

## COLL-007

### Newfoundland Performing Arts Archive Project: Corner Brook

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Date of Finding Aid: 2022

**Extent:** 0.43m

#### Scope and Content:

The interviews in this collections were conducted with 22 people including award-winning director and playwright, Thomas Cahill; Corner Brook Playmakers founder, Paul O'Neill; other members of the Corner Brook Playmakers including Jim Butt, Gordon Tizzard, Dr. Neil Walsh, Judith Monaghan; members of the St. John's Players, like well-known broadcaster and actor, Denys Ferry (1920-1997); Al Pittman (1940-2001), playwright and English Professor at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College; actor, director and theatre critic, John Holmes (1920-2011), who cofounded the St. John's Theatre Arts Club; retired Supreme Court Judge, Lloyd Soper (1919-2009), active volunteer and generous patron of the Corner Brook Rotary Music Festival, the St. John's Players, and Corner Brook Playmakers; and two former administrators of the Corner Brook Arts & Culture Centre as well as other individuals involved in regional, provincial and national drama festivals, and theatre groups like Amateur Players, and TNL. The collection primarily consists of cassette recordings and/or transcripts of the interviews.

**Date:** 1992-1996

**Physical Description:** 0.19m of textual material, 20 cassette tapes, 6 3½ inch diskettes, 4 5¼ inch floppy discs

#### History:

This material was collected as part of the "STAGE" project begun in 1992 in St. John's and led by Archivist Gail Weir. According to Memorial University Libraries Archives and Special Collections, "For several semesters we were able to extend the program to the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College campus, interviewing many people in the Corner Brook area." Dr. Adrian Fowler co-led the project in Corner Brook. Fowler, emeritus professor of English and honorary research professor, began teaching at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in 1975, and was a former Principal of the College. His publications include, *31 Newfoundland Poets* (1979) and *The March Hare Anthology* (2007). The students were hired to conduct and transcribe interviews, with some interviews conducted by Fowler and Weir. Records were deposited by Dr. Fowler in the "Folklore Archives and Resource Center".

#### Related Materials:

The [STAGE Project collection \(COLL-370\)](#) is housed in Archives and Special Collections in St. John's.

#### Box 1 AV Material

95.001 F221 Judge P. Lloyd Soper interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, February 07, 1995

95.001 F222 Judge P. Lloyd Soper interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, February 07, 1995

95.002 F223 Al Pittman interviewed by Adrian Fowler, July 10, 1995

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95.003 F223 George Windsor Neal interviewed by Kimberly Frail, February 10, 1995  
95.004 F226 James "Jim" A. Butt interviewed by Deborah Mclsaac, July 26, 1995  
95.004 F227 James "Jim" A. Butt interviewed by Deborah Mclsaac, July 31, 1995  
95.005 F223 Diane Butt (nee Sheppard) interviewed by Kimberly Frail, February 22, 1995  
95.005 F229 Diane Butt (nee Sheppard) interviewed by Kimberly Frail, March 5, 1995  
95.006 F230 Tess Ewing interviewed by Adrian Fowler, June 19, 1995  
95.007 F231 Katherine Judith Monaghan Fraser interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, June 27, 1995  
95.008 F232 Patricia Monaghan Hatch interviewed by Deborah Mclsaac, August 03, 1995  
95.009 John Holmes interviewed by Adrian Fowler, June 12, 1995  
95.010 F234 Charles Mardel interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, February 8, 1995  
95.010 F235 Charles Mardel interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, February 8, 1995  
95.011 F236 Gordon Tizzard interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, April 17, 1995  
95.013 F238 Eric Fitzgerald interview, August 8, 1995  
95.014 F239 Dr. Neil Walsh and Maria Walsh interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, September 28, 1995  
95.014 F240 Dr. Neil Walsh and Maria Walsh interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, September 28, 1995  
95.019 F241 Edmund MacLean interviewed by Sandra Wheeler, January 18, 1996  
Diskette #1 STAGE Instructions, Transcriptions, Interviewing Techniques, Master Files, Questions, Contract  
Diskette #2 Soper, Mardel, Tizzard, Fraser  
Diskette #3 Butt, Exing, Hatch, Holmes, Pittman  
Diskette #4 Butt, Ewing, Fraser, Holmes, Mardel, Neal & Neal, Pittman, Pittman, Soper, Tizzard, Contract, Master, Question  
Diskette #5 Interview with Frances and Cyril Vardy, December 4, 1995  
Diskette #6 Edmund MacLean Jan 18, 1996  
Floppy Disc #7  
Floppy Disc #8  
Floppy Disc #9  
Floppy Disc #10

## **Box 2 Textual Records**

Folder 95.001 Transcripts of interview on 95.001 F221 and 95.001 F222 cassette tapes  
Folder 95.002 Transcripts of interview on 95.002 F223 and 95.002 F224 cassette tapes  
Folder 95.003 Transcripts of interview on 95.003 F223 cassette tape  
Folder 95.004 Transcripts of interview on 95.004 F226 cassette tape  
Folder 95.005 Transcripts of interview on 95.005 F223 and 95.005 F229 cassette tapes  
Folder 95.006 Transcripts of interview on 95.006 F230 cassette tape, 46 pages of photocopies of newspaper articles, playbills and programs.  
Folder 95.007 Transcripts of interview on 95.007 F231 cassette tape  
Folder 95.008 Transcripts of interview on 95.008 F232 cassette tape  
Folder 95.009 Transcripts of interview on 95.009 F233 cassette tape  
Folder 95.010 Transcripts of interview on 95.010 F234 and 95.010 F235 cassette tapes  
Folder 95.011 Transcripts of interview on 95.011 F236 cassette tape  
Folder 95.012 Transcripts of interviews of James O'Rourke and Ann O'Rourke by Debbie Mclssac and Sandra Wheeler, August 22, 1995  
Folder 95.013 Transcripts of interview on 95.013 F238 cassette tape  
Folder 95.014 Transcripts of interview on 95.014 F239 and 95.014 F240 cassette tapes  
Folder 95.015 Transcripts of interview of Paul O'Neill by Kieran Walsh, St. John's, February 2 and February 9, 1995  
Folder 95.016 Transcripts of interview of Denys Ferry by Kieran Walsh, St. John's, July 7, 1994  
Folder 95.017 Transcripts of interview of Joan Mifflin Brown Chambers and Betty Companion by Gail Weir, November 6, 1992

Folder 95.018 Transcripts of interview of Thomas "Tom" Cahill by Kieran Walsh, St. John's, August 2 and August 5, 1994

Folder 95.019 Transcripts of 95.019 F241 cassette tape

Folder containing photocopies of newspaper articles, playbills and programs