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## Rosemarie Nerville papers, 2014

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## Summary Information

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| <b>Repository:</b>               | Maine Women Writers Collection |
| <b>Creator:</b>                  | Nerville, Rosemarie            |
| <b>Title:</b>                    | Rosemarie Nerville papers      |
| <b>ID:</b>                       | 0448                           |
| <b>ID [aspace_uri]:</b>          | /repositories/3/resources/854  |
| <b>Date:</b>                     | 2014                           |
| <b>Physical Description:</b>     | 1 folder                       |
| <b>Language of the Material:</b> | English .                      |

### Preferred Citation

Rosemarie Nerville papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Rosemarie Nerville was born in 1933 in Digby, Nova Scotia, the daughter of a wealthy Canadian businessman and his mixed-race housekeeper, Lizzie Cromwell. Unrecognized by her father, she suffered abuse by her mother and sought refuge in the care of her grandparents in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. She graduated from Yarmouth County Academy in 1951 and attended Sudbury University (Ontario) from 1952 to 1953. In 1955, Nerville migrated to the United States. She graduated from the Katherine Gibbs School in Montclair, New Jersey, in 1957, and from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BFA in Architectural Design in 1982. From 1982 to 2000 she operated her own design business, Nerville Associates, before retiring to Camden, Maine, where she became part of the Camden Round Table Writers group and participated from 2002 to 2006.

Nerville began writing poetry and short stories in the fourth grade and she continued writing through high school as a hobby. Her writing became serious in adulthood during the period in which she lived on Nantucket, from 1972 to 1978. Nerville is the author of *The Witch*

of *Beaver Creek Mine*, a Newbery Award-nominee young adult novel published by Down East Books in 2007. Other published work includes "Fog," a poem, which was included in the *Goose River Press Anthology* in 2004, and the short stories "McPhee Island" (2008); "Saying Goodbye" (2009); "From the Inside" (2010); "Ethel and Bertie" (2011), and "Magnolia Street" (2012). Nerville also published several articles and essays in *The Camden Herald* from 2006 to 2009 under the pseudonym Maggie O'Brien, many of which dealt with the abuse she suffered as a child. That abuse and her survival of it is detailed in her full-length memoir, *Swamp Robin*, published first as an eBook in 2013 and then by Goose River Press in Waldoboro, Maine, in 2014. Nerville is married with two children and five grandchildren and lives in Camden.

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## Collection Scope and Content

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These papers consist of a copy of the author's press release for and prefatory note to her memoir *Swamp Robin*, published in 2014 by Goose River Press in Waldoboro, Maine.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is organized as a single series.

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## Administrative Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Camden (Me.)
- Ephemera
- Nerville, Rosemarie

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## Collection Inventory

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| Title/Description   | Instances |            |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Press release and Author's Note for Swamp Robin: A Memoir, 2014 | Box 15    | Folder 001 |
| <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.                       |           |            |