

MS-571: Rose Mary Lawson Shaker Research Collection

Collection Number: MS-571

Title: Rose Mary Lawson Shaker Research Collection

Dates: 1980-2001 (bulk 1990-2000)

Creator: Lawson, Rose Mary Haley, 1929-2007

Summary/Abstract: This collection contains various documents, photographs, maps, correspondences, books, and audio-visual materials pertaining to Shaker religious communities in Ohio and Kentucky. Materials in this collection were either used or produced by Rose Mary Lawson, or her colleague, Martha Boice, during their research of Shaker communities. Rose Mary Lawson, née Haley, was an archivist, author, teacher, and researcher of Shaker religious communities. Lawson produced many written works on the Shakers, including various articles, a children's Shaker paper doll book, and a book on the Watervliet Shaker community that was once located in Dayton, Ohio.

Quantity/Physical Description: 4.24 linear feet, including 1.3 LF of oversize materials.

Language(s): English

Repository:

Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH 45435-0001, (937) 775-2092

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Acquisition:

The Rose Mary Lawson Shaker Research collection was donated to Wright State Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University Libraries, by Fred Lawson, Rose Mary's widower, in January 2008. The additions to the collection were donated by Martha Boice, a fellow Shaker-researcher and Rose Mary's friend and colleague, in 2009.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Separated Material: The maps included in this collection have been separated to oversize map-case drawers and stored off-site.

Other Finding Aid:

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms571.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements: The collection includes some microfilm images of buildings in various midwestern Shaker communities. A microfilm reader will be required to view these images.

Related Material:

MS-003: The Shakers Collection, Dayton Metro Library; Dayton, OH

Publication Note:

The materials within this collection were used in the writing of Martha Boice's book, *Maps of the Shaker West*.

Boice, Martha, Dale Covington, and Richard Spence. *Maps of the Shaker West: A Journey of Discovery*. Knot Garden Press, 1997.

Lawson, Rose Mary. *Shaker Paper Dolls*. Knot Garden Press, 1998.

Lawson, Rose Mary. *Six Doctors for 600 People: Memories of a Small Town Doctor's Daughter in Brooksville, Kentucky 1889-1989*. Bracken County Historical Society, 2010.

Processing Information: Much of the processing of this collection maintains the original order into which Rose Mary Lawson and Martha Boice arranged the materials. There were some slight alterations to this order, such as combining all of Boice's post-publication correspondence into a single grouping.

Processed by:

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Anna Helmig, April 2019.

Arrangement:

The collection consists of three series and two sub-series:

Series I: Research Materials, 1980-2001

Series II: Publications and Related Materials 1980-2000

Sub-series: Books, drafts, and essays, 1980-2000

Sub-series: Promotional materials, talks, and reviews, 1995-2000

Series III: Correspondence, 1995-2000

Biographical/Historical Note:

Rose Mary Lawson, née Haley, of Dayton, Ohio was an archivist, author, teacher, and researcher born in 1929. As a young adult, Lawson obtained a master's degree in history from Wright State University and used this education to work for various historical institutions around Dayton, Ohio, including the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, the Montgomery County Historical Society (now Dayton History), and the Patterson Homestead. Lawson's personal scholarly interest lay in the Shaker religious communities of Ohio and Kentucky. She produced many written works on the Shakers, including various articles, a children's Shaker paper doll book, and a book on the Watervliet Shaker community that was once located in Dayton, Ohio. Lawson passed away in 2007.

Martha Boice, née Hibbert, of Dayton, Ohio is a historian and researcher of Shaker communities and advocate for the preservation of historic Ohio buildings. Boice has spearheaded campaigns to preserve a large number of historic buildings in South-Western Ohio. Boice also had an interest in Shaker architecture, inspiring her to write *Maps of the Shaker West*, which she published through her own publishing company, Knot Garden Press.

Source Citations for Biographical/Historical Information

Ohio History Connection. "Martha Boice: 2016 State Historic Preservation Office Awards."

Ohio History Collection Online, 2016. [https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/state-historic-preservation-office/hpawards/past-recipients/2015-recipients-\(2\)/fairmont-creamery-ice-cream-building](https://www.ohiohistory.org/preserve/state-historic-preservation-office/hpawards/past-recipients/2015-recipients-(2)/fairmont-creamery-ice-cream-building)

Dayton Daily News. "William Vincent Boice Obituary." *Dayton Daily News*, 30 January 2007.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dayton/obituary.aspx?n=william-vincent-boice&pid=148175598&fhid=5164>

Dayton Daily News. "Rose Mary Lawson Obituary." *Dayton Daily News*, 2007.

Located within collection materials.

Nathalie Wright. "Martha Boice: A Legacy in Historic Preservation." *Landmarks Foundation of Centerville-Washington Township*, July 2016.

<https://bethanylutheranvillage.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/Martha-Boice-Booklet.pdf>

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains various documents, photographs, maps, correspondences, books, and audio-visual materials pertaining to Shaker religious communities in the Midwest. All materials in this collection were either used or produced by Rose Mary Lawson or Martha Boice during their research of Shaker communities. These collection materials span in date from

roughly 1990-2001, though there are some photocopies in the collection that date back as far as 1895. This collection would be useful for those researching Shaker religious communities in Ohio and Kentucky, and even the doctrines, protocol, and history of the Shaker religion as a whole. Additionally, this collection might be of use to those studying the geography or history of rural communities in Ohio and Kentucky in which Shakers resided, as it includes a sizable collection of maps and land deeds depicting Shaker communities and surrounding towns.

Series I, Research Materials, includes various research materials used and produced by Rose Mary Lawson and Martha Boice in their studying of the Shaker communities. This series includes notes, citations, and photo copies of materials that Lawson and Boice used in Shaker Research. This series also includes various maps (including oversize maps) of Shaker communities that were predominantly used by Boice to write *Maps of the Shaker West*. Finally, this series includes a small number of photographs, microfilm, and scrapbooks of Shaker communities. Items in this series are dated from 1980 to 2001.

Series II, Publication and Related Materials, includes books, drafts, essays, and speeches produced by Lawson and Boice and all materials related to the publication of these works. This series is divided into two subseries. The first encapsulates the various written works on Shakers written by Lawson and Boice from 1980 to 1997. The second sub-series includes drafts of speeches given by Boice to promote *Maps of the Shaker West*, and various reviews of Lawson and Boice's works, dating from 1997-2000.

Series III, Correspondence, includes the correspondence between Martha Boice and various others (Shaker researchers, cartographers, illustrators, historians, and publishers) dated from 1995-2000. This series includes correspondence written prior to the publication of Boice's *Maps of the Shaker West* and after.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Boice, Martha Hibbert, 1931-
Lawson, Rose Mary Haley, 1929-2007

Organizations/Corporate Names

Places

Subjects (General)

Shakers--Religion
Shakers--Social life and customs

Material Types

Occupation

Collection Inventory

<u>Box</u>	<u>File</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I: Shaker Research Materials			1980-2001
1	1	Flatrock Township, Henry County Research Materials	1980-1997
1	2-4	Berrien Springs, MI Research Materials	1980-1997
1	5-6	Clinton County Research Materials	1996-1997
1	7-9	Darby Plains Research Materials	1995-1997
2	1	Rush and Goshen Townships Research Materials	1995-1997
2	2	North Union Research Materials	1992-1997
2	3	White Water and Union Village Research Materials	1996-2000
2	4-5	Underground Railroad Shaker Research Materials	1980-2000
2	6	Cook County Research Materials	1996-2001
2	7	Red Bank, KY Research Materials	1995
2	8	Ambrau, IL Research Materials	1994
2	9-10	Adams County Research Materials	1996-1997
3	1	South Union Research Materials	1995-1997
3	2-3	Clermont County Research Materials	1990-2000
3	4	West Union Research Materials	1990-1997
3	5	Pleasant Hill Research Materials	1996-1997
3	6	Watervliet Research Materials	1994-1997
6	6-7	Regional Shaker Images Microfilm	1990-2000
6	8	VHS tape <i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> "A Mnemonic Interval"	1997
OS		Oversized Maps of Shaker Communities	1980-1997
OS		Oversized Land Deeds, 1895 (photocopies)	1990-1997
Series II: Publications and Related Materials			1980-2000
Subseries II-A: Books, Drafts, and Essays			1980-1997
3	7-9	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Draft with Comments	1990-1997
4	1	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Draft with Comments cont'd	1990-1997
4	2	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Appendix Material	1994-1997
4	3	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Artwork Drafts	1990-1997
4	4	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Springfield Presbytery Draft	1990-1997
4	5	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Gasper River Meeting House Draft	1990-1997
4	6-7	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Map Drafts	1990-1997

4	8	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Darby Plains Draft	1990-1997
4	9	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> South Union, Grasslands, and Watervliet Drafts	1990-1997
4	10	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Cover Page, Title, Introduction Draft	1990-1997
4	11	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Paint Lick Draft	1990-1997
4	12	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Clermont, Brown, Adams Counties Drafts	1990-1997
5	1-2	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Kentucky Revival Draft	1990-1997
5	3-4	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Eagle Creek and Straight Creek Drafts	1990-1997
5	5	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Cane Ridge Draft	1990-1997
5	6	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Union Village Draft	1990-1997
5	7-8	Shaker articles and papers written by Rose Mary Lawson	1980-1997
5	9	<i>Six Doctors for 600 People: Memories of a Doctor's Daughter in Brooksville, Kentucky 1889-1989</i> by Rose Mary Lawson (Book)	2007
5	10	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> by Martha Boice, Dale Covington, Richard B. Spence (Book)	1997
Subseries II-B: Promotional Materials and Talks			1997-2000
6	1	Martha Boice Notes from Talks	1997-2000
6	2	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Promotional Materials	1997-2000
6	3	<i>Maps of the Shaker West</i> Reviews	1997-1999
Series III: Correspondence			1995-2000
6	4	Martha Boice Correspondence with Illustrator, Ruth Leonard	1996-1998
6	5	Martha Boice Correspondence with Map-Maker, Mr. Hall	1995-1998
7	1-4	Martha Boice Correspondence with Dale Covington	1995-2000
7	5-6	Pre-Publication Correspondence	1995-1997
7	7	Post-Publication Correspondence	1997-1999