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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Queen's University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Mary Alice Downie fonds
<b>ID:</b>	F01999
<b>Date:</b>	1852-2018 (predominant [ca. 1968]-2018) (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	2.67 m of textual records ca. 45 photographs 25 photographs : b&w negatives
<b>Physical location:</b>	2291.8
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Description created 2019-11-04 by Jeremy Heil.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Mary Alice Downie (born February 12, 1934) is an American-born Canadian writer. The daughter of Canadian parents, she was born Mary Alice Dawe Hunter in Alton, Illinois and was educated at Trinity College at the University of Toronto. She married John Downie in 1959. She was a reporter for Marketing from 1955 to 1956; from 1956 to 1957, she was an editorial assistant for the Canadian Medical Association Journal. Downie was publicity manager for the Oxford University Press in Toronto from 1958 to 1959. She subsequently worked as a freelance writer. In 1959, Downie and her husband moved to Pittsburgh; they moved to Kingston, Ontario in 1962. From 1973 to 1979, Downie was book review editor for the Kingston Whig-Standard. She has also contributed to The Horn Book Magazine, OWL, Chickadee, The Globe and Mail, the Ottawa Citizen and the Montreal Gazette.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of manuscripts, correspondence, research, promotional material, and other material relating to Downie's work as an author.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Physical condition

Many pages were found folded and creased. Some evidence of water damage was present, resulting in smudging across certain pages. Thermal fax pages are also present throughout the files, many of which have faded considerably.

### Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Mary Alice Downie, 2019.

### Restrictions on access

Open

### Conditions governing use

Copyright is held by the creator.

### Accruals

Further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Final
- **Conservation:** Rusted paperclips were replaced, and dried elastic bands were removed when possible.

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## Access points

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- Textual record (documentary form)
- Kingston (place)

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## Series descriptions

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<b>Series F01999-S1: Correspondence</b>
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Date: 1973-2010 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence received and written by Mary Alice Downie in the course of her work, including her work as an instructor of creative writing.

Physical description: 0.6 m of textual records

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F01999-S1-f1	File - Corres.	1965-1973		2291.8, Box 1, File 1
F01999-S1-f2	File - Corres.	1973-1974		2291.8, Box 1, File 2
F01999-S1-f3	File - Corres.	1976-1977		2291.8, Box 1, File 3
F01999-S1-f4	File - Corres.	1978		2291.8, Box 1, File 4
F01999-S1-f5	File - Corres.	1978-1979		2291.8, Box 1, File 5
F01999-S1-f6	File - Correspondence	1980-1981		2291.8, Box 1, File 6
F01999-S1-f7	File - Corresp.	1981-1983		2291.8, Box 1, File 7
F01999-S1-f8	File - Corres.	1987		2291.8, Box 1, File 8
F01999-S1-f9	File - Correspondence	1988-1989		2291.8, Box 1, File 9
F01999-S1-f10	File - Correspondence	1990		2291.8, Box 2, File 1
F01999-S1-f11	File - Corres.	1990-1991		2291.8, Box 2, File 2
F01999-S1-f12	File - Corresp.	1992-1995		2291.8, Box 2, File 3
F01999-S1-f13	File - Correspondence	1996-2000		2291.8, Box 2, File 4
F01999-S1-f14	File - Corresp.	2004-2006		2291.8, Box 2, File 5
F01999-S1-f15	File - Correspondence - To Deal With	1980-1989		2291.8, Box 2, File 6
F01999-S1-f16	File - ASBF - Reviews	1980-1998		2291.8, Box 2, File 7
F01999-S1-f17	File - Kid's Can Press	1979-1997		2291.8, Box 2, File 8
F01999-S1-f18	File - Kids Canada Series	1980-1981		2291.8, Box 2, File 9

F01999-S1-f19	File - Lester & Orpen Dennys	1985-2004	2291.8, Box 3, File 1
F01999-S1-f20	File - Nelson	1973-1983	2291.8, Box 3, File 2
F01999-S1-f21	File - Northern Lights General	1977-1982	2291.8, Box 3, File 3
F01999-S1-f22	File - Oberon	1973-1978	2291.8, Box 3, File 4
F01999-S1-f23	File - Oxford	1965-1992	2291.8, Box 3, File 5
F01999-S1-f24	File - Owl & Chickadee	1976-1983	2291.8, Box 3, File 6
F01999-S1-f25	File - Scholastic	1977-1997	2291.8, Box 3, File 7
F01999-S1-f26	File - Writers Union	1975-1982	2291.8, Box 3, File 8
F01999-S1-f27	File - Writers Union	1986-1989	2291.8, Box 3, File 9

### Series F01999-S2: Manuscripts, Research, and Reviews

Date: 1970-2010 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of manuscripts (handwritten and typed), research notes, correspondence relating to individual books, and reviews.

Language of the material:

English

Arrangement:

Material was predominantly maintained in file folders and arranged alphabetically by book/project by the creator. Materials that were found loose in boxes were rehoused and titled according to the main project represented in the set.

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

### Subseries F01999-S2-SS1: General

Date: 1970-2010 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of manuscripts, reviews, and correspondence related to individual books, articles, and other material created by Mary Alice Downie. Includes material relating to workshops lead by Downie.

<u>Physical description:</u> 1.44 m of textual records				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
Published				
<b>File / item list</b>				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F01999-S2-SS1-f1	File - Alexander Alone	1972-1974		2291.8, Box 4, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f2	File - Alison's Ghosts	1980-2008		2291.8, Box 4, File 2
F01999-S2-SS1-f3	File - [Alison's Ghosts - Edits]	[ca. 2005]		2291.8, Box 4, File 3
F01999-S2-SS1-f4	File - Alison's Ghosts	2007		2291.8, Box 4, File 4
F01999-S2-SS1-f5	File - F&W - ASBF	1974-2002		2291.8, Box 4, File 5
F01999-S2-SS1-f6	File - Banquets for Bookworms	[ca. 1975]		2291.8, Box 4, File 6
F01999-S2-SS1-f7	File - Bathtub Tale (Revisions)	[ca. 1990]		2291.8, Box 4, File 7
F01999-S2-SS1-f8	File - Bright Paddles	1995-2000		2291.8, Box 4, File 8
F01999-S2-SS1-f9	File - Bright Paddles	1990		2291.8, Box 4, File 9
F01999-S2-SS1-f10	File - [Bright Paddles]	[ca. 1990]		2291.8, Box 4, File 10
F01999-S2-SS1-f11	File - Quotations	1980		2291.8, Box 4, File 11
F01999-S2-SS1-f12	File - Bright Paddles etc. Versions	[ca. 1999]		2291.8, Box 4, File 12
F01999-S2-SS1-f13	File - The Bright Paddles	[ca. 1999]		2291.8, Box 4, File 13
F01999-S2-SS1-f14	File - [Bright Paddles]	[ca. 1999]		2291.8, Box 4, File 14
F01999-S2-SS1-f15	File - Cactus Cat	1999-2016		2291.8, Box 5, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f16	File - Cat Books	1986		2291.8, Box 5, File 2
F01999-S2-SS1-f17	File - The Cat Park	1993-1994		2291.8, Box 5, File 3
F01999-S2-SS1-f18	File - Cats Anthol.	[ca. 1986]		2291.8, Box 5, File 4
F01999-S2-SS1-f19	File - Carols	1984		2291.8, Box 5, File 5
F01999-S2-SS1-f20	File - Cathal the Giant-Killer	1991		2291.8, Box 5, File 6
F01999-S2-SS1-f21	File - Charlemagne's Elephant	[ca. 1975]		2291.8, Box 5, File 7
F01999-S2-SS1-f22	File - [Christmas in the Stables and Other Material]	1995-1996		2291.8, Box 5, File 8

F01999-S2-SS1-f23	File - Christmas in Kingston	1999	2291.8, Box 5, File 9
F01999-S2-SS1-f24	File - Cooking With Children	[ca. 1975]	2291.8, Box 5, File 10
F01999-S2-SS1-f25	File - Cooking Children	[ca. 1985]	2291.8, Box 6, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f26	File - Deeper into the Forest	1994	2291.8, Box 6, File 2
F01999-S2-SS1-f27	File - Devil & Buffalo Boy	1988-1990	2291.8, Box 6, File 3
F01999-S2-SS1-f28	File - Doctor Dwarf	1992	2291.8, Box 6, File 4
F01999-S2-SS1-f29	File - Dragon on Parade	1975-2013	2291.8, Box 6, File 5
F01999-S2-SS1-f30	File - Dundurn	2010-2011	2291.8, Box 6, File 6
F01999-S2-SS1-f31	File - Dunstan & the Devil	1975-1989	2291.8, Box 6, File 7
F01999-S2-SS1-f32	File - Early Voices MS	[ca. 2010]	2291.8, Box 6, File 8
F01999-S2-SS1-f33	File - Fanny Bayfield	1976-1987	2291.8, Box 6, File 9
F01999-S2-SS1-f34	File - Foxes - The Spell of the Fox	1984	2291.8, Box 6, File 10
F01999-S2-SS1-f35	File - Gaelic Stories	1975-1991	2291.8, Box 6, File 11
F01999-S2-SS1-f36	File - Gaelic Play	1997	2291.8, Box 7, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f37	File - Glengrove for Christmas	1978-1987	2291.8, Box 7, File 2
F01999-S2-SS1-f38	File - Gooseberry Wife	[ca. 1990]	2291.8, Box 7, File 3
F01999-S2-SS1-f39	File - Goblin in the Well	1979	2291.8, Box 7, File 4
F01999-S2-SS1-f40	File - Hog Island	[ca. 2000]	2291.8, Box 7, File 5
F01999-S2-SS1-f41	File - Honey Under Ground	1975-1979	2291.8, Box 7, File 6
F01999-S2-SS1-f42	File - Honor Among Thieves	1971	2291.8, Box 7, File 7
F01999-S2-SS1-f43	File - Honor Bound	1971-1977	2291.8, Box 7, File 8
F01999-S2-SS1-f44	File - [Honor Bound]	1972-1981	2291.8, Box 7, File 9
F01999-S2-SS1-f45	File - Honor Bound - Sequel	1971-1991	2291.8, Box 7, File 10
F01999-S2-SS1-f46	File - New Honor Bound	1991	2291.8, Box 7, File 11
F01999-S2-SS1-f47	File - Jenny Greenteeth	1978-1992	2291.8, Box 7, File 12
F01999-S2-SS1-f48	File - Jenkins the Juggler	1993-1997	2291.8, Box 7, File 13
F01999-S2-SS1-f49	File - Kingston Calendar	2014	2291.8, Box 7, File 14



F01999-S2-SS1-f50	File - Neptune's Masque	[198-?]	2291.8, Box 7, File 15
F01999-S2-SS1-f51	File - Northern Lights	1973-1979	2291.8, Box 7, File 16
F01999-S2-SS1-f52	File - Pigeon in a Fir Tree	[ca. 1989]	2291.8, Box 8, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f53	File - [A Pioneer Alphabet]	2004	2291.8, Box 8, File 2
F01999-S2-SS1-f54	File - Pioneer ABC Reviews & Pioneer Alphabet	2005-2006	2291.8, Box 8, File 3
F01999-S2-SS1-f55	File - Poems in the Afternoon	1992-1995	2291.8, Box 8, File 4
F01999-S2-SS1-f56	File - Pomona	[ca. 2000]	2291.8, Box 8, File 5
F01999-S2-SS1-f57	File - Saints	1988-1989	2291.8, Box 8, File 6
F01999-S2-SS1-f58	File - Scared Sarah	[199-]-2002	2291.8, Box 8, File 7
F01999-S2-SS1-f59	File - Snow Paws	1995-1996	2291.8, Box 8, File 8
F01999-S2-SS1-f60	File - Song for Acadia	2004	2291.8, Box 8, File 9
F01999-S2-SS1-f61	File - Tree of Peace	[197-?]	2291.8, Box 8, File 10
F01999-S2-SS1-f62	File - Van Egmond	1980	2291.8, Box 8, File 11
F01999-S2-SS1-f63	File - Von Riedesel	2006	2291.8, Box 8, File 12
F01999-S2-SS1-f64	File - When First Unto this Country	1974-1975	2291.8, Box 9, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f65	File - Wicked Fairy Wife	1977-1996	2291.8, Box 9, File 2
F01999-S2-SS1-f66	File - The Wind has Wings	1965-1982	2291.8, Box 9, File 3
F01999-S2-SS1-f67	File - First Anthology [Wind has Wings]	[1968]	2291.8, Box 9, File 4
F01999-S2-SS1-f68	File - New Wind has Wings	1983-1984	2291.8, Box 9, File 5
F01999-S2-SS1-f69	File - Window of Dreams	1984-1992	2291.8, Box 9, File 6
F01999-S2-SS1-f70	File - Winter in Bare Knees	1983-2011	2291.8, Box 9, File 7
F01999-S2-SS1-f71	File - Wonderful Collection	[ca. 2005]	2291.8, Box 9, File 8
F01999-S2-SS1-f72	File - Z is for Zinia: A Floral ABC	1975-2005	2291.8, Box 9, File 9
F01999-S2-SS1-f73	File - Articles	[197-]	2291.8, Box 10, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f74	File - Articles	1986-1989	2291.8, Box 10, File 2
F01999-S2-SS1-f75	File - [Articles]	1996-2003	2291.8, Box 10, File 3
F01999-S2-SS1-f76	File - Cambridge - Sabbatical Stuff	1980-1981	2291.8, Box 10, File 4

F01999-S2-SS1-f77	File - General Stuff	1969-[ca. 1975]	2291.8, Box 10, File 5
F01999-S2-SS1-f78	File - Idea File	[197-]-[199-]	2291.8, Box 10, File 6
F01999-S2-SS1-f79	File - Reviews General	1976-1998	2291.8, Box 10, File 7
F01999-S2-SS1-f80	File - Writing Workshop	1983-1986	2291.8, Box 11, File 1
F01999-S2-SS1-f81	File - Workshops & Speeches	1985-1986	2291.8, Box 11, File 2

### Subseries F01999-S2-SS2: Danger In Disguise

Date: 1972-1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of manuscripts, research notes, correspondence, and reviews relating to the novel "Danger In Disguise" and other Quebec-related material, including "Kingdom of the Saguenay."

Physical description: 0.37 m of textual records

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F01999-S2-SS2-f1	File - [Recipes, Assorted Manuscripts & Other Material]	1972-1973		2291.8, Box 11, File 3
F01999-S2-SS2-f2	File - Quarry & History	1974-[ca.1990]		2291.8, Box 11, File 4
F01999-S2-SS2-f3	File - Quebec	1973-1991		2291.8, Box 11, File 5
F01999-S2-SS2-f4	File - Junior Biographies	1991		2291.8, Box 11, File 6
F01999-S2-SS2-f5	File - Danger in Disguise	[1990]		2291.8, Box 11, File 7
F01999-S2-SS2-f6	File - [Danger in Disguise - Typescripts]	[1990]		2291.8, Box 11, File 8
F01999-S2-SS2-f7	File - Danger in Disguise	[1990]		2291.8, Box 12, File 1
F01999-S2-SS2-f8	File - Danger - JD	1991		2291.8, Box 12, File 2
F01999-S2-SS2-f9	File - Danger in Disguise Version I	1991		2291.8, Box 12, File 3
F01999-S2-SS2-f10	File - Latest Version	1991		2291.8, Box 12, File 4
F01999-S2-SS2-f11	File - Version II	1991		2291.8, Box 12, File 5
F01999-S2-SS2-f12	File - [Danger in Disguise]	1991		2291.8, Box 12, File 6
F01999-S2-SS2-f13	File - Kingdom of the Saguenay	1998		2291.8, Box 12, File 7

F01999-S2-SS2-f14	File - [The Kingdom of the Saguenay / Danger in Disguise]	1998-1999	2291.8, Box 12, File 8
F01999-S2-SS2-f15	File - Danger in Disguise	1999	2291.8, Box 12, File 9
F01999-S2-SS2-f16	File - DID Reviews	2000	2291.8, Box 13, File 1

### Subseries F01999-S2-SS3: Written In Stone

Date: 1973-[200-] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of manuscripts, research notes, correspondence, and reviews for the novel "Written In Stone."

Physical description: 0.22 m of textual records

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F01999-S2-SS3-f1	File - Assorted Stories	1974-[200-]		2291.8, Box 13, File 2
F01999-S2-SS3-f2	File - [Written in Stone and Other Material]	1987-1989		2291.8, Box 13, File 3
F01999-S2-SS3-f3	File - [Written in Stone]	1988-1989		2291.8, Box 13, File 4
F01999-S2-SS3-f4	File - Written in Stone - Portraits of Kingston Earlier Version	[ca. 1990]		2291.8, Box 13, File 5
F01999-S2-SS3-f5	File - [Written in Stone - Sources & Notes]	[ca. 1990]		2291.8, Box 13, File 6
F01999-S2-SS3-f6	File - Originals - Kingston Book	[ca. 1990]		2291.8, Box 13, File 7
F01999-S2-SS3-f7	File - [Written in Stone - Notes & Typescripts]	[ca. 1990]		2291.8, Box 13, File 8
F01999-S2-SS3-f8	File - Kingston Typed	1991		2291.8, Box 14, File 1
F01999-S2-SS3-f9	File - Written in Stone	1993		2291.8, Box 14, File 2

### Series F01999-S3: Miscellaneous

Date: 1852-1997 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of publicity material, an application to the Canada Council for the Arts, and collected family material (1852-1947). Also includes publicity photographs of Mary Alice Downie and John Downie, as well as photos from events and readings.

Physical description: 0.04 m of textual records

34 photographs  
 25 photographs : b&w negatives

Physical condition:

Some material in the Family Papers file was soiled with either dirt or black mold.

Publication status:

Published

Conservation:

Soiled material was brushed and placed in a mylar folder.

**File / item list**

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F01999-S3-f1	File - Canada Council Stuff	1997		2291.8, Box 14, File 3
F01999-S3-f2	File - Publicity Stuff	1974-[ca. 1995]		2291.8, Box 14, File 4
F01999-S3-f3	File - Family Papers - Deeds, etc.	1852-[ca. 1985]		2291.8, Box 14, File 5