

Mary Bossie McBrierty collection, 1918-1952

MCC-00332

Finding Aid

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Title: Mary Bossie McBrierty collection

Creator/Collector: McBrierty, Mary Bossie, 1900-1969

Collection number: MCC-00332 Shelf list number: UM-332, AX-332, BM-332

Dates: 1907-1972

Extent: 5 boxes and 1 oversize folder (1.50 cubic feet)

Provenance: Material was acquired from Linwood Flora, 2008.

Language: English.

Conservation notes: Scrapbook pages were removed and placed in Mylar sleeves.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access.

Physical restrictions: None.

Technical restrictions: None.

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Separated materials: Not applicable.

Related materials: Not applicable.

Location of originals: Not applicable.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

Published in: Not applicable.

Biographical information:

Mary Rose Bossie (1900-1969) was born on July 17 in St. John, Aroostook County, Maine, the daughter of Margaret Jalbert and James Bossie. She graduated from the Madawaska Training School in Fort Kent, Maine, in 1919. Mary married Tylor Joseph McBrierty (1900-1963) on October 28, 1924. She was a teacher in Aroostook County for over 47 years, spending most of this time teaching in Allagash, Maine. Mary died on December 31, 1969, in Fort Kent, Maine.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of papers and realia belonging to Mary Bossie McBrierty of Aroostook County, Maine. A large portion of the collection consists of papers pertaining to McBrierty's teaching career in Aroostook County, including teaching certificates and materials concerning the Allagash Central School. A typescript version of her book, containing manuscript edits, is also in this collection. Also contained in the collection are correspondence and personal materials, images, and realia, including two stereoscopes and 99 stereograph images, a paddle for churning clothes, and a sugar stamp. Of particular note is a piece of hand-woven cloth made from flax grown in Saint John, Maine.

This collection has been arranged into 6 series: Correspondence, 1907-1972; Papers relating to teaching career, 1919-1961; Personal materials, 1919-1952; Writings; Images; Realia.

Inventory:

Series 1: Correspondence, 1907-1972, undated.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 (UM-332):

- Folder 1: Correspondence, 1921-1972
- Folder 2: Postcards, 1907-1967
- Folder 3: Christmas cards, undated

Series 2: Papers relating to teaching career, 1919-1961.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 (UM-332):

- Folder 4: Madawaska Training School graduating exercises program, 1919.
- Folder 5: Teacher's Elementary Certificates, 1919, 1932
- Folder 6: "My School Record of Teaching," 1919-1961. Includes photograph of Madawaska Training School graduating class, 1919.
- Folder 7: Teacher's contract, 1946
- Folder 8: Allagash and Allagash Central School materials, 1951-1961.

Series 3: Personal materials, 1919-1952, undated.

This series is arranged chronologically.

Box 1 (UM-332):

- Folder 9: Aroostook State Normal School yearbook, 1922
- Folder 10: H.W. Coffin (Fort Kent, Me.) invoice, 1934
- Folder 11: War ration books: 1942
- Folder 12: "Where the Big Potatoes Grow" sheet music, c1943

Folder 13: Maine State Retirement System certificate, 1952
Folder 14: Memorials, 1966-1968
Folder 15: Funeral album, 1969
Folder 16: Miscellaneous
Folder 17: Clippings

Series 4: Writings

This series is arranged alphabetically by title.

Box 1 (UM-332):

Folders 18-20: *Door to the Future*. Typescript with manuscript edits. (3 f.)
Folder 21: "A Lonely Deserted School." Ms.
Folder 22: "A Lonely Sc. House." Ms.
Folder 23: Recipe book, 1918. Ms.
Folder 24: Miscellaneous typescript pages.

Series 5: Images

This series is arranged by material type.

Box 1 (UM-332):

Folder 25: Photographs

Series 6: Realia

This series is arranged by material type.

Box 1 (UM-332):

Folder 26: Felt flags of Ireland and France.
Folder 27: Hand woven cloth from flax grown in St. John.
Folder 28: Deutch mark, 1944.

Box 1 of 4 (AX-332):

Items 1-99: Stereographs. 99 cards.

Box 2 of 4 (AX-332):

Item 100: Sugar stamp.
Item 101: Leather flask

Box 3 of 4 (AX-332):

Item 102: Butter paddle.
Items 103: Stereoscope

Box 4 of 4 (AX-332):

Item 104: Stereoscope

Item 105: Clothes churning stick. (This article is not in a box but by itself on the shelf.

Box 1 of 1: (BM-332)

Item 106 Certificate "State of Maine" "Madawaska Training School" on completing course of study.

Processing action: Many documents, clippings, photographs in **box 1** were inserted in clear mylar sleeves for protection and given shelf list number UM-332

All the artifacts were placed in 4 different boxes with shelf list MCC-00332 AX 332 except for the clothes churning stick. All articles were labeled with the collection name, number, and shelf list number. (see above)