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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Spires, Elizabeth
Title:	Elizabeth Spires Papers
Dates:	1971-2013
Quantity:	1 box, 3 broadsides
Abstract:	Broadsides, cassette tapes, correspondence, manuscripts, printed materials documenting the career of poet Elizabeth Spires.

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Biographical Note

Elizabeth Spires graduated from Vassar College in 1974. A noted poet, Spires has published eight collections of poems, including *Globe* (1981), *Swan's Island* (1997), *The Wave-Maker* (2008), and *A Memory of the Future* (2018). In addition, she has written two children's books, *The Mouse of Amherst* (2001) and *I Heard God Talking to Me: William Edmonton and His Stone Carvings* (2009), and edited *The Instant of Knowing: Lectures, Criticism and Occasional Prose*, by Josephine Jacobson (1997). Spires is professor of English and co-director of Kratz Center for Creative Writing at Goucher College, where she holds a Chair for Distinguished Achievement.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of correspondence, cassette recordings, manuscripts, broadsides, and other printed materials documenting the career of poet Elizabeth Spires. Of particular note are the cassettes, on which are recorded Spires's 1978 interview with poet Elizabeth Bishop (VC 1934), a transcription of which later appeared in *The Paris Review* (no. 80 [1981]).

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Related Material

- Letters from Elizabeth Spires to William Gifford, with poems written by Spires at Vassar and annotated by Gifford, in the William Gifford Papers.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Bishop, Elizabeth, 1911-1979

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Alumni and alumnae

Subjects:

- American poetry--20th century
- American poetry--21st century.
- Poets, American--20th century
- Poets, American--21st century
- Women poets--United States--20th century
- Women poets--United States--21st century

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Elizabeth Spires Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Elizabeth Spires (M2012-008, M2013-008, M2021-008, M2021-009).

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Container List

There is no container list currently available for this collection.

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