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## Sister R. Mildred Barker collection, 1990

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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>	Barker, R. Mildred
<b>Title:</b>	Sister R. Mildred Barker collection
<b>ID:</b>	0050
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1990
<b>Physical Description:</b>	1 folder
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Sister R. Mildred Barker collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Ruth Mildred Barker was born in Providence, Rhode Island on February 3, 1897. She joined the Shaker community in 1903, first in Alfred, Maine and then in Sabbathday Lake, Maine. She was chosen as trustee of the community in 1960 and in 1983 was recognized with a Heritage Fellowship Award from the National Endowment for the Arts for her expertise in singing old Shaker songs. In addition to recording four albums of Shaker music, she also published a small book of poetry and a history of the Shaker community in Alfred. She died in 1990.

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## Collection Scope and Content

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This collection includes an obituary and a black and white photo of Sister Mildred.

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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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- Sabbathday Lake (Me.)
- Alfred (Me.)

- Photographs
- Obituaries
- Barker, R. Mildred
- Barker, R. Mildred
- United Society of Shakers, Sabbathday Lake, Inc.
- Shakers

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Obituary and Death Notice, 1990	box 2	folder 001