

# Guide to the Carol Gelderman Papers, 1981-1984

## Biographical Note

Carol Wettlaufer Gelderman, born on 2 December 1939, first became interested in Mary McCarthy after discovering they had both been educated for a time by The Religious of the Sacred Heart. This interest of hers would eventually lead to writing or editing several pieces about Mary McCarthy, including *Mary McCarthy: A Life*, the first comprehensive biography of Mary McCarthy, and *Conversations with Mary McCarthy*. She also contributed to *Twenty-four Ways of Looking at Mary McCarthy: The Writer and Her Work*.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection comprises the research material Carol Gelderman compiled for use in her biography of Mary McCarthy, entitled *Mary McCarthy: A Life*. The bulk of the collection is interview material, including audio cassettes. Several of the interviews were with Mary McCarthy but most were with others who knew or worked with McCarthy. There is also correspondence as well as articles and portions of books either by or about Mary McCarthy and her work.

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## Administrative Information

### Preferred Citation

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### Processing Information

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### Acquisition Information

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