

Barbara Hamilton Collection
(1952-1996)
Inventory

Correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, programs, publicity material, scrapbooks, tape recordings and video tapes relating to the stage and television career of Canadian actress and comedienne Barbara Hamilton (1926-1996). Among her many roles, Miss Hamilton acted in Spring Thaw, the Crest Theatre, and created the role of Marilla in the first Charlottetown Festival production of Anne of Green Gables.

4 boxes: .87 linear metres + 1 pkg. oversize material

Box #1: Biographical Material, Scrapbook, Clippings, Photographs

Env. #1: Biographical Information – 9 items

Resumes, notes for speeches, etc.

File #2: Correspondence – 11 items

1972, Mar. 27. ALS Harry F. Forsyth re Pogo cartoon; clipping and photocopy of cartoon attached.

1984, May 1. Receipt for AFTRA dues relating to Burt Reynolds Dinner Theatre, Jupiter FL.

1984, May 17. TLS Dennis D. Sweeting, Kawartha Festival re Opal's Husband and CAE contract.

1986, Apr. 24. Actors Equity ballot. Notes on verso of envelope "Perils of being a Canadian 'star'"

1988, Jan. 22. ALS Brian Lineham w/ 2 photos (see Env. #29).

1989, Apr. 8. ALS Robert K. Hayward re enclosed copies of articles on his war service.

1989, Apr. 12. TLS Richard St. John re AV voice over proposal. attached partial script + visuals; note from Jill at Margo Lane Talent to BH re project.

1990, June 19. ALS Ellen Peddie. Thankyou note re BH's participation in celebrity bingo fundraiser for Esprit orchestra. Encl. photo and 2 photocopy clippings.

1995, Feb. 20. ALS Norm Nadalin. Sympathy note re death of Barbara Hamilton's brother Bob and memories of her sister Mary.

[n.d.] ALS Susan Linville. Note re her & Larry Linville's activities; 12 photos of BH, Linvilles and new dog encl.

[n.d.] Gordon Pinsent. 5 p. typescript lyrics dedicated to Barbara Hamilton.

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Env. #3: Eulogies – 15 items

Statements by Barbara Hamilton's friends, associates, etc. read at her memorial service, March 1996.

Env. #4: Family History – 3 items

Articles on Kent family, Hamilton family, memorial service program & obit. For Henry Kent (Bob) Hamilton.

Env. #5: Honours – 4 items

Toronto Civic Award of Merit (1975), ACTRA Life Membership (1993), Earle Grey Award (1993). See also Gemini Awards (1993). In Box #1 File #38.

Env. #6: Personal Miscellaneous – 11 items

Information re: art collection. Message for answering machine.

Item #7: Scrapbook, Crest Theatre – 1 item

That Hamilton Woman, May 8 – June 1, 1963. Clippings, program, contact prints (50 pages)

File #8: Clippings, 1953-1984

Anne of Green Gables, 1969; *Sweet Reason*, 1975; *Buried Child*, 1980; *Killing of Sister George*, 1980; *Romantic Comedy*, 1981; *The Lonely Guy* (film); *Everybody Loves Opal*, 1983; *Oklahoma*, 1983; *The Merry Widow*, 1984; *The Supporting Cast*, 1984; *Opal's Husband*, 1984.

File #9: Clippings, 1985-1987

No Sex Please, We're British, 1985; *Pride and Prejudice*, 1986/87; *Steel Magnolias*, 1987.

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File #10: Clippings, 1988-1989

Steel Magnolias, 1988; *Move over Mrs. Markham*, 1988; *Brass Rubbings*, 1989.

File #11: Clippings, 1990-1991

Me and My Girl, 1990; *Anne of Green Gables*, 1991.

File #12: Clippings, 1992-1996

Includes *Crazy For You*, 1994.

Env. #13: *Howdy Doody Show* – 6 items

4 Letters and 2 photographs.

Env. #14: Lyrics – 7 items

“The Boot Blacks”: 1 p.

“Bruce”: 3 p.

“Hippopotomas Madrigal”: 2 versions

“Leon & Johnny”: 1 p.

“Men”: 1 p.

“Vasectomy”: 2 p.

“Couldn’t Be Happier”: 5 p.

“We Who Are About to Diet”: 2 versions, 2 p. each

File #15: Music and Lyrics, etc. – 6 items

1984, Apr. 24. TNS Bud [McCreedy]

“Algernon”: 1 p. lyrics, 2 p. music, envelope, 1 p. variant lyrics.

File #16: Music and Lyrics, etc. – 13 items

1984, Mar. 27. TNS Bud [McCreedy]

“Couldn’t Be Happier”: 3 p. music + envelope

3 p. lyrics Jan. 26, 1977

3 p. lyrics *Spring Thaw* ’58

2 other sets lyrics + music [n.d.] with annotations.

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File #17: Music and Lyrics, etc. – 9 items

1977, Jan. 16. TLS Bud McCreedy. Sending possible material for revues like *Sweet Reason*:

“Couldn’t be happier”: 3 p. lyrics

Spring Thaw script: 3 p. (transferred to File #16)

“Glum Lib”: 3 p. lyrics, 12 p. score (photocopied mss.)

“In Canada”: 2 p. score (photocopied mss.)

“Lollipop Lane”: 1 p. lyrics, 4 p. score (photocopied mss.) (transferred to File #20)

“We who are about to diet”: 2 p. script/lyrics (transferred to File #14)

File #18: Music and Lyrics – 2 items

“Guess Who Was There” by Bud McCreedy. 2 p. lyrics + 4 p. music.

File #19: Music and Lyrics, etc. – 8 items

1985, May 21. TLS Bud McCreedy + clipping

1985, May 25. TNS Bud McCreedy

“Kumquat Pandowdy”: 1 p. lyrics; 1 p. lyrics + 3 p. music

“Wedding Presents”: 1 p. lyrics; 1 p. music

File #20: Music and Lyrics – 4 items

“Lollipop Lane” by Bud McCreedy. 2 p. lyrics (2 copies); 4 p. music and 2 p. lyrics.

File #21: Music and Lyrics, etc. – 9 items

1984, Feb. 22. TLS Bud McCreedy.

“Mrs. Updike”: 1 p. lyrics (4 copies) 5 p. music (2 copies).

“Speed”: 1 p. lyrics and 1 p. music.

File #22: Music and Lyrics – 14 items

[n.d.] TNS Bud McCreedy, re: “Samantha Shovel” parody.

1982, July 10. TNS Bud McCreedy, re: “Samantha Shovel” parody.

1984, Mar. 5. TNS Bud McCreedy, re: “Samantha Shovel” parody.

1984, Mar. 10. TNS Bud McCreedy, re: “Samantha Shovel” parody.

Script (5 variant copies, 2 p. and 3 p.) and 5 p. music.

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Env. #23: Notes and Articles – 8 items

Ideas for routines on love, marriage, etc.

Env. #24: Photographs, Portraits (early) – 12 items

Env. #25: Photographs, Portraits – 20 items

8 b/w, 9 col., 1 contact sheet, 2 sheets negatives

Env. #26: Photographs, Portraits – 14 items

Env. #27: Photographs, Early photos – 21 items

BH with Charmion King, BH with the Queen Mother; etc.: 17 b/w, 4 col. photos

Env. #28: Photographs, Barbara Hamilton & friends – 38 items

Env. #29: Photographs – 40 items

Barbara Hamilton; BH and friends; BH and Brian Linehan: 38 col. photos, 2 b/w photos.

Env. #30: Photographs, Miscellaneous – 24 items

2 b/w, 19 col. photos; 3 col. slides.

Env. #31: Production Photographs, Early work – 15 items

The Drunkard; Razzle Dazzle; Madwoman of Chaillot; Clandestine on the Morning Line; Hoody Doody Show; unidentified productions: 14 photos; 1 col. slide.

Env. #32: Production Photographs, *Anne of Green Gables* – 20 items

16 photos; 4 negatives.

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Env.33: Production Photographs – 22 items

Charlie Farquharson Show; Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang; No Sex Please, We're British; misc. unidentified roles including Queen Victoria.

Env. #34: Production Photographs, *Love and Libel* – 5 items

Env. #35: Production Photographs, *Me and My Girl* – 6 items

Env. #36: Production Photographs – 11 items

Pride and Prejudice; Romantic Comedy; Steel Magnolias; Supporting Cast.

Env. #37: Production Photographs, *Spring Thaw* – 13 items

File #38: Photographs, Oversize – 5 items

Barbara Hamilton with Pierre Trudeau; with Al Waxman; with Charmion King and Gordon Pinsent; at Gemini Awards 1993; etc.

File #39: Programs – 14 items

Spring Thaw '65; Spring Thaw '67 (2); The Supporting Cast, 1984; The Merry Widow, 1984; Spring Thaw, 1986; Pride and Prejudice, 1986 (2); Steel Magnolias, 1987; Move Over Mrs. Markham, 1988; Brass Rubbings, 1988; Brass Rubbings, 1989; Me and My Girl, 1990; Anne of Green Gables, 1991.

Env. #40: Caricatures – 3 items

BH in *She Love Me*; in *Steel Magnolias*; in *Spring Thaw*. (See also Oversize Material).

Env. #41: Scripts, Miscellaneous – 4 items

“Everybody... etc.”, 1 p.

“Four Girls from the Office”, 2 p.

“Marriage vs. Merger”, 3 p.

Tinker to Evers (TV proposal), 4 p. + cover sheets.

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Env. #42: Scripts, "Some Special Material" – 5 items

"Gee Charlie, it sounds like it's right in the room", by Bernard Slade & Paul Wayne. 4 p.
"008-1/2". Words & music by Roderick Cook. 3 p.
"The Munsters meet David Merrick", by Stan Daniels. 2 p.
"The Perfect Host", by Stan Daniels. 2 p. + notes.
"For who the bell rings", by Pierre Berton. 3 p.

Env. #43: Scripts, "Some Special Material" (continued) – 6 items

"Looking for a Man". 2 p. mss. lyrics.
"Lollipop Lane". 2 p. lyrics.
"Those Marble Halls", by Roderick Cook. 2 p.
"Very Special Agents", by Cliff Braggins. 2 p.
"Double Ballad". 1 p.
"Joy of Sex & Vasectomy". 3 p.

Env. #44: Script – 1 item

A la carte; songs and sketches for revue by Alan Melville, music by Charles Zwar. 42 p.

Env. #45: Script, etc. – 4 items

The Barbara Hamilton Show, by Robert Swerdlow. 38 p.
TLS + 3 p. curriculum vitae + 11 p. reviews re: Robert Swerdlow.

Env. #46: Script – 1 item

Baxter and Baxter... one set with seven players, by Frank M. Kennedy. 127 p.
(photocopied typescript)

Item #47: Script – 1 item

Brass Rubbings, by Gordon Pinsent. 70 p.

Env. #48: Script – 1 item

Breakfast with Les and Bess: a comedy in two acts. by Lee Kalcheim. 120 p.

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Env. #49: Script – 1 item

Fallen Angels; a comedy in three acts by Noel Coward. 65 p.

Env. #50: Script – 1 item

The Gingerbread Lady by Neil Simon. 89 p.

Box #2: Scripts and Prompt Scripts

File #1: Script – 1 item

Happy Birthday, Sadie. Music & lyrics by David E. Walden, book by Greg Finnegan. 67 p. Mimeographed typescript; song list laid in.

Env. #2: Script – 1 item

The Lyric Revue; sketches by Arthur Macrae. 51 p.

Env. #3: Script – 1 item

Lyrics from Laurier Lister's revues *Airs on a Shoestring* and *Penny Plain*. Words by Michael Flanders, music by Donald Swann. 31 p.

Env. #4: Script – 1 item

The Odd Couple (female version) by Neil Simon, 113 p.

Env. #5: Script – 1 item

On and Off; short sketches by Harold Simpson. 43 p.

Env. #6: Script – 1 item

Quick curtain, and some of the audience laughed: sketches and monologues. 62 p.

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Env. #7: Script – 1 item

Sketches & lyrics from *Intimacy at Eight-thirty* by David Climie et al, music by John Pritchett et al. 26 p.

Env. #8: Script – 1 item

Sketches from *High Spirits* and other revues. 29 p.

Env. #9: Script – 1 item

Take your seats; monologues and sketches for revue by Mary Dunn with music by Temple Abady. 54 p.

Env. #10: Script – 1 item

These passing shoes; sketches by Douglas Furber. 42 p.

Env. #11: Prompt Script – 1 item

Anne of Green Gables, a musical adapted by Donald Harron, music by Norman Campbell... 92 p. Elgin Theatre, winter 1991. Marked for Marilla.

Item #12: Prompt Script – 1 item

Crazy for You, music by George Gershwin, lyrics by Ira Gershwin, book by Ken Ludwig... Royal Alexandra, October 1993. Marked for Mother.

Env. #13: Prompt Script – 1 item

Me and My Girl, book & lyrics by L. Arthur Rose & Douglas Furber. Book revised by Stephen Fry... 141 pgs. Limelight Dinner Theatre, July 1990. Marked for the Duchess.

Env. #14: Prompt Script – 1 item

Move over Mrs. Markham, by Ray Cooney and John Chapman. 105 pgs. Stage West, 1988. Marked for Miss Smythe.

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Item #15: Prompt Script – 1 item

Steel Magnolias, by Robert Harling. Photocopied typescript [89 pgs.] Stage West 1987-8. Marked for Ouiser.

Item #16: Prompt Script – 1 item

La Vie Cambridgienne: sketches and musical items for revue. Marked at “Time Gentlemen Please”.

Box #3: Audiotapes and Videotapes

Item #1: Audiotape – 1 item

Overlaid by Robertson Davies. Radio broadcast with Barbara Hamilton (1 reel-to-reel tape)

Item #2: Audiotape – 1 item

Commercial with Barbara Hamilton (1 reel-to-reel tape)

Item #3: Audiotape – 1 item

Ruth Olay tape (Note: “For once in my life”) (1 reel-to-reel tape)

Item #4: Audiotape – 1 item

Anne of Green Gables with Barbara Hamilton.
(1) “The words”; (2) “We clearly requested” (1 cassette tape)

Item #5: Videotape – 1 item

Demo tape: The Characters, n.d.

Items #6-7: Videotape – 1 item

Demo tape: Master demo-various (Noble Talent), n.d.

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Item #8: Videotape – 1 item

TV and Film Demo, Noble Talent, [n.d.]

Item #9: Videotape – 1 item

Bob Schulz humour reel, with “Diner” on tail, n.d.

Item #10: Videotape – 1 item

Master Commercial Tape (Noble Talent). Include Scotch Brand tape, O’Keefe beer, Canada Post postal code, Country Harvest crackers

Item #11: Videotape – 1 item

Interview: June Callwood’s *National Treasures* 11/07/92. Episode 12: Barbara Hamilton.

Item #12: Videotape – 1 item

Interview: Bob MacLean (1 videotape)

Item #13: Videotape – 1 item

Interview: Barbara Hamilton *Eye on Toronto* 45 years in showbiz luncheon.

Item #14: Videotape – 1 item

Event: *Gemini’s Night*, March 2, 1993

Item #15: Videotape – 1 item

Event: In honour of Kate Reid, St. Clemens, Manhattan, June 29, 1993

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Box #4: Videotapes in Performance

Item 1: Videotape – 1 item

Backstage (with *Front Page Challenge*, *Diamonds*, *Xmas Story*, *Street Legal* and *E.N.G.*)

Item #2: Videotape – 1 item

Check It Out (with *Seeing Things*)

Item #3: Videotape – 1 item

Check It Out Episode 102 “No security in security”

Item #4: Videotape – 1 item

Crazy for You opening night

Item #5: Videotape – 1 item

Crazy for You, June 30-July 7, 1994 TV coverage

Items #6-7: Videotapes – 2 items

Barbara Hamilton in *Crazy for You*

Item #8: Videotape – 1 item

E.N.G.

Item #9: Videotape – 1 item

E.N.G. and *Avonlea*

Item #10: Videotape – 1 item

The Entertainers; Joyce Davidson and Barbara Hamilton

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Item #11: Videotape – 1 item

Howdy Doody, Nov. 23, 1956

Item #12: Videotape – 1 item

Rear View Mirror: The Store. March 13, 1984

Item #13: Videotape – 1 item

Road to Avonlea Episode 50: The Disappearance

Item #14: Videotape – 1 item

Road to Avonlea Episode 64 and 65 (1 videotape)

Oversize Material

Caricatures: BH et al in *Brass Rubbings* by Gordon Pinsent; BH et al in *Pride and Prejudice* by Jenkins (3 items)

Photographs: Portraits of Barbara Hamilton (7 items)

Miscellaneous: Print of “Lady Hamilton as ‘Nature’” by Gordon Romney

Scripts Transferred to Performing Arts Centre

**Diversions: some sketches and monologues*, by Herbert Farjeon. London: Samuel French Ltd., 1942. 28 pgs.

**More sketches from Herbert Farjeon’s “Little Revue” 1939*. London: Samuel French Ltd., 1940. 26 pgs.

Phoenix ’55, by Ira Wallach. New York...: Samuel French Inc., 1957. 39 pgs.

**Some Items from Sweetest and Lowest*, by Alan Melville & Charles Zwar. London: Samuel French Ltd., 1948. 30 pgs.

**Through the Mill*, by Stanley C. West. London: Samuel French Ltd., 1951. 40 pgs.

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Time Remembered, a romantic comedy in two acts, by Jean Anouilh. English version by Patricia Moyes. New York...: Samuel French Inc., 1959. 86 pgs.

* = signed "Hamilton" on upper front cover.

Gift of the estate of Barbara Hamilton
via Charmion King, May 13, 1996
Inventory: A. Sutherland, July 6, 1998