

Finding Aid : **GA 84**  
Marie Stopes collection.

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## GA 84 : Stopes, Marie

**Marie Stopes collection.** - 1911-1985. - 47 cm of textual records.

*Marie Charlotte Carmichael Stopes was born in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1880 and died there in 1958. Educated in Edinburgh, London and graduated with her Ph.D. from Munich, she was the first woman appointed to the science staff at the University of Manchester in 1904. Jointly with her husband H.V. Roe she founded the Mother's Clinic for Constructive Birth Control in 1921. It was the first birth control clinic in the world. She also published two books, "Married Love" and "Wise Parenthood: a Book for Married People."*

*Contents: collection consists of materials relating to the personal and professional life of Marie Stopes as well as to the history of birth control. Includes biographical materials, articles and ephemera related to birth control, correspondence, and ms. drafts of a biography of Stopes by Ruth Hall.*

*Arranged in series as follows:*

- 1. Biographical and Correspondence*
- 2. Birth Control*
- 3. Passionate Crusader: The Life of Marie Stopes*

*Title from content of the collection.*

*Extent is measured in linear metres of shelf space as occupied by the collection.*

*Purchased by SSHRC grant in 1986.*

*Detailed finding aid available.*

*A 400 item book collection accompanies these archival materials.*

### Series 1 : Biographical and Correspondence

**Biographical and correspondence.** - 1911-1969. - 2 cm of textual records.

*Contents: series consists of materials accumulated by Marie Stopes including correspondence as well as materials related to her life and work collected after death. Includes correspondence to and from Stopes, a wedding invitation, a biographical entry and more.*

File 1

**Cartoon of Marie Stopes.** - 1933.

*Contents: file consists of one print of cartoon of Marie Stopes from The New Statesman And Nation by David Low.*

File 2

**Correspondence.** - 1911-1969.

*Contents: file consists of correspondence to and from Marie Stopes as well as to others and from others. Correspondents include: Bruce, Charles; Everson, Howell; Fox, Canon Adam; Gotto, S.; Johns, Joyce; Martin, Maxwell; Mollie; Mure, Cecily; Stokes, Sewell; Swingler, Joan; Wells, P.G.; Wheatley, D.*

File 3

**It's a pity Dr. Marie Stopes won't see this.** - 1949.

*Contents: file consists of a poem from the February 5, 1949 edition of the Daily Express. The poem is regarding a letter that Marie Stopes wrote to the paper.*

File 4

**Photocopy from unknown book.** - [19--].

*Contents: file consists of a page photocopied from an unknown book that references Marie Stopes.*

File 5

**Wedding invitation of Humphrey Roe and Marie Carmichael Stopes.** - 1918.

*Contents: file consists of an invitation to the wedding of Humphrey Roe and Marie Carmichael Stopes. The wedding was held Wednesday June 19, 1918 at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster.*

File 6

**Who's Who entry.** - 1953.

*Contents: file consists of a biographical entry for Marie Stopes from the 1953 edition of Who's Who.*

### Series 2 : Birth Control

**Birth control.** - 1926-1985. - 7 cm of textual records.

*Contents: series consists of materials regarding birth control and other related matters. Includes newspaper clippings, articles, and ephemera.*

File 7

**Bayly, M. Beddow : menore of Voronoff's operations, an expose of monkey-gland surgery."** - 1928.

*Contents: file consists of an article from Referee on monkey gland surgery.*

- File 8           **Birth control today.** - [19--].  
*Contents: file consists of one order form for the book "Birth Control Today" by Marie Stopes.*
- File 9           **C.B.C. annual meeting anecdote.** - 1964.  
*Contents: file consists of one ts. anecdote from the C.B.C. annual meeting on the importance of Marie Stopes.*
- File 10          **Crossland, Annette : in the centuries before the pill they must have put their hopes on something ... say hemlock, hooves and holding your breath.** - [19--].  
*Contents: file consists of an article from Mayfair on the history of birth control.*
- File 11          **Doyle, Christine : precautionary tales.** - 1985.  
*Contents: file consists of an article on contraception from The Observer.*
- File 12          **Gillie, Oliver : safety of the pill.** - 1970.  
*Contents: file consists of an article on the birth control pill from Science Journal.*
- File 13          **Handbill for "the study of mutation and selection in human populations" lecture.** - 1965.  
*Contents: file consists of one handbill for the Galton Lecture of the Eugenics Society given by Dr. Howard Newcombe at the Eugenics Society May 5, 1965.*
- File 14          **List of clinics.** - [19--].  
*Contents: file consists of one list of birth control and and gynaecology clinics in England.*
- File 15          **Ludovici, L.J. ; women who made birth control respectable.** - 1968.  
*Contents: file consists of an article on the history of birth control from Penthouse.*
- File 16          **Mackenzie, Kenneth : the old man young again, monkey glands and the possibly horrible psychic effect of bestial operation.** - 1928.  
*Contents: file consists of an article from Referee on monkey gland surgery.*
- File 17          **Medical termination of pregnancy bill as amended.** - 1967.  
*Contents: file consists of one consideration of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill, As Amended.*
- File 18          **Memorandum on the suggested framing of rules for the S.P.B.C.C.** - 1926.  
*Contents: file consists of ts. one memorandum on the suggested framing of rules for the Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics. Includes accompanying envelope.*
- File 19          **Methods of birth control pamphlets.** - 1927-1973.  
*Contents: file consists of sixteen pamphlets and leaflets on methods of birth control.*
- File 20          **Newspaper clippings.** - 1969-1985.  
*Contents: file consists of six newspaper clippings on birth control and the legacy of Marie Stopes.*
- File 21          **Order form for London Rubber Company Ltd.** - [19--].  
*Contents: file consists of one order form from the London Rubbery Company Ltd. to order prophylactics, as well as other medical and birth control related supplies.*
- File 22          **Playbill for Married Love.** - [ca. 1985].  
*Contents: file consists of one playbill for a production of Married Love by the Thorndike Theatre in Surrey.*
- File 23          **Registrar General's statistical review: births, marriages and fertility in 1943.** - 1943.  
*Contents: file consists of the Registrar General's statistical review of births, marriages and fertility for England and Wales for 1943.*
- File 24          **Seed, Brian : one woman's mission: profile of Dr. Helena Wright, the woman who made contraception respectable.** - 1973.  
*Contents: file consists of an article on contraception and Dr. Helena Wright from The Sunday Times Magazine.*

File 25      **Stopes, Marie : a letter to nursing times.** - 1950.

*Contents: file consists of a letter written by Marie Stopes to Nursing Times on the history of birth control clinics.*

File 26      **Stopes, Marie : Havelock Ellis.** - 1939.

*Contents: file consists of an obituary for Havelock Ellis from Literary Guide.*

File 27      **Szondi Test.** - [ca. 1949].

*Contents: file consists of 13 completed Szondi tests. The test takers are unknown.*

### **Series 3 : Passionate Crusader: The Life of Marie Stopes**

**Passionate crusader: the life of Marie Stopes.** - [ca. 1977]. - 38 cm of textual records.

*Contents: series consists of materials created by Ruth E. Hall during the course of her writing "Passionate Crusader: The Life of Marie Stopes." Includes ms. notes and a chronology.*

File 28      **Passionate crusader: the life of Marie Stopes : duplicate books.** - [ca. 1977].

*Contents: file consists of 13 duplicate books kept by Ruth Hall while she was working on her book "Passionate crusader: the life of Marie Stopes." The notebooks include notes on correspondence to and by Stopes, on the Stopes trial and other related matters. Each book is 100 pages.*

File 29      **Passionate crusader: the life of Marie Stopes : index cards.** - [ca. 1977].

*Contents: file consists of index cards created by Ruth Hall in her research for her book "Passionate crusader: the life of Marie Stopes." The index cards are arranged chronologically from 1923-1958 and include notes by Hall as well as quotations from people she interviewed.*