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Stratton, Allan papers

Gift of Allan Stratton, 2015

**Dates of creation:**

1960s-2015 (predominantly: 1980-2015)

**Extent:**

8 boxes (1.2 metres)

**Scope and content:**

This accession of Allan Stratton's papers includes manuscripts for *The Dogs*, *The Resurrection of Mary Mabel McTavish*, *Curse of the Dream Witch*; and *The Grave Robber's Apprentice*; professional files; correspondence; personal files; addenda for plays such as *Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii* and earlier plays; juvenilia; and other material related to his life and work.

*Contains series:*

1. Manuscripts and other writing
2. Professional Files
3. Correspondence
4. Personal Files
5. Addenda for Plays
6. Juvenilia

**Custodial history:**

This is the third donation from Allan Stratton to the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library. Two previous accessions were donated in 2011 and 2012.

**Notes:**

Folder descriptions are taken directly from titles given by Stratton.

<b>SERIES 1: Manuscripts and other writing</b>		
<b>BOX/ FOLDER #:</b>	<b>CONTENTS:</b>	<b>DATES:</b>
	<p><b>The Dogs (2015)</b> Contains drafts, addenda, some reviews</p> <p>Fourteen editions to date: English Canada (Scholastic): Feb. 2015 USA (Sourcebooks): Sep. 2015 Germany (DTV): Fall 2016 Quebec (Scholastic, French): Fall 2015 France (Milan): Oct. 2015 Dutch (Gottmer): Feb. 2015 Italy (Mondadori): Spring 2015 Australia (Penguin): Spring 2015 Denmark (Turbine): Spring 2016 Romania (Pandora/Trei): TBA Israel (Keter): TBA Spain (Circlo de Lectores): Spanish book club TBA UK (Andersen Press), 2015 Poland (Grupa Wydawnicza Foksal), 2016</p> <p>Award nominations to date: Carnegie Medal, UK (announcement June 2016) Red Maple Award: Ontario Library Association (March 2016).</p>	
1:1-1:3	Draft-in-progress [with revisions]	Mar. 27, 2013
1:4-1:6	First half of draft. Includes correspondence and notes.	April 2013
1:7-1:11	Draft-in-progress	June 3, 2013
1:12-1:14	Variously paginated drafts	[2013]
1:15-1:20	First draft	Aug. 5, 2013
1:21-1:22	Second draft	2013
2:1-2:4	Revised draft	Nov. 2, 2013
2:5-2:8	Notes and correspondence on draft 2 from Charlie Sheppard (Andersen Press)	2013
2:9	Correspondence re: draft	2013
2:10	Correspondence, re: Canada Council for the Arts	2013

2:11-2:16	Third draft [annotated, including notes from Scholastic and Andersen Press]	Dec. 27, 2013
2:17-2:24	Third drafts, variously paginated. Note: 'Revised revision sent to Diane Kerner (Scholastic) and Charlie Sheppard (Andersen Press)'.	Jan. 7, 2013
2:25-2:27, 3:1-3:4	First draft – revised. Note: Andersen Press edit done by Charlie Sheppard.	Aug. 14, 2014
3:5-3:10	Draft [with revisions]	[2014]
3:11	Fragmented draft	n.d.
3:12	Correspondence regarding the novel	2015
3:13	Travel grant	2015
3:14-3:16	Supplementary material regarding the novel	[2014-2015]
3:17	Cover image	2015
3:18-3:20	Promotional materials and news clippings	2014-2015
3:21-3:22	Reviews	2015
3:23	Questions for book clubs and classes	[2015]
	<b>The Resurrection of Mary Mabel McTavish (2013)</b> Dundern Press	
3:24-3:28, 4:1-4:23	Various drafts of novel, including copy-edited and drafts with revisions and notes.	2013
4:24	Letter regarding Mary Mabel [with notes]	[2013?]
4:25	Promotional materials	2014
4:26	Reviews/questions [includes some interview questions]	2014
	<b>Curse of the Dream Witch (2013)</b> Published in: Canada, UK, France, China Awards: Canadian Library Association Best Book for Children Award, Ontario Library Association Red Maple Honour Book.	
5:1-5:4	First draft	Apr. 7, 2012
5:5-5:10	Draft [with editorial revisions by Rebecca Lee]	Apr.-May, 2012
5:11	Other files	2012

5:12	Correspondence regarding the novel	2013-2015
5:13	Scholastic files regarding novel [includes correspondence]	Fall 2013
5:14	Canadian Library Association correspondence, re: 2014 Book of the Year for Children Award?	2014
5:15	Canadian Library Association Book Award Winner – acceptance speech [multiple drafts].	May 29, 2014
5:16	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Telling Tales Festival appearance.	Sep. 2014
	<b>The Grave Robber's Apprentice (2012)</b> Published in: Canada, UK, US, France, Brazil, China Awards: Governor General's Award nominee, Ontario Library Association Red Maple finalist, Canadian Library Association Best Book for Children finalist.	
5:17-5:22	Draft [with revisions]	2012
5:23-5:24	Professional correspondence	2012-2013
5:25	Reviews	2012-2014
5:26	Awards and nominations	2012-2015
5:27	HarperCollins Canada Winter 2013 and The Canadian Children's Book Centre's BestBooks for Kids & Teens 2012 catalogues featuring <i>The Grave Robber's Apprentice</i> .	2013
	<b>Other drafts</b>	
6:1-6:14	Currently abandoned drafts for 'Beyond the Wall'. Includes a proposal, correspondence, and notes.	2014
6:15-6:21	Drafts for: 'The Twins'. Described as 'a psychological thriller about secrets, family and identity, based on the true-life horror of children of the disappeared'.  Premise: A boy is raised by his parents' killers; his twin brother must rescue him to make his family whole.	2014
<b>SERIES 2: Professional files</b>		
Contains professional correspondence, contracts, reviews, information pertaining to grants, royalty statements and other files related to Allan Stratton's work.		

<b>BOX/ FOLDER #:</b>	<b>CONTENTS:</b>	<b>DATES:</b>
6:22	Professional correspondence	2007-2013
6:23-6:24	Information pertaining to Ontario Arts Council and Canada Arts Council grants.	2010-2013
6:25	Contract for Book Week [includes other information].	2012
6:26-6:28	Professional correspondence	2012-2015
6:29-6:31	Correspondence with students and teachers from various schools. Also includes an author visit contract.	2012-2014
6:32-6:33	Correspondence, re: <i>Chanda's Secrets</i> and a cover image for <i>Chanda's War</i> .	2014
6:34	Play ephemera and review for 'The Phoenix Lottery'.	Oct.-Nov., 2014
7:1-7:5	Reviews of work. Includes reviews for plays: <i>Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii</i> , <i>Rexy</i> , <i>Celimare</i> , <i>Joggers</i> .	[1980s-2012]
7:6-7:7	Readings. Contains information pertaining to readings and other literary events.	2012-2014
7:8-7:9	Royalty statements	2009-2013
7:10	Travel information and notes.	2014
7:11	Fan mail.	2014
7:12	Headshot [1 photograph].	n.d.
<b>SERIES 3: Correspondence</b>		
<b>BOX/ FOLDER #:</b>	<b>CONTENTS:</b>	<b>DATES:</b>
7:13	Early correspondence	1970
7:14-7:19	General personal correspondence	2012-2014
<b>SERIES 4: Personal Files</b>		
<b>BOX/ FOLDER #:</b>	<b>CONTENTS:</b>	<b>DATES:</b>
7:20-7:21	Drafts of a eulogy and other information pertaining to Gord Hines' (Allan Stratton's cousin) memorial. Also includes notes and correspondence.	2013
7:22	Personal profiles of Allan Stratton in Neuchâtel's Junior College Magazine and Carlton Confidential.	2013-2015

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7:23-7:25	Miscellaneous personal files, includes articles, including one on Dorothy McPhedran (A.S.'s mother).	2013-2014
7:26	Information regarding Allan Stratton's will.	2004
<b>SERIES 5: Addenda for Plays</b>		
<b>BOX/ FOLDER #:</b>	<b>CONTENTS:</b>	<b>DATES:</b>
8:1-8:8	French translation for <i>Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii</i> : 'L'Infirmière Sophie s'en va a Hawaii'. Adapted by Daniel Legault. Includes two drafts and correspondence.	1989-1990
8:9-8:10	Polish translation for <i>Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii</i> : 'Siostra Jane Jedzie Na Hawaje'. Translated by: Hanna Szczerkowska.	[1990?]
8:11	Printed ephemera for a <i>Nurse Jane Goes to Hawaii</i> production at Théâtre l'Escaouette.	2013
	<b>Early play drafts</b>	
8:12-8:15	Two drafts: 'The Butcher, The Baker, The Candlestick Maker' [Includes revisions]	[1960s-1970s]
8:16	Draft: 'The Cave'	[1960s-1970s]
8:17	Draft: 'The Company Says' [Includes revisions]	[1960s-1970s]
8:18	Draft: 'Dreams'	[1960s-1970s]
8:19-8:20	Draft: 'The Winds of Change: A Drama in Three Acts'	[1960s-1970s]
8:21-8:23	Play ephemera for: Byron United Church presents 3 One Act Plays; Victoria College Music Club presents Neil Simon's 'Little Me' at Hart House Theatre; and for 'Willy – A Comedy with Music'.	[1960s-1970s]
<b>SERIES 5: Juvenilia</b>		
<b>BOX/ FOLDER #:</b>	<b>CONTENTS:</b>	<b>DATES:</b>
8:24-8:29	Files pertaining to high school (Oakridge Secondary School) and university (Victoria College at the University of Toronto) work. Includes newsletters, essays, notes and exam booklets.	[1960s-1980s]

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**Books:**

1. Stratton, Allan. The dogs. Illinois : Sourcebooks, 2015 [hardcover]
2. Stratton, Allan. La casa dei cani fantasma. Milan, Italy : Mondadori Libri S.p.A. [Italian translation by Anna Carbone.]
3. Stratton, Allan. The dogs. London : Andersen Press, 2015.
4. Stratton, Allan. Les chiens. Toronto : Scholastic Press, 2015. [French translation by Jacqueline Odin.]
5. Stratton, Allan. The dogs. Illinois : Sourcebooks, 2015.
6. Stratton, Allan. The dogs. Australia : Penguin Random House, 2015.
7. Stratton, Allan. The curse of the dream witch. Toronto : Scholastic, 2013.
8. Stratton, Allan. The grave robber's apprentice. Toronto : Scholastic, 2013.
9. Stratton, Allan. O aprendiz do ladrão de túmulos. Sao Paulo : Planeta, 2013. [Portuguese translation by Livia Almendary.]
10. Stratton, Allan. L'apprenti pilleur de tombes. Montrouge, France : Bayard Éditions, 2013. [French translation by Sidonie Van den Dries.]