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Biographical Note

From Simon & Schuster Author Page: "Before being named Distinguished Scholar of Children's Literature at Marquette University, Barbara Elleman served as editor of the children's section of *Booklist* magazine and then as editor-in-chief of *Book Links*, both published by the American Library Association. Prior to that, she worked as a school library media specialist and as a public librarian. She has been a judge for the American Book Awards among others and served on the 2000 Caldecott committee and twice on the Children's Literature Legacy Award committee (2003 and 2009). In 1999, Putnam published her first book, *Tomie dePaola: His Art and His Stories*. Following that, she coauthored (with Russell Freedman) *Holiday House: The First Sixty-Five Years* (2000), and *Virginia Lee Burton: A Life in Art* (Houghton, 2002). In relocating to Massachusetts, Barbara donated her thousand-plus, often-signed picture book collection to The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, where her substantial reference collection about children's literature resides in the Barbara Elleman Research Library, referred to as the BERL."

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Acquisition Note/ Scope and Content of the Collection

The *Virginia Lee Burton: A Life in Art* Research Material, Barbara Elleman Collection was gifted to the Cape Ann Museum by Elleman in October 2009 upon the completion of her exhibit at The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Massachusetts. The exhibit, *Those Telling Lines: The Art of Virginia Lee Burton*, ran from March 24 through June 21, 2009.

Much of the material in the collection was originally compiled by Elleman during her research for her 2002 publication, *Virginia Lee Burton: A Life in Art*. The collections consist of proof copies of the publication, edited manuscripts, research files, magazines, catalogs, and photographs.

Container List

File 1: Copy of A Life in Art in Japanese

Books:

- A. *Better Than Beauty the Life and Work of Jeanne d'Orge*, Jane Wilgress
- B. *An Eames Primes*, Eames Demetrios

Box 1 Folder 2

File 2: Miscellaneous Photos

- A. 19 Photos from Barbra Elleman-Photos from Jennifer Studio- Byere the Sale
- B. 48 Photos
- C. 49 Photos of Exhibit at Haggerty Museum Marquette University 2002
- D. 58 Photos Mike Mulligan Day Photos + Visit to Mike & Aris Demetrios homes

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File 3: *Mike Mulligan and Mary Anne and Some Others*, sketches, original illustrations from her books & hand blocked textiles by Virginia Lee Burton

Box 1 Folder 4

File 4: Book Catalogs

- A. Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, Fall 2002 Pg 2 & 3
- B. *Bulletin*, Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators', Sept- Oct 2002 Pg 5
- C. *Booklist*, December 1, 2002, Pg 695
- D. Preview of the Fall Regional Fairs, Publishers Weekly, August 19, 2002, Pg 32
- E. Martha's KidLit Newsletter for Children's Book Collectors, July-August 2002 Pg 4

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File 5: Book Catalogs & Reviews

- A. School Library Journal, August 2002 Pg 48
- B. Books Links, August-September 2002 Pg 25
- C. Preview Massachusetts, March 2009 Pg 18
- D. *An American Original*, Vogue, May 2008 Pg 156

Box 1 Folder 6

File 6: *A Life in Art*- Houghton Mifflin

Three Copies of Celebrate the life of Caldecott Medalist Virginia Lee Burton

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File 7: Five Photos of Statue by George Demetrios

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File 8: Notebook, research

A. Notebook

Full Manuscript: 5 Copies *A Life in Art*, Virginia Lee Burton, Original version No File Note from Kim to Barbara

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File 9: Aristides Demetrios

A. Aristides Demetrios Sculpture

B. Aristides Demetrios: States of Being

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File 10: Horn Books, January-February 1949

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File 11: Book Catalogs

A. The Company of Books Ninth Issue Pg. 8-9

B. The Common Reader Catalog No. 232 Pg. 8

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File 12: Research Material

A. *Virginia Lee Burton (1909-1968)*

B. Letter to Michael Demetrios from Morton Schindel on Pictures of time at Folly Cove Dec 1, 1975

C. *Sculptor Lover of Life* by Virginia Bohlin Sept. 10, 1963

D. *Why I Still Treasure "The Little House"* by Anne Tyler. New York Times Book Review, Nov 9, 1986

E. *Virginia Lee Burton 1909-1968* by Karen Hoyle

F. *American Writers for Children, 1900-1960* by John Cech Dictionary of Literary Biography Vol. 22

G. *The Storytellers: Virginia Lee Burton, Hardie Gramatky, H.A. Rey, Don Freeman, Bill Peet* 1978

H. *Virginia Lee Burton, 1942 Caldecott Winner* by Grace A Hogarth June 15, 1943

I. The Horn Book- *Virginia Lee Burton's Dynamic Sense of Design* by Lee Kingman October 1970

J. *Virginia Lee Burton's Dynamic Sense of Design* by Lee Kingman

K. *Symphony in Comics* by Virginia Lee Burton July 1941

L. *Virginia Lee Burton*

M. *A Book Production Story* by Jean Poindexter Colby March 1948

- N. *The Little House-Caldecott Medal Books: 1938-1957, Horn Book Magazine*
- O. Illustrators of Children's Books 1967-1966 Joanna Foster Biographies *Burton, Virginia Lee*
- P. Elementary English, Virginia Lee Burton April 1967
- Q. Biographical Paper by Grace Allen Hogarth *Virginia Lee Burton, Creative Artist* 1943
- R. *Their Theme Is Cape Ann* by Betty Smith, The Cape Anne Country Man 1958
- S. *Ways of the Illustrator: Visual Communication in Children's Literature* by Joseph H. Schwarcz 1982
- T. *The Picture Book Comes of Age: Looking at Childhood Through the Art of Illustration* by Joseph and Chava Schwarcz 1991
- U. *A Critical History of Children's Literature: A Survey of Children's Book in Wnglish, Prepared in Four Parts Under the Editorship of Cornelia Meigs* by Cornelia Meigs Anne Thaxter Eaton Elizabeth Nesbitt Ruth Hill Viguers 1969
- V. Houghton Mifflin Company Sent Catalog Pages from Kathleen Rourke to Barbra Elleman
- W. *Belinda & the Singing Clock*, Ethel Calvert Phillips, Note and Pages
- X. *Bing! Bang! Crash! Slam! It's Mike Mulligan and Mary Anne! Why Children's Books?* The Horn Book Vol 9, No 1
- Y. *Her Life's Like an Open Book!* By Marie Hardiman
- Z. *Books and Two Small Boys* by L. Fleix Ranlett the Horn Book Nov 1945
- AA. *Fortunate Accident the Little House- Burton, 1942*
- BB. Art and Design in Children's Picture Books by Lyn Ellen Lacy 1986
- CC. *Writer, designer, illustrator Virginia Lee Burton focus of Cape Ann Historical Association exhibit* by Elisabeth Clark Dec 26, 1991
- DD. *A Lesson in Opportunity* by Roger W. Babson October 9, 1945
- EE. *Goodbye, Mike Mulligan: A children's book reminds us of the inevitability of change* by Robert J. Samuelson Newsweek Dec 19, 1994
- FF. *The Mike Mulligan Moment: Computers may be dumb, but they're not too dumb to take your job* by Robert Wright Time, May 26, 1997
- GG. *Books That Last* by Norine Odland Nov/Dec 1987
- HH. *Get 'Em While They're Young* by Charles Clark Vol. 64 p 162-163
- II. *Laughing All the Way to Burbank* by Jay Leno Readers Digest Nov 1998, Pg 32
- JJ. *To Folly Cove Designers* Gloucester Daily Times July 31, 1964
- KK. Email Barbara Elleman the Christian Science Monitor 03/5/02
- LL. *The Little House* National Observer March 13, 1967
- MM. NY Times Book Review by Anne F. Eaton Dec 6, 1942
- NN. *The Folly Cove World of Jinnee and George Demetrios* by Mary Maletskos Cape Anne Historical Association Vol Six No. 3 July-Sept 1986
- OO. Virginia Lee Burton Death Announcement Oct 15, 1968
- PP. "...Children's books" Gloucester (Mass.) Daily Times, July 22, 1966
- QQ. *Design For Youth: Story of Rockport Women Who Hibernate in Summer and Who Are Active in the Winter* by June McConnell the Boston Herald March 24, 1943
- RR. *The Child's First Books: A Critical Study of Pictures and Texts* by Donnarae MacCan & Olga Richard 1973
- SS. *Newbury and Caldecott Awards: A Bibliography of First Editions* by Irvin Kerlan

- TT. *How Children Respond to Art* by Perry Nodelman SLJ School Library Journal Dec 1984
- UU. *Maybelle the Cable Car* by Virginia Lee Burton New Books of Merit Fall 1996
- VV. *Children's Literature from A to Z: a guide for parents and teachers* by Jon C. Stott
- WW. *Fairy Tales and After: From Snow White to E.B. White* by Roger Sale
- XX. *Books From Children*

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File 13: Thoughts on Burton by Aino Clark

- A. Note to Harold from Aino Clark Jan 29, 1989
- B. 12 Pages on Virginia Lee Burton

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File 14: Corrections to *A Life in Art* manuscript

- A. Houghton Mifflin To Barbara Elleman from Kim and List of Peoples names
- B. Research Notes
- C. Chapter Notes Additions
- D. Bound Gallery Proofs
- E. Burton Art Layout
- F. Insertions
- G. Permission Questions
- H. Captions
- I. Answers back to you Email Kim and Barbara
- J. Replies to Revision Requests
- K. More Queries Email Kim and Barbara
- L. Update Email Kim and Barbara
- M. Proof Sheets Email Kim and Barbara
- N. Message from copy editor Email Kim and Barbara
- O. Comments Email Kim and Barbara
- P. Itinerary Email Kim and Barbara
- Q. Copyedited ms. Email Kim and Barbara
- R. Flap Copy Kim and Barbara
- S. Last Paragraph and Bio Email Kim and Barbara
- T. Conduct Preview Barbara Elleman from Houghton Mifflin
- U. Emails Anita Silvey Ellen Barbara
- V. Anita Silvey to Leave Houghton Mifflin Company

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File 15: Cherry Foundation papers

- A. Jane Wilgress and Barbara Elleman Letters May 9, 2003
- B. Letters Barbara Elleman from Cherry Foundation
- C. Email Barbara Elleman from Robert Campbell Carpenter Hall

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File 16: Dick Berkenbush

- A. Drawing By VLB of Berkenbush

- B. Letter To Barbara Elleman from Dick Berkenbush
- C. Email From Dick Berkenbush from Barbara Elleman Mike Mulligan
- D. *Mike Mulligan's Fate* Two Copies
- E. *Mike Mulligan and Mary Anne* by Adelaide Janes
- F. Letter to Dick Berkenbush from Barbara Elleman

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File 17: Emails and Letters, Houghton Mifflin

- A. Classic Stories by Virginia Lee Burton Postcard
- B. Letter Houghton Mifflin to Barbara Elleman from Andrea Pinkney
- C. Letter to Andrea from Barbara Aug 25, 2003
- D. Email From Elleman to Pinkney-Burtons Book
- E. Email From Kim Keller to Barbara Elleman-New Email Address
- F. Email From Barbara Elleman to Andrea Pinkney-Greetings
- G. Email From Eden Edwards from Barbara Elleman- Japanese Rights
- H. Letter From Masae Miyagi from Barbara Elleman
- I. Letter From Barbara Elleman to Masae Miyagi
- J. Letter From Barbara Elleman to Masae Miyagi
- K. Envelope From Barbara Elleman to Masae Miyagi
- L. Letter From Masae Miyagi to Barbara Elleman
- M. Letter From Barbara Elleman to Masae Miyagi
- N. Letter From Masae Miyagi to Barbara Elleman
- O. Letter From Stephanie McLaughlin Houghton Mifflin to Writers, Editors, and Producers
- P. Letter From Stephanie McLaughlin Houghton Mifflin to Writers, Editors, and Producers
- Q. Barbara Elleman Tour Cities and Dates and Pictures

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File 18: Burton family letters, notes, emails

- A. Email From IMAGINEL To Barbara Elleman- Book Option
- B. Email From Hannah Rodgers to Barbara Elleman- Questions
- C. Email From Eames Demetrios to Barbara Elleman- Hello
- D. Wine Label Windsor Vinyards *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* 1996
- E. Holiday Card From Mike and Eleanor Demetrios to Barbara Elleman
- F. Email From Eleanor Demetrios to Elleman- Life in Art
- G. Email From Lisa Demetrios to Barbara Elleman- Mistaken Address
- H. Email From Barbara Elleman to Llisa Demetrios- Virginia Lee Burton
- I. Email From Llisa Demetrios to Barbara Elleman- Virginia Lee Burton
- J. Email From Barbara Elleman to Llisa Demetrios- Virginia Lee Burton
- K. Email From Llisa Demetrios to Barbara Elleman- Virginia Lee Burton
- L. Holiday Card From Mike and Eleanor Demetrios
- M. Email From Mike Demetrios to Barbara Elleman- Folly Cove
- N. Email From Llisa Demetrios to Barbara Elleman- Virginia Lee Burton
- O. Letter From Lee to Barbara Elleman
- P. Letter From Lee to Barbara Elleman
- Q. Letter From Barbara Elleman To

- R. Letter From Barbara Elleman to Lee
- S. Letter From Lee to Barbara Elleman
- T. Barbara Elleman Notes
- U. Letter From Lee to Barbara Elleman
- V. Letter From Lee to Barbara Elleman
- W. Letter From Barbara Elleman to Lee
- X. White Pages and Letter from Barbara Elleman to Mrs. John Lentz

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File 19: Research materials #2

- A. Photocopies of Images at Cape Anne Museum
- B. News article Picture Book Prize Winner Maintains Delightful Home by Ethel M. Eaton
Christian Science Monitor Jan 25, 1944
- C. Emails From Leigh Corra and Barbara Elleman- Book About Virginia Lee Burton
- D. Self-Expression Virginia Burton, 1927
- E. Two Block Prints of Kids Climbing Trees
- F. Bing! Bang! Crash! Slam! Its Mike Mulligan and Mary Anne! By Amy L. Cole Why
Children's Books? The Horn Book Vol 9 No. 1
- G. *Virginia Lee Burton Trip to Japan* by Momoko Ishii the Horn Book Magazine
- H. Letter From James Mustich to Barbara Elleman
- I. Letter From Barbara Elleman to Director of California College of Arts and Crafts
- J. Emails From Cindy Cardozo to Barbara Elleman
- K. Emails From Rita Smith from Barbara Elleman
- L. News Articles and Emails from Gail Goss and Barbara Elleman
- M. Letter From Barbara Elleman to Mary Cossgrave
- N. Emails From Barbara Elleman to Guin
- O. *All-Time Bestselling Children's Books* by Diane Roback and Jason Britton Publishers
Weekly Dec. 17, 2001
- P. Roadtrip America, *The Age of Shovelry*
- Q. Five in a Row the FIAR Archives *Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel* by Virginia Lee
Burton
- R. Henry Taylor Parker 1867-1934
- S. Notes Barbara Bader
- T. Thoughts on Design from Jamie de Paola
- U. Newbury Cadott Awards
- V. *The Literature of Comics* by Calvin Reid Publishers Weekly Oct. 16, 2000
- W. Letter From Mary E. Bogan Emporia State University to Barbara Elleman
- X. Licensed Products Mike Mulligan
- Y. Letter From Barbara Elleman to A.O. Scott
- Z. Letter From Kathleen Bonner to Peggy Hogan the Carl Cherry Foundation
- AA. Letter From Peter McGregor to Virginia Lee Burton
- BB. Letter From Berthat Mahony Miller to Virginia Lee Burton the Horn Book Inc.

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- A. Letter From Melissa Gruntkosky to Barbara Elleman Houghton Mifflin Company
- B. Envelope From LK Natti To Barbara Elleman "Made in Folly Cove" Program/Notes
- C. Haggerty Museum of Art Virginia Lee Burton Schedule
- D. Letter From Cane Karp to Barbara Elleman
- E. Letter From Anne Malcolmson von Storch to Barbara Elleman
- F. Article Cape Ann Symphony Orchestra presents Mike Mulligan
- G. Advertisement for Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel Musical
- H. Email From Carol Stachewicz to Lillian Nolan- Children's Literature Conference
- I. Mark Your Calendar
- J. *Golden Oldies* by Elizabeth Ward
- K. Virginia Lee Burton, The Book, Conference, Exhibition
- L. Letter From Lee to Barbara Elleman
- M. Booklinks Advertisement Virginia Lee Burton A Life in Art
- N. Virginia Lee Burton A life in Arts
- O. Email From Aris Demetrios from Barbara Elleman
- P. Hero's in Fact and Fiction
- Q. Letter From Elizabeth Moody to Barbara Elleman
- R. Beyond Mike Mulligan Publishers Weekly Oct. 14, 2002
- S. Letter From Karen Nelson Hoyle, Curator at the University of Minnesota to Barbara Elleman
- T. Letter From Tom Barron to Barbara Elleman
- U. Burton's Illustration comings to Haggerty
- V. News Article Burton's Work Hasent Lost Its Charm by Sharon Miller Cindrich Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- W. News Article Burton's Work Hasent Lost Its Charm by Sharon Miller Cindrich Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
- X. Booklist Mark Your Calendar by Stephanie Zvirin
- Y. Marquette Tribune Cherished illustrator celebrated at Haggerty
- Z. Spotlight Shines in Children's Books Author Haggerty News
- AA. Email From Ginny Moor Kruse to Barbara Elleman
- BB. Letter From Byron Family to Barbara Elleman
- CC. Two Mike Mulligan Postcard
- DD. Two News Articles Gloucester Celebrates Writers Boston Sun and Steamer Saved by Greg Cook Daily News and How We Learned to Love Steam Shovels by Kandis Sarnowski Gloucester Daily Times
- EE. Gloucester Lyceum and Sawyer Free Library and Folly Cove Heritage Association present: Virginia Lee Burton A Life in Art Three Copies
- FF. Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel based on the book by Virginia Lee Burton
- GG. News Advertisement Mike Mulligan and His Shovel Musical
- HH. Lifeline Theatre Barbara + Don Signed Program for Mike + Aris
- II. Advertisement Mike Mulligan Musical
- JJ. Of Interest to Adults Riverbank Review Virginia Lee Burton A Life in Art
- KK. Ruminator Review

- LL. *Islander to Give Presentation on Famed Children's Book Author* by Rick Catlin
- MM. Coming in April
- NN. Island Branch Library Barbara Elleman
- OO. Kerlan Collection Children's Literature Research Collections
- PP. Featured Authors Virginia Lee Burton Life Story, Mike Mulligan, Song of Robin Hood, The Little House
- QQ. Nonfiction *Girls will be Girls* by JoAnn Deak New Titles Pioneer Press
- RR. Article *Lasting Legacy* by Bart Ripp SoundLife the News Tribune
- SS. Letter From Andrea Grimes to Barbara Elleman San Francisco Public Library
- TT. Email From Sandy Austin Stein to Barbara Elleman- I enjoyed your book "A life in Art"
- UU. Article *Mike Mulligan captures the joy of childhood* by Nancy Maes Tempo Jan 27, 1998
- VV. *Familyfare* by Nancy Maes Chicago Tribune Jan 16, 1998
- WW. *Play Doesn't Run Out of Steam* by Kid Zone Chicago Sun Times Jan 23, 1998
- XX. *Lifeline charms in update of Mike Mulligan's' Classic Take* Sara Burrows Lerner News-Star
- YY. To See or Not to See Chicago Sun- Times May 22, 1998
- ZZ. Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel Chicago Reader July 24, 1998
- AAA. Mike Mulligan Musical Advertisement
- BBB. Five Articles
- CCC. Letter From Stephen & Bonnie Simon to Barbara Elleman

Box 1 Folder 21

File 21: Reproductions of sketches, notes for Caldecott speech, letters

- A. Photocopies of VLB Notebooks
- B. Letter From Rex Stout to Virginia Lee Burton the Authors Guild of the Authors League of America, Inc.
- C. Letter From Austin Olney to Virginia Lee Burton Houghton Mifflin Company
- D. Photocopy of VLB Notebook
- E. Photocopy of VLB Sketchbook
- DDD. Photocopy of Expert of VLB on Illustrators

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File 22: Folly Cove designers, Houghton Mifflin letters, *Rules and Regulations*

- A. Photocopy of VLB Notes
- B. Photocopy Letter from Virginia Lee Burton to Paul
- C. Photocopy Letter from Paul Brookes to Virginia Lee Burton
- D. Things which should be in By-Laws
- E. Two Illustrations of Folly Cove Designers
- F. Photocopy Letter from Virginia Lee Burton to Paul
- G. Blue Packet Folly Cove Designers