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Virginia Chase papers, 1910-1987

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Chase, Virginia, 1902-1987
Title:	Virginia Chase papers
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Physical Description:	1.5 linear feet 51 folders, some oversize
Language of the Material:	English .

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Virginia Chase papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Biographical/Historical Note

Educator, novelist, and popular historian, Virginia Chase (Perkins) was born in 1902 in Blue Hill, the younger sister of author Mary Ellen Chase. Chase received her degrees from the University of Minnesota and Wayne State University, and taught for many years, including more than 20 years at Hartford College for Women. Chase wrote articles and short stories throughout her life for publications such as *Good Housekeeping* and *Down East*. Her novels include *The American House* (1944), *Discovery* (1948), *The End of the Week* (1953), and *One Crow Two Crow* (1971). She also published works of nonfiction including *The Writing of Modern Prose*. In 1940 Chase Perkins received the Avery Hopwood Award for fiction, and she was inducted into Westbrook College's Deborah Morton Society in 1983 in memoriam.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection includes correspondence with both Dorothy Healy and Grace Dow as well as with others; typescripts of Virginia Chase Perkins' novel, *This American House* and other publications; interviews, clippings and reviews of her work in publications such as *Down East* and *Yankee*, including a representative collection of her short stories from the 1930s into the 1980s. There is also ephemera collected from various speaking engagements and tributes and a few photographs. The five scrapbooks in the collection give a sense of her impact on the literary scene of the time, full of newspaper clippings and publishers' correspondence relating to her work.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Administrative Information

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Related Materials

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Virginia Chase correspondence, Maine State Library

Mary Ellen Chase papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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Controlled Access Headings

- Blue Hill (Me.)
- Correspondence
- Scrapbooks
- Photographs
- Typescripts
- Down East
- Chase, Virginia, 1902-1987
- Chase, Mary Ellen, 1887-1973
- Healy, Dorothy, 1914-1990
- Dow, Grace

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Bibliography	Box 1	Folder 001
ALS to Mary Ellen Chase, 1910 February 21	Box 1	Folder 002

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Language of the Material: English.

ALS to Elizabeth Ring, 1941 September <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 003
Correspondence with Grace Dow, 1959-1965 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 004
Correspondence with Grace Dow, 1970-1979 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 005
Correspondence with Grace Dow, undated	Box 1	Folder 006
Correspondence to Dorothy Healy, undated	Box 1	Folder 007
Correspondence to Dorothy Healy, 1960-1969 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 008
Correspondence to Dorothy Healy, 1970-1989 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 009
"Dear Friends" letter, 1982 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 010
ALS to Gladys Hager, 1984 May <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 011
ALS Jerry Weren to Dorothy Healy, 1986, 1987 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 012
Correspondence to David Philips, 1983, 1984 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 013
Reviews, interviews	Box 1	Folder 014
Book-of-the-Month-Club News, 1944, 1948 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 015
The End of the Week - review by Karl Menninger	Box 1	Folder 016
Photograph of Chase home	Box 1	Folder 017
Photograph of VC and Dorothy Healy; Blue Hill home, 1985 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 018
Framed photo of VC holding The End of the Week <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box OVS 1	Folder 019
Hartford College for Women lecture series, 1963 <u>Language of the Material</u> : English.	Box 1	Folder 020
West Hartford Public Library - VCP Collection	Box 1	Folder 021

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A Program Honoring VCP - Hartford College for Women, 1971	Box 1	Folder 022
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Dorothy Healy notes of VC, 1987 March	Box 1	Folder 023
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
George Steven Academy publication, letter, 1980-1989	Box 1	Folder 024
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
"The Comet is Coming" Pennswood View, Winter, 1984-1985	Box 1	Folder 025
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
"The Search," tribute to Wallace Winfield Perkins, 1973	Box 1	Folder 026
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
The American House - typescript	Box 1	Folder 027
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
	Box 1	Folder 028
	Box 1	Folder 029
	Box 1	Folder 030
	Box 1	Folder 031
The American House - original drawings by Janet Nelson	Box 1	Folder 032
Knights of the Golden Fleece, chap. 2 - typescript	Box 1	Folder 033
Early published work, circa 1936-1945	Box 1	Folder 034
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Early published work, 1956-1979	Box 1	Folder 035
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
One Crow, Two Crow - typescript	Box 1	Folder 036
Down East articles, 1957-1962	Box 1	Folder 037
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Down East articles [Maine Coast village series], 1958-1959	Box 1	Folder 038
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Down East articles, 1974-1977	Box 1	Folder 039
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Down East articles, 1980-1982	Box 1	Folder 040
<u>Language of the Material:</u> English.		
Down East articles, undated	Box 1	Folder 041
"The Clutter Room" - typescript	Box 1	Folder 042

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Publicity material	Box 1	Folder 043
Discovery - correspondence, 1948 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 044
Discovery - reviews - radio transcripts	Box 1	Folder 045
Discovery - scrapbook of reviews	Box 2 (OVS)	Folder 046
One Crow Two Crow - scrapbook of reviews	Box 2 (OVS)	Folder 047
End of the Week - scrapbook of reviews and correspondence	Box 3 (OVS)	Folder 048
Scrapbook of published short stories	Box 3 (OVS)	Folder 049
Scrapbook of reviews written by VC and reviews of her work	Box 3 (OVS)	Folder 050
Biographical clipping, 1944 <u>Language of the Material:</u> English.	Box 1	Folder 051