

Marie Mooar Papers, 2001-2003

Overview of the Collection

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| Creator | Mooar, Marie, 1909-1997 |
| Title | Marie Mooar Papers |
| Dates | 2001-2003 (inclusive) 2001 2003 |
| Quantity | 1 folder |
| Collection Number | Mss 675 |
| Summary | This collection contains primarily Maries Mooar's memoir, <i>Becoming a Mountain Woman</i> in which she recounts her years working and living in Montana. |
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| Access Restrictions | Researchers must use collection in accordance with the policies of Archives and Special Collections, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, and The University of Montana--Missoula. |
| Languages | English |

Historical Note

Marie Mooar was born in Peoria, Illinois in 1909 and raised in Michigan. She went to college at Michigan State University where she majored in science and mathematics. She graduated in 1929 at age 20 and began here life-long career teaching high school biology in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She returned to Michigan State University and obtained a masters degree in Botany in 1933. At age 50 Marie applied for and received a National Science Foundation fellowship for summer study. She chose to attend the University of Montana Biological Station on Flathead Lake. From 1959 until 1963, Marie was funded by NSF each summer to take classes and collect clams and sponges for the University of Montana and the Field Museum in Chicago. In the summer of 1964 Marie assisted Gerald Prescott and William Vinyard teaching phycology, mycology, and aquatic botany at The University of Montana Biological Station.

From 1965 to 1970 Marie Mooar was hired by University of Montana botany professor, Sherman Preece to collect wetland plant flora for the U of M herbarium during the summers. She traveled the valleys and mountains of western Montana searching for plants. Some of her favorite areas were Glacier National Park, Seeley Lake, Flathead Lake, Thompson Lakes and the Bull River. After the grant money ran out in 1970 Marie retired in 1971 from her teaching job in Michigan and moved to Montana

where she collected, identified and mounted specimens at the Biological Station for the next five years. In 1977 she moved back to Michigan to be closer to family. Marie died in the winter of 1997 at the age of 88.

Content Description

This collection contains primarily Marie's memoir, *Becoming a Mountain Woman* in which she recounts her years working and living in Montana. In addition there are two news articles about Marie and one letter written by her daughter, Rose M Baker.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Gift of Marie Mooar's daughter, Rose M. Baker, via Jim Habeck in 2003.

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Botanical specimens--Collection and preservation--Montana
Botany--Montana
Wilderness areas--Montana
Wildlife management--Montana
Women botanists--Montana--Biography

Personal Names :

Baker, Rose M.--Correspondence.

Corporate Names :

Flathead Lake Biological Station
University of Montana (Missoula)

Geographical Names :

Glacier National Park (Mont.)
Montana

Titles within the Collection :

Becoming a mountain woman

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