

# Guide to the Angela Mackail Thirkell Collection

GEN MSS 283



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** GEN MSS 283

**CREATOR:** Thirkell, Angela, 1890-1961

**TITLE:** Angela Mackail Thirkell collection

**DATES:** 1944-2003

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.10 linear feet (7 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Collection contains: holograph manuscript drafts of Thirkell's novels *Private Enterprise* and *What Did it Mean?*; correspondence between Thirkell and James Tinkham Babb, Barbara Waite Davidson, Gordon and Mary Haight, and others; third-party correspondence by Lance Thirkell, Laura Roberts Collins, C. A. Lejuene, and others; clippings and printed ephemera relating to Thirkell and her work; and computer media.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box  
f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Immediate Source of Acquisition

Ongoing collection of documents acquired by gift and purchase from various sources. Type of accession (gift or purchase) and date of acquisition is noted in the box-and-folder list. For further information, consult the appropriate curator.

## Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Boxes 5 and 6 (born digital): Restricted fragile. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.

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## Conditions Governing Use

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

This finding aid was produced from previously existing cards in the Manuscripts Catalog, or from another inventory. All pertinent bibliographical information has been retained. If the collection also contains unlisted or unsorted material, it has been noted in the box-and-folder list. This finding aid will be updated periodically to account for new materials that may be added to the collection. The date of the most recent update is noted on the title page. For information on material that may have been added since the last update, please consult the Public Service Desk.

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## Scope and Contents

This finding aid encompasses accessions of single manuscripts and small groups of manuscripts and other papers, by or pertaining to Angela Mackail Thirkell, which the library has chosen to group and list as an artificial collection. Materials have been arranged into four series: Gift of Angela Mackail Thirkell, Gift of Gordon Haight, Gift of Margaret Bradley Babb, and Gift of the Angela Thirkell Society.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Gift of Angela Thirkell

Gift of Angela Thirkell, 1950, 1955.

b. 1, f. 1-9	<i>Private Enterprise</i> , autograph manuscript Written in pencil in eleven notebooks	n.d.
b. 1, f. 10	Thirkell, Angela Mackail. TLS to Gordon S. Haight. London Removed from <i>Private Enterprise</i> , autograph manuscript	1950 Sep 4
b. 2, f. 11-20	<i>What Did It Mean?</i> , autograph manuscript Written in pencil in 10 notebooks	1953-54

**Series II: Gift of Gordon Haight**

Gift of Gordon S. Haight, 1984.

b. 2, f. 21	Babb, James Tinkham. 2 TLS (carbons) to Angela Thirkell, New Haven	1950-55
b. 2, f. 22	Haight, Gordon Sherman. TL (carbon) to George Sherburn, New Haven On the same leaf: Haight, Gordon Sherman. TL (carbon) to Willard Thorpe. New Haven, 1948 Nov 8	1948 Nov 8
b. 2, f. 23	Haight, Gordon Sherman. 33 TL (carbons) to Angela Thirkell	1947-60
b. 2, f. 24	Kunkel, Beverly W. ALS to Gordon S. Haight, Easton, PA	1960 May 10
b. 2, f. 25	Sherburn, George. TLS to Gordon S. Haight, Cambridge, Mass.	1948 Nov 14
b. 3, f. 26-28	Thirkell, Angela. 41 ALS, 7 APCS, 5 ACS, 34 TLS (some with manuscript notes), and 2 TL to Gordon and Mary Haight With clippings, business and change of address cards, etc. (6 items)	1947-60
b. 3, f. 29	[Thirkell], Lance. ALS to Gordon S. Haight, London	1955 Mar 5
b. 3, f. 30	Whitney, J. B. TLS (with manuscript note) to Gordon S. Haight. Cambridge, Mass.	1948 Nov 15
b. 3, f. 31	3 printed invitations and 1 business card (some with manuscript notes)	n.d.

### **Series III: Gift of Margaret Bradley Babb**

Gift of Margaret Bradley Babb, 1962.

b. 3, f. 32

Thirkell, Angela. TLS to Mrs. Babb, London  
With calling card

1955 July 26

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**Series IV: Gift of Angela Thirkell Society, 1947-2003**

Gift of Angela Thirkell Society, 2008 and 2009.

b. 4, f. 33-36	Correspondence between Angela Thirkell and Barbara Waite Davidson	1951-1960, undated
b. 4, f. 37	Letters from Angela Thirkell to Mary Lois Mamer	1947-1952
b. 4, f. 38	Copies of letters from Angela Thirkell to others	undated
b. 4, f. 39-40	Correspondence between Lance Thirkell and Laura Roberts Collins	1983-1986, undated
b. 4, f. 41	Letters from Lance Thirkell to Phyllis Croghan Includes photograph of Angela Thirkell	1985-1988
b. 4, f. 42	Correspondence between Lance Thirkell and Barbara Waite Davidson	1961-1978, undated
b. 4, f. 43	Correspondence between C. A. Lejeune and Barbara Waite Davidson	1962
b. 4, f. 44	Laura Roberts Collins publications correspondence	1991-1994, undated
b. 4, f. 45	Other third-party correspondence	1949-2002
b. 4, f. 46-48	Clippings	1944-2000, undated
b. 4, f. 49	Printed ephemera	1998-2003, undated
b. 4, f. 50	Transcript of telephone conversation between Angela Thirkell and Colin Macinnes, BBC <i>1 Folder</i>	1954 August 24
	Computer media <i>28 CD-Rs</i>	1990-2001
	Restricted fragile material. Access copies of electronic files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	
b. 5	Sussex Scene #2 1990 2008-genm-28388-0001 <i>1 CD-R 715264412 bytes (715.26 Megabytes.)</i>	
	Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	
b. 5	Sussex Scene #1 1990 2008-genm-28388-0002 <i>1 CD-R 152724812 bytes (152.72 Megabytes.)</i>	
	Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested. Consult Access Services for further information.	



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- b. 5                   Sussex Scene #1 1990  
2008-genm-28388-0003  
*1 CD-R 152724812 bytes (152.72 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
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- b. 5                   Sussex Scene #2 1990  
2008-genm-28388-0004  
*1 CD-R 715264412 bytes (715.26 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
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- b. 5                   Wild strawberries #2 1992  
2008-genm-28388-0005  
*1 CD-R 619909628 bytes (619.90 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                   Wild strawberries #1 1992  
2008-genm-28388-0006  
*1 CD-R 624994652 bytes (624.99 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                   Wild strawberries #2 1997  
2008-genm-28388-0007  
*1 CD-R 619909628 bytes (619.90 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
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- b. 5                   Wild strawberries #1 1992  
2008-genm-28388-0008  
*1 CD-R 624994652 bytes (624.99 Megabytes.)*  
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- b. 5                   Margo Strickland: Penning a Portrait 1996 Disc #1  
2008-genm-28388-0009  
*1 CD-R 478279244 bytes (478.27 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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*1 CD-R 478279244 bytes (478.27 Megabytes.)*  
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Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                   Margo Strickland: Penning a Portrait 1996 Disc #2  
2008-genm-28388-0011  
*1 CD-R 508634156 bytes (508.63 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
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## Computer media (continued)

- b. 5 Margo Strickland: Penning a Portrait 1996 Disc #2  
2008-genm-28388-0012  
*1 CD-R 508634156 bytes (508.63 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Hazel Bell: Coronation Summer 1998  
2008-genm-28388-0013  
*1 CD-R 392847548 bytes (392.84 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Hazel Bell: Coronation Summer 1998  
2008-genm-28388-0014  
*1 CD-R 392847548 bytes (392.84 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Hazel Bell: Indexing Angela 1998  
2008-genm-28388-0015  
*1 CD-R 562271516 bytes (562.27 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Hazel Bell: Indexing Angela 1998  
2008-genm-28388-0016  
*1 CD-R 562271516 bytes (562.27 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Valarie Ramsden: Rudyard Kipling 1999  
2008-genm-28388-0017  
*1 CD-R 549196748 bytes (549.19 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Valarie Ramsden: Rudyard Kipling 1999  
2008-genm-28388-0018  
*1 CD-R 549196748 bytes (549.19 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Valerie Ramsden: Love to Hate 1999  
2008-genm-28388-0019  
*1 CD-R 374447852 bytes (374.44 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5 Valerie Ramsden: Love to Hate 1999  
2008-genm-28388-0020  
*1 CD-R 374447852 bytes (374.44 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
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- b. 5                    June Cox: People & Places 2001  
2008-genm-28388-0021  
*1 CD-R 652665932 bytes (652.66 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                    June Cox: People & Places 2001  
2008-genm-28388-0022  
*1 CD-R 652665932 bytes (652.66 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                    Rev. Geoffrey Cox: Church of England 2001  
2008-genm-28388-0023  
*1 CD-R 753670220 bytes (753.67 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                    Rev. Geoffrey Cox: Church of England 2001  
2008-genm-28388-0024  
*1 CD-R 753670220 bytes (753.67 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                    Angela Thirkell: musical Tribute June 1990  
2008-genm-28388-0025  
*1 CD-R 576289436 bytes (576.28 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                    Angela Thirkell: Musical Tribute June 1990  
2008-genm-28388-0026  
*1 CD-R 576289436 bytes (576.28 Megabytes.)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
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- b. 5                    [no label information]  
2008-genm-28388-0027  
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carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files  
available for research)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
Consult Access Services for further information.
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- b. 5                    [no label information]  
2008-genm-28388-0028  
*1 DVD-R 4173725696 bytes (4.17 Gigabytes. This reflects the size of the  
carrier media, but may not accurately reflect the extent of digital files  
available for research)*  
Restricted fragile material. Access copies of digital files may be requested.  
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Portable hard drive  
*1 External Hard Drive*

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*1 External Hard Drive 8078217216 bytes (8.07 Gigabytes.)*

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## Series V: Gift of JoAnn Weaver, 1945-1953

*0.25 linear feet (1 box)*

Includes 12 letters and one postcard to J. T. Stewart and Mr. Bonip from Angela Thirkell.

Gift of JoAnn Weaver, 2012.

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b. 7	Correspondence between Angela Thirkell and J. T. Stewart <i>2 Folders</i>	1945 June - November 1953
b. 7	Letter from Angela Thirkell to Mr. Bonip <i>1 Folder</i>	1949 February

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## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Authors, English -- 20th Century -- Archives  
English literature -- 20th Century

### **Names**

Babb, James T. (James Tinkham), 1899-1968  
Collins, Laura Roberts  
Davidson, Barbara Waite  
Haight, Gordon Sherman  
Haight, Mary  
Lejeune, C. A. (Caroline Alice), 1897-1973  
Thirkell, Angela, 1890-1961  
Thirkell, Lance