the Material. English.		
"Gatherings" column, letters, Capital Weekly, 2010 July- December	Box 4	Folder 093
Language of the Material: English.		
Letter to editor of Hallowell Record re: Old Hallowell committee, 2010	Box 4	Folder 094
Language of the Material: English.		
Articles by Perry, publication unknown, circa 2010	Box 4	Folder 095
Language of the Material: English.		
"Gatherings" column, Capital Weekly; articles in Capital Land Trust, 2011 January-June	Box 4	Folder 096
Language of the Material: English.		
"Gatherings" column, Capital Weekly, 2011 July-December	Box 4	Folder 097
Language of the Material: English.		
Typewritten articles for Hallowell Record/Register, and other, 2009-2012	Box 4	Folder 098
Language of the Material: English.		
Book reviews by Perry, undated	Box 4	Folder 099
Article by Perry in Discover Maine, undated	Box 4	Folder 100
Typewritten drafts for Hallowell Record/Register and other, undated	Box 4	Folder 101
Calendars used by Perry to organize column clippings by month, 2000-2002, 2004-2005	Box 4	Folder 102
Language of the Material: English.		
Calendars used by Perry to organize column clippings by month, 2006-2011	Box 4	Folder 103
Language of the Material: English.		
"Un-funeral" article, undated	Box 4	Folder 104
Language of the Material: English.		

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Media, 1995-2003		
Language of the Material: English.		
Title/Description	Instances	
VHSNan Pulsifer "Buster", 1995-1996	Box 5	Cassette 001

VHSMaine View Business Magazine with Libby Mitchell, 1995 October 26	Box 5	Cassette 002
Language of the Material: English.		
VHSOld Hallowell Day parade, 1996	Box 5	Cassette 003
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHS4 shows, 1997 April	Box 5	Cassette 004
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHSshows #2, #3, #4, 1997 May 13	Box 5	Cassette 005
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.		
"Our Town" VHSJanice Roberts, Karen VanAllsburg, 1999 February	Box 5	Cassette 006
<u>Language of the Material</u> : English.		
"Our Town" VHSPam Longfellow, thank you note from Gianina, 1999	Box 5	Cassette 007
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHS5 shows with P. Mars, A. Beaulieu, Rev. Anderson, D. Prescott, C. F. Magellan, J. Christie, F. O'Hara; Tolerance 1/3, 1999 November 11, 1999 December 17, 1999 December 30, 2000 January 13, 2000 April 27	Box 5	Cassette 008
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHSJessica Coro, Jan Banford, 2000 December	Box 5	Cassette 009
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHSMadrigal Singers, 2000 December 28	Box 5	Cassette 010
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHSWilliam Welch, Jim Rioux, Mike Webber, 2001 February 23	Box 5	Cassette 011
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHSDave Lantagne, Peter Tambone, Martin Swinger, 2001 October 30	Box 5	Cassette 012
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHSBen Keating (ME State Library), Earle Shettleworth (ME History Preserve), 2001 February 23	Box 5	Cassette 013
Language of the Material: English.		
"Our Town" VHSartists Chandra Caywood, Bob Curtis, 2001 March 19	Box 5	Cassette 014

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"Our Towns" VHSInside-Out Playground, Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Kennebec Montessori School, St. John Catholic School, Rotary Club Australia polio ride, undated	Box 5	Cassette 028
"Our Towns" VHSKim Wiggin of Old Hallowell, Mile of Art/ art auction, blacksmith/wood carver, environmentalist/gallery, undated	Box 5	Cassette 029
"Our Towns" VHS, undated	Box 5	Cassette 030
"Our Towns" VHSForest Hart, Peter Buotte, Linda Averill, undated	Box 5	Cassette 031
VHSWilla Cather: The Road Is All; Ernest Hemingway: Rivers to the Sea; some home videos, undated	Box 5	Cassette 032
"Our Towns" VHSMile of Art, undated	Box 5	Cassette 033
"Our Towns" VHSWomen in Communications, undated	Box 5	Cassette 034
"Our Towns" VHSHome for Women, Food Bank, LifeFlight, Alcory Band, United Way, Hallowell artist, Fish Game Park, Augusta symphony, undated	Box 5	Cassette 035
"Our Towns" VHSBread of Life Kitchen, undated	Box 5	Cassette 036
"Our Towns" VHS, undated	Box 5	Cassette 037
"Our Towns" VHSFrench "Emersion" (Immersion?), Capital Campaign, Women, Work Community, FAME, beekeeper, Rotary Club, undated	Box 5	Cassette 038
"Our Towns" VHSJeanne Davis, Peter Buotte, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Center for Grieving Children, Anthony Anderson, Dave Wood, Swan Island, Chewonki FAME	Box 5	Cassette 039
"Our Towns" VHSBAD ride, St. Denis picnic, playwright, soldiers CD, Good Will Hinkley, Clubhouse, Dave Bustin, Jane Harvey, undated	Box 5	Cassette 040
"Our Towns" VHS, undated	Box 5	Cassette 041
"Our Towns" VHS"My Grandmother Wears Crazy Hats", undated	Box 5	Cassette 042
"Our Towns" VHSKV Correctional, undated	Box 5	Cassette 043
Redwood Curtain VHSABC TV movie, 1995	Box 5	Cassette 044
Language of the Material: English.		

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