Margaret Goff Clark-Children and Young Adult Literature Collection and Papers [c. 1930-2004]

Descriptive Summary:

**Title:** Margaret Goff Clark-Children and Young Adult Literature Collection and Papers  
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**Acquisition Number:** n/a  
**Creator:** Margaret Goff Clark  
**Donor:** Margaret Goff Clark and Marcia Clark Noel (daughter)  
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Margaret Goff Clark was born March 7, 1913 in Oklahoma City, USA. At five, she and her family moved to Olean, New York. She attended Columbia University and State University in Buffalo, earning a bachelor’s degree in education. She began writing when her children were young and published her first book, "The Mystery Of Seneca Hill" in 1961. As a result, Ms. Clark was adopted into the Seneca Indian tribe in 1962!

Many of her books are based on her experiences traveling to parks and nature areas. She cottages in Algonquin Park in Ontario, Canada. "Death At Their Heels" was written in 1975, after visiting it one summer. Most recently, Ms. Clark has been writing books about endangered species in Florida, including the manatee and the Florida black bear. Her 1993 book on the endangered Florida panther was dedicated to her husband Charles R. Clark. In addition to books, Ms. Clark has contributed over 200 short stories to magazines such as "American Girl, The Instructor, Teen Talk" and other Canadian and American magazines. Margaret Goff Clark passed away in 2004.  

Scope and Contents:
Biographical material, book cover artwork, book jacket sketches, book proposals, books, certificates, correspondence, drafts, fan mail, galley prints, manuscripts, newspaper clippings, photographs, plays, poetry, publicity material, research and planning notes, serial publications, short stories, unpublished works, and working papers.

Arrangement:
The collection has been processed in the order it was received from the donor and donor’s family. Each box section notes the donation date; processing date, if applicable; and topic of box contents. Contents include: books, articles, mock-ups, manuscripts, correspondence, research, postcards, galley proofs, unpublished materials, plays, poems, commencement programs, and scrapbooks.

SERIES I:  box 1-7 received in 1982
SERIES II: box 8-12 received in 1984
SERIES III: box 13-16 received in 1987
SERIES IV: box 17 received in 1990
SERIES V: box 18-19 received 2002
SERIES VI: box 20-23 received in 2007
SERIES VII: box 24-30 received in 2017
Margaret Goff Clark Manuscript Collection Inventory

SERIES I: boxes 1-7 received in 1982

Box 1: Drafts/Manuscripts

Adirondack Mountain Mystery. Funk, 1966
Danger at Niagara. Funk, 1968
Freedom Crossing. Funk, 1969
The Mystery of Seneca Hill. Watts, 1961

Box 2: Drafts/Manuscripts

Mystery at Star Lake. Funk, 1965
Mystery of the Missing Stamps. Funk, 1967
Who Stole Kathy Young? Dodd, 1980

Box 3: Drafts/Manuscripts

Danger at Niagara.
Mystery of Sebastian Island.
Mystery of the Flooded Museum.
Mystery of the Marble Zoo.

Box 4: Drafts/Manuscripts

Their Eyes on the Stars.
Who Stole Kathy Young?

Box 5: Books

Danger at Niagara. Hard/soft.
Death at their Heels.
Mystery of Sebastian Island.
Their Eyes on the Stars.

Box 6: Drafts/Manuscripts

Barney in Outer Space

Box 7: Drafts/Manuscripts

Death at their Heels
SERIES II: boxes 8-12 received in 1984

Box 8

Biographical material. Margaret Goff Clark.
Correspondence.
    Samples of fan mail. (4 folders)
    American Girl
    Anglican Church of Canada
    Augsburg Publishing House
    Christian Observer
    Covenant Press
    Samuel French
    Eldridge Pub. Co. (plays)
    Link
    United Church of Canada (Sunday School Pub.)
    Franklin Watts

Printed copies of serials for "American Girl."
    Weeping Eye Mask
    Marble Zoo

Correspondence.
    "American Girl". 1960 - 1963

Carbon of serial for "American Girl". Final form Mystery of the buried Indian mask

Correspondence.
    Dodd, Mead Publishing Co. 1971 - 1976
    Dodd, Mead, Juvenile Editor, Rosemary Casey
    "The Instructor."
    Caroline Lehman
    Dorothy Markinko (agent)
    Scholastic
    Mystery Writers of America
    Miscellaneous
    Schools. 1961 - 1978 (6 folders)
    Clark/Foster Scholarship
    Maynard D. Church. Biography. Includes copyright info.
    Maynard D. Church. Biography. Letters from
    Florence Church, Warren Loomis et al; author's working manuscript
    Maynard D. Church. Biography. Complete carbon
    Their Eyes on the Stars Four Black Writers.
    Research; working papers for forward of book
    Benjamin Banneker References.
    Association of Professional Women Writers. Workshop. Notes
taken; criticisms; corrections; various changes made in Barney in
Space
Barney in Space
Various outlines and beginnings
Early outline and letter from editor
Working copy. (final); letter from science teacher who read manuscript
Outline and first chapter; jacket copy
Notes and working papers
Barney and the UFO. Chapter titles; outline
Barney and the UFO. Letters and ed. comments
Barney on Mars. Author's final copy; List of chapter headings; about the author;
Acknowledgments; Corrections; Dedication.

Danger at Niagara
Correspondence
Research and planning notes
Copy of early chapter 1 (3)
Outline and first chapter sent
Letter to editor (Funk and Wagnall) Rita Forenbach
Early outline of Fort Niagara Mystery. Working title
Endorsement by Louis L. Tucker. New York State historian

Box 9

Freedom Crossing
Correspondence. 1968-1969 Funk and Wagnall
Research notes and planning. (2 files)

Latchkey Mystery
Working copy. Inc. map of Minda's house. Also Chapter 1 - 8
Working copy. Chapter 9 - 17
Complete carbon
Book proposals; synopsis and five chapters. (2 files)
Working papers. (2 files) Includes rejects

Mystery at Star Lake
First version

Mystery of Sebastian Island
2 letters; 2 notebooks; research and planning

Box 10

Mystery of Sebastian Island (cont.)
Research material
Good carbon

Mystery of Seneca Hill
Correspondence with Caroline Sauer (agent) 1957- 1959
Booklet on archaeology
Carbon. Beginning of second version

Mystery of the Buried Indian Mask
Author's notes and plans
Early work; outline; synopsis
Outline. Formerly Mystery of Wolf Village; serial for "American Girl"
Working papers for "American Girl". Serial
Complete carbon (final) for "American Girl" serial
Correspondence. Dr. Virginia Cummings
Version to "Catholic Boy", "Catholic Miss". Not accepted
Working papers
Author's working manuscript. Chapter 1 – 8

Box 11

Mystery of the Buried Indian Mask
Author's working manuscript. Chapters 9 - 17

Mystery of the Missing Stamps
2 carbons of beginning; galley, partial

Who Stole Kathy Young?
Research materials; notebook
Many beginnings; notes for the artist
Reference notes

Box 12. Oversize.

Danger at Niagara
Galley

Mystery Horse
Jacket mock-up

Death at their Heels. Exhibit materials
Art work for cover by John Flaherty, Jr.
Copies of paperback
3 postcards of Algonquin Park, site of the story
Artist’s sketch of map
Working copy of book
Galleys
Wolf howling in Algonquin
Search for title
Clippings from Niagara Falls Gazette
Letter from editor at Dodd, Mead
6 pieces Algonquin literature
Goff Clark

Mystery in the Flooded Museum
- Wampum information
- Notes on Wampum Belt Mystery
- Booklets on Ft. Pitt Museum
- List of titles
- 2 notebooks of info and planning
- Sheets from a third notebook
- Map of flooded museum

Mystery of Sebastian Island
- 2 books
- MAINE COAST magazine
- Gazette clipping
- Book jacket
- Coastal Courier
- Working copy
- Galley proofs
- Author's map
- Artist’s map
- Final manuscript
- Map of Maine
- Article on lobstering
- Author’s notes on lobstering
- Mockup of jacket
SERIES III: boxes 13-16 received in 1987


Amusement Park Mystery
The Big Time
Break Through
Christmas Card Eve
Christmas is in the Heart
A Christmas Shared
The Cinderella Dress
Cobblestone Fireplace
The County Snail and the City
The Crocheted Horse
Dumb Waiter Mystery
Easter Morning
Finale
A Flower for Mrs. Squirrel
Get Your Axe
Harry Loses and Wins
He Couldn't Stop Dancing
Helpful Dog
House Next Door
Hunter, Hunter
In the Process
Indian Sumner
The Inner Lisa

Box 14: Early Years. Unpublished Plays and Poems.

Let's Face it
Let's Take Johnny
Lisa
London--1939
Lost on Mt. Marcy
The Lucky Ones
Man on a Fence
Men We Admire. Poems.
My Silent Love
Mystery of Sphinx Mountain
Mystery of the Cobblestone Fireplace
Mystery of Woodhaven Camp
Not Ready for Heaven
Penny Mouse
The Prize Candy
The Right One
The Secret of Gray Tower
Slow Down

**Box 15: Early Years, including those at State University College at Buffalo**

Poetry. Early Years. SUCB
Untitled Play
A Cranberry Jam (for radio)
League of Nations. Program at SUCB
A Cast for Cathy
The Clown
I Want to be Remembered
Correspondence with publishers 1943 - 1968
Workbook. SUCB

**Box 16: Galley Proofs and SUCB Record Issues**

Unbound issues of SUCB Record 1932/33
Art/Literary issues of SUCB Record 1931/32, 1933
Galley Proofs:
- Mystery at Star Lake
- Mystery of the Marble Zoo
- Adirondack Mountain Mystery
- Mystery of the Missing Stamps
SERIES IV: box 17 received in 1990; processed 2003

Box 17: Miscellaneous Materials

Commencement program BSC 1979 - (Margaret Goff Clark received Distinguished Alumnus Award for Professional Service)
Newspaper articles and brochures
Letters to and from editors
Letter from Barbara Frey Acting President SUC to MGC (May 1979) re: commencement
Christmas letter to relatives and friends
Personal letter to Marilyn Froman (cousin)
Bookmark
Working papers for The Vanishing Manatee
Photo of Margaret Goff Clark (signing books at Wilson Central School, NY 1986)
SERIES V: boxes 18-19 received 2002

Box 18/19: Miscellaneous Materials

- All The Difference
- Articles on Writing
- CAA Conference Talk (Canadian Authors Association) 1972
- History on Our Doorstep
- Poetry
- Sesquicentennial - Erie Canal Talk
- Some Ideas on Developing Characters
- Talk at Niagara Wheatfield High School
- Tatler
- What a Writer Tries to Do - talk at 66th Street School
- What Reading Can Do For Your Child - talk at Fredonia 1964
- Save the Panther miscellaneous materials/research
SERIES VI: box 20-23 received in 2007 from her daughter Marcia Clark Noel

Box 20

Alpha Delta Kappa Upsilon Chapter 1988-1989
Alumni
Articles on MGC
Association of Professional Women Writers APWW
Autograph Party Lists 1993
Book Lists
Books to Read
Certificates
  State Teachers College at Buffalo Silver Jubilee Diploma 1949
  Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society 1970
Reading Course Certificate (Literature Dept. Women’s General Missionary Society
United Presbyterian Church of North America 1949)
Christmas letters
Daly, Joe Ann
Delta Sigma Epsilon
Dodd, Mead
Erie Canal
Fan Mail
Georgette Polka - words by MGC
Georgian College
Ideas
Indians
Joncaire
Letters from students to MGC
Letters MGC wrote to Isabel Hobba (longtime friend/editor of Niagara Falls Newspaper)
1988
Niagara
North Country Books
Orphan Train
Other Writers Stories
Publicity Letters and Information
Scholastic - Royalty Statement
Snowmobiles
Style - How to Improve
Talk related correspondences
Talks on Writing
Underground Railroad articles - Niagara University
WordStar
Writing Help/Hints
Writing Information
Writing Juvenile Fiction Books - ideas for writers by MGC
Box 21: Short Stories.

Afternoon of Disaster
And Then What Happened?
Animals Animals
Back to the Woods
Bargain Barn
Baytown Mystery
Big Bend Mystery
Bob and the Big Ditch
Boy from Austria
Bread or Cake
Breakfast
Buzz and the Bones
Carlos Finds a Mountain; Carlos Makes a Discovery
The Chief
Cliffcrest
Come Stay with Us
Cookie Jar
Coral Danger; a true story of adventure with Captain Hook by Custer Clark
The Crowded House
Dark Horse
Debate with Jenny
Deerskin Moccasins
Dig That Tee by Custer Clark
Easy Money by Custer Clark
The Extraordinary Walkie-Talkie
The Fence
Finding a New Fairy Queen
For Toppers Only
Gaspar and the Star
George and I
Ghost in the Cellar
Good for Comedy
Goodbye, Nurse
Gothic
Green Van
Happy Secret
Heart of Clay
Helen's Easter Basket
Highland Games in Southern Comfort
History Class Proves a Point
A Home for Mrs. Squirrel
Horatio Alger
A Horse Named George
Jeff
Just Johnny
Goff Clark

Just One Day (play)
The Key
Kind of Magic
Lakeboy Mystery
Lakegirl Mystery
Light across the Bay
Lucky Break by Custer Clark
Missing Glove
Mix-Up in Storyland
A Mixed Up Dog
More Fun than Anything
Mother Takes a Trip (play)
Mother's Day Preview (play)
Mountain
Mr. Jones Makes an Investment
Mr. Long Legs Comes Through by Custer Clark
Mr. Squirrel's Discovery
My Mysterious Friend
Niagara Mystery
Parents Must Stand Together
Plant Wizard
The Ringing Doorbell
Second Mile (play)
Sharing Mother's Day
Ship's Boy on the "Santa Maria"
Short Long Short
Sky Ride on a Hoist
A Smile Like Spring
Snagged
Solitude for Sale; a turning point in the life of Robert Frost
Someone Else's Baby
Speed like the Frog
Squeak, Squawk
Strangers in the Log House
Strawberry Blonde
Sudden Harvest

Box 22: Short Stories cont. & Books.

Short Stories
Their Words Still Live
This Is Your Life, Community Club
Ticking Rocks
Trapped!
Treasure
Treetop Mystery
Up The Mountain
Vacation from Manners
Valedictory
The Victim
The Whale of Rocky Brook by Custer Clark
What's For Breakfast
While Peter Waits
The Winner Is...
Wise Guy
Young Nick Young

Books
Banneker, Benjamin
Barney and the Lost Dog in Space
Barney and the UFO
Barney in Space
Barney on Mars
Bear
Bottom Step
Danger at Niagara
Death at Their Heels
Freedom Crossing
Halvor and the Cow
Indian Folk Tales
Latchkey Mystery
Mystery at Star Lake
Mystery Horse
Mystery in the Flooded Museum
Mystery of Sebastian Island - book jackets
Mystery of Seneca Hill
Mystery of the Buried Indian Mask
Mystery of the Marbled Zoo
Mystery of the Missing Stamps
Their Eyes on the Stars: Four Black Writers
Vanishing Manatee

Box 23

Manuscripts, Revisions, Corrections
Texas - Big Bend - research
Scrapbook - high school and college scrapbook of MGC
SERIES VII: box 24-30 received in 2017 from her daughter Marcia Clark Noel

Box 24: Short Stories

Afloat in a Rowboat
After Five Years
Afternoon of Disaster
All the Difference
Andy Gets a Bargain
Animals, Animals
At Home or Away from Home
Auction of the Hydraulic Canal (play)
Back to the Woods
A Bag of Popcorn
Barbara Goes Shopping
Barry Makes a Nest
The Best Forgetter
The Best Forgetter (2)
Big Brother
The Big Little Man
From Black to White
The Blind Witness
Bob and the Big Ditch
The Bottom Step
The Boy from Austria
A Boy to Depend On
The Boy with the Terrible Voice
The Bravest Cat
Bread or Cake
Brothers
A Bag of Popcorn
Buzz and the Bones
Carlos and I
The Cat Who Talked
Cheater
The Chief
Chief Hole in the Head
Christmas Joy
The Cinderella Helper
Cocky, Shake Hands
Columbus and the Boy Scout
Come, Stay with Us
Company for Dinner
The Cookie Jar
A Cooky Shared
Copycat
Coral Danger
The Courage of Joncaire (play)
The Crowded House
Danger at Niagara
Danger at Niagara (2)
Dark Horse
Dave’s Best Friend
Debate with Jenny
The Deerskin Moccasins
Debbie Finds a Reason
Dick Forgives
Dick goes Fishing
Dick’s Good Day
Dig, Dig, Dig
Dodgeball
Donna Teaches
Doughnuts, Doughnuts
Easy Money

Box 25: Short Stories

An Egg or a Loon
Enter, a Girl
Eugene’s Gift
The Everywhere Friend
The Extraordinary Walkie-Talkie
Fear
The Fence
Finale
Flying Model
Footprints
For Toppers Only
Francie and the Zoo
Frank’s Song
A Friendly Face
Gaspar and the Star
Geiger Count
George and I
George Rogers Clark (high school paper)
Get Your Axe
The Giant Killers
The Girl on the Bridge (1/2 hour tv play)
God’s Sign
Good for a Laugh
The Good Neighbor
A Good Son
Great Beginning
Halvor and the Cow
Handicap
The Happiest Girl
Happy Eddie
The Happy Secret
Hazel and Mrs. Robin
Heart of Clay
Henry Plays a Joke
The High Note
History Class Makes a Point
A Home for Johnny
The Important Things
In Training
Indian Summer
Isle of Wight (untitled)
Jan Goes Back
Jerry Helps
Jeff Can Do It
Joe and I
Johnny Comes Home
Just Johnny
The Key
The Keys to Isle Cliff
A Kind of Magic
Late Lunch
Left Behind
Like His Father

Box 26: Short Stories

Listen!
Little Joe
The Little Nurse
London-1939
The Long Walk
The Look Out
Losers, Weepers? (the lost essay)
The Lost Crayons
Lost on Mt. Marcy
Lori and the Baby Manatee
Love is Everything
The Loving Tiger
Lucky Break
The Lucky Ones
The Magical Washing Machine
A Mixed Up Dog
Mix-up in Storyland (a play for primary grades)
More Fun than Anything
The Most Beautiful Girl
The Moby Dick
Moving Day
The Mountain
Mountain Doctor
Mr. Long Legs Comes Through
The Murders I Have Committed
The Mysterious Hole
Mystery of Sphynx Mountain
My Wife, Henry (a comedy in one act)
The New School
A Night in a Tent
No More Boys (play)
No, No Napoleon
The Old Shell Game
One Half of the Mountain
Open my Eyes
Orphan Story
Our Father
Out of Bounds
Outcast from Eden
Perry and the Parakeet
Picnic Fun
Picnic Trouble
A Place for Everything (play)
The Plant Wizard
The Power Mower
A Present for my Love
The Prize Candy
The Prize Hill

Box 27: Short Stories

The Race
The Raft
Real Pals
The Rescue
Richard Red Ears (The Bashful Bunny)
A Ride to Sutton Center
The Right One
The Ringing Doorbell
Roberta’s Garden
The Rocking Horse
Roger Williams—Pioneer of Freedom
Rollerskates and Puddles
The Romance of the Niagara (play)
Ronald, Wake Up!
Goff Clark

Rose’s Happy Day
Ruth Helps Her Twin
The Secret of Grey Tower
The Secret of the Island
She Couldn’t Stay Down
The Sheltered Spot
Ships Boy on the Santa Maria
Shoe Strings
The Shy Missionary
Sing, Sing
Singing for Him
Sky Ride on a Hoist
Short-Long-Short
The Smart Way
A Smile Like Spring
Smiley and the Mouth Organ
Snagged
Someone Else’s Baby
The Sound of a Footstep
Speed like the Frog
Spring Song
The Square Peg
Stone Mountain, GA, Goes Scottish
Strawberry Blonde
The Strong Girl
Sudden Harvest
Sugar for Frisky
Summer Dig
Swimmy Turtle
The System
Take a Bow
Ticking Rocks
A Time to Sing
The Timid Crusader
Too Nice
Too Short for the Team
Three New Friends
A Time for No
Trapped!
Treasure
The Tree House
Treetop Mystery
The Turtle Trap
The Twins Stay Up

Box 28: Short Stories/Personal-Professional Papers
Goff Clark

Two Boys on a Houseboat
Two Kittens—Free
Two on a Basket
Up the Mountain
Vacation for Patriots
Vacation from Manners
Valedictory
A Very Proud Family
Victorian Novel (term report)
The View from the Beach
The Victim
Waiting
Wanted, a Ball
The Way Out
Weekend Wife
The Weeping Eye (serial, American Girl)
Whale of Rocky Brook
What did he Find?
What do you See?
What’s Cookin’?
What Shall I Buy?
When Love Walks In
Where is Belinda?
The Winner Is…
Wise Guy
Without a Friend
A Writer’s Christmas Carol
You are “It”
Young Nick Young
The Young Painters

Awards
Biographical (4 folders)
Calendar/Date Book
Correspondence—Personal (5 folders)
Correspondence—Professional/Publishers (1 folder)

Box 29: Personal/Professional Papers

Correspondence—Professional/Publishers (7 folders)
Fan Mail (2 folders)
Library Collection Purchases (2 folders)
Obituaries
Photographs
Pledge Manual, Delta Sigma Epsilon
Poetry Publications
Bennett Beacon Publications (2 folders)
Goff Clark

Selection of Holiday Poems
Publicity (5 folders)
Writing Notes/Ideas (2 folders)

Box 30: Newspaper Clippings

Assorted Newspaper Clippings: concerning Margaret Goff Clark