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## Marguerite Yourcenar collection, 1984-1995

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### Maine Women Writers Collection

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Maine Women Writers Collection
<b>Creator:</b>	Yourcenar, Marguerite
<b>Title:</b>	Marguerite Yourcenar collection
<b>ID:</b>	0422
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1984-1995
<b>Physical Description:</b>	5 folders

### Preferred Citation

Marguerite Yourcenar collection, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine

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## Biographical/Historical Note

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Marguerite Yourcenar was born in 1903 Brussels, Belgium. Yourcenar was an author, poet, playwright, essayist, and translator of ancient Greek poetry whose work focused on ancient Rome and Greece. Yourcenar travelled to the U.S. in 1937 and stayed on while France was occupied by the Germans. In 1938 she met Grace Frick, her lifelong partner until Frick's death in 1979. She became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 1947, and lived in Northeast Harbor on Mount Desert Island. Her works include *Memoirs of Hadrian* (1951) and *The Abyss* (1968). She received numerous honors for her work, including the French Academy's Grand Prix de Litterature (1977), an honorary degree from Bowdoin College (1968), and the medal of the Commander of the French Legion of Honor (1986). In 1980, she became the first woman and the second American citizen to be elected into the French Academy. She died on December 17, 1987, in a hospital near her home in Maine.

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## Collection Scope and Content

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The collection include articles, a program invitation to a play adapted from her work (in French), and a brochure about "Petite Plaisance", her home in Bar Harbor

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## Arrangement

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This collection is organized as a singles series.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Bar Harbor (Me.)
- Clippings
- Ephemera
- Yourcenar, Marguerite
- Yourcenar, Marguerite

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## General

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances	
Articles about the author	Box 25	Folder 001
	Box 25	Folder 002
	Box 25	Folder 003
"No modernes" program and invitation, 1991	Box 25	Folder 004
Petite Plaisance, La maison de Marguerite Yourcenar brochure, 1995	Box 25	Folder 005