

Watertown Free Public Library

123 Main Street

Watertown, Massachusetts 02472

Local History Collection

**Sigrid Reddy Watson Watertown
Echoes Collection, 1981-2008
(inclusive)**

SC110

Summary

Collection name: Sigrid Reddy Watson Watertown Echoes collection, 1981-2008 (inclusive)

Collection number: SC110

Repository: Watertown Free Public Library (Watertown, Massachusetts)

Creator: Watson, Sigrid Reddy

Extent: 2 cubic feet (2 Paige boxes)

Language: English

Provenance: The immediate source of this collection is unknown.

Processing information: This collection was previously identified by the call number HIST 974.443 WAT and processed by WFPL staff. The finding aid was created by Caroline Littlewood in 2020.

Conditions governing access: Collection is open for use in the Local History Room, Watertown Free Public Library.

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Historical Note

Sigrid Reddy Watson (born 1925) is a former director of the Watertown Free Public Library (WFPL) and local history author. Born Sigrid Robinson in 1925, Watson spent her formative years in China and Newton, Massachusetts. After graduating from Wellesley College and Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, she worked at the Boston Public Library, the Cary Memorial Library (Lexington, Mass.), and the Bedford Public Library. Watson served as Director of WFPL from 1971 to 1989. She later wrote the local history column "Watertown Echoes," which was published in the *Watertown TAB/Press* and the Historical Society of Watertown's newsletter *The Town Crier* between 1997 and 2001. Watson also served as President of the Historical Society of Watertown from 2001 to 2003. In 2007, she published the book *Watertown Echoes: A Look Back at Life in a Massachusetts Town*, a compilation of old and new articles on Watertown history. Watson married Ric Terman in 2003 and is also known as Sigrid Terman.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the research, writings, and correspondence of Sigrid Reddy Watson, compiled by Watson while working on her book, *Watertown Echoes: A Look Back at Life in a Massachusetts Town*. It includes subject files with research for her columns, some of which contain photographs, correspondence and thank you notes, and manuscript proofs with edits.

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2	12-14	[Revised page proofs]
2	15	[Thank you's and congratulations]

Related Materials

Watson, Sigrid Reddy. *Watertown Echoes: A Look Back at Life in a Massachusetts Town*. New York: Vantage Press, 2007.

Access Points

People:

Roach, Marilynne K.

Thomasian, Ruth

Watson, Sigrid Reddy

Corporate names:

Historical Society of Watertown (Mass.)

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Subjects:

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