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Nancy Cato Collection

Size
4 boxes

Contents
Letters, chiefly to Vivienne Rae-Ellis, related to *Queen Trucanini*; incoming correspondence; manuscript drafts of *Brown sugar, Queen Trucanini, Nin and the Scribblies*, and *The heart of the continent*; notes and research material.

Biography
Nancy Cato was born in Adelaide. She was a cadet journalist and art critic on the *Adelaide News* until the late 1950s, when she became a freelance writer. She edited the *Jindyworobak Anthology* (1950), and was actively involved in the Fellowship of Australian Writers and the Australian Society of Authors during the 1950s to the 1960s. Her novels include *All the Rivers Run, Green Grows the Vine* and *Brown Sugar*. Nancy Cato also published other prose works, two volumes of poetry and has contributed to Australian literary magazines. In 1984 she was made a Member of the Order of Australia and received an honorary Doctorate of Literature from The University of Queensland. In 1988 Nancy Cato received the Alice Award from the Society of Women Writers. Nancy Cato died in 2000.

Notes
Open access
Series A: Correspondence, outgoing, 1952 to [198-?]
Series B: Correspondence, incoming, 1949 to 1989
Series C: Manuscripts, [197-] to 1989
Series D: Miscellaneous, 1934 to 1971.
Refer to the chart at the end for a box listing.

Series A: Correspondence, Outgoing 1952 to [198-?]

Items 1 – 12
12 letters relating to the research and writing of *Queen Trucanini* by Nancy Cato and Vivienne Rae Ellis. Letters chiefly to Vivienne Rae Ellis. 26 Mar. 1975 to 2 Mar. 1976.

Items 13 – 15

Series B: Correspondence, Incoming 1949 to 1989

Item 1
Items 2 – 3
Letters from Archives office of Tasmania, Jun 18 and Aug 19, 1975. Answer enquiries and accompanied copies of reports.

Items 4 – 5

Item 6

Item 7
Letter from Jack Cato, 11 Jun 1952. Contains personal and literary news and comments on photography.

Item 8
Letter from Clement Byrne Christesen, incomplete, 4 Jan 1978. Mainly about the death and funeral of Ian Turner.

Item 9

Item 10
Letter from John Mill Couper, 26 Mar 1965. John Couper was editor of *Poetry Magazine* at the time of writing. Letter is about Nancy Cato's poem, 'Bulldozer II' which was published in *Poetry Magazine* number 2, 1965.

Item 11

Item 12
Letter from Charles Duff, 17 Mar 1957. Comments on Cato's *The Darkened Window*, as well as other literary and personal news.

Item 13
Letter from Darcy Dugan, 29 Dec 1977. Mainly about Dugan's views on racial superiority.
Item 14
Christmas card from Mary Durack, 197-?.

Item 15

Items 16 – 28
13 letters from Vivienne Rae Ellis, 1 Apr 1975 to 13 Sep 1976. Some typescript letters have handwritten annotations by Vivienne Ellis and Nancy Cato. Letters relate to their joint authorship of Queen Trucanini.

Item 29
Letter from Fellowship of Australian Writers, Queensland Section, 9 Oct 1967. Invites Nancy Cato to join the Fellowship.

Item 30
Letter from William Edward Harney. Incomplete, last leaf only. Refers to Aboriginal words meaning goodbye.

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Items 32 – 38
7 letters from Gwen Harwood, 9 Feb 1964 to 13 Nov 1977. Personal and literary news. Postcards are Sappho cards.

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Item 51
Letter from Poetry Society of Australia, 2 Dec 19--. Comments on Roy MacGregor Hastie and Kenneth Slessor.

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Item 59
Letter from Thomas William Shapcott, 13 Sep 1968

Item 60
Letter from Vivian Brian Smith, 18 Jan 1951. Letter comments on his poem entitled 'St David's Park, Hobart'. This poem was published in the *Bulletin*, 4 Jan. 1950.

Item 61
Letter from Ann Stanford, 19 Mar 1972. Letter acknowledges receipt of books and comments on poems in Cato's *The Dancing Bough*. Also comments on the women poets seminar that she is to conduct.

Items 62 – 63

Item 64
Letter from Ric Prichard Throssell, 5 Oct 1970. Refers to Katharine Susannah Prichard and thanks Nancy Cato for her comments about Prichard.

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Item 67
Letter from Ian Turner, 7 Aug 1958. Comments on Cato's intended participation in a delegation to the USSR.

Item 68
Letter from Kath Walker (later known as Oodgeroo Noonuccal), 18 Jul 1970. Comments on her acceptance of the M.B.E.

Item 69
Letter from Arnold Wall, 10 Aug 1957. Thanks her for sending copy of her poems and comments on poetry.

Item 70
Postcard from Judah Leon Waten, 1972.

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Items 72 – 74

Items 75 – 86
12 letters from St. Martin's Press, New York, 26 May 1976 to 8 Sept. 1989. Relating to publication of All the Rivers Run. Many of the letters are from Hope Dellon, Associate Editor; several letters incomplete.

Series C: Manuscirpts, [197-] to [198-?]

Item 1

Item 2
Brown Sugar: notes - [197-?]. Research notes. 65 leaves.
Item 3

*Queen Trucanini*: a novel by Nancy Cato and Vivienne Rae Ellis. Early draft. [197-?]. [207] leaves. Typescript (some carbon copies). With handwritten emendations. Title page has title as *Trucanini*.

Item 4

*Queen Trucanini*: a novel by Nancy Cato and Vivienne Rae Ellis. Second draft. [197-?]. [410] leaves. Typescript (carbon copy). With handwritten emendations. Typescript is enclosed by a paper jacket containing title information, author's address and two illustrations.

Item 5

*Queen Trucanini* Notes and comments. [197-?]. [49] leaves. Typescripts (carbon copy). With handwritten emendations. Contains comments on the manuscript, research notes and some draft pages.

Item 6

Biographical note about Vivienne Rae Ellis and Nancy Cato. Written by Nancy Cato. [197-?]. 1 leaf, typescript. Note refers to their research on Trucanini and Aboriginal history.

Item 7

*Nin and the Scribbles*. Early draft. [197-?]. Children's story. 28 [ie 27] leaves (leaf 27 is missing). Also 8 unnumbered leaves of rewrites of various pages accompany the draft. Typescript with handwritten annotation.

Item 8


Item 9


Item 10

*Accident* - [197-]. 1 leaf, handwritten of poem. Other unassociated notes written on back of page.

Item 11

*The Heart of the Continent* - [198-?]. Typescript, marked up by copy editor for typesetter.
Item 12
The Heart of the Continent - [198-?]. [Book 1?]. Typescript, some handwritten emendations; random pages.

Item 13
The Heart of the Continent - [198-?]. Book 2. Typescript, marked up by copy editor for typesetter.

Item 14
The Heart of the Continent - [198-?]. Early chapters/alternatives. Typescript with handwritten emendations.

Item 15
The Heart of the Continent - [198-?]. Research material.

Series D: Miscellaneous, 1934 to 1971
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