

MS 5223

Virago Press Archive

1972-1983

This archive collection contains records pertaining to the founding of and early business operations of Virago Press, including financial; stock; sales; and correspondence records. It also includes the financial records and correspondence relating to Carmen Callil Ltd (Callil's own publicity company) which formed in the 1970's briefly preceding and coinciding with the Virago Press; Carmen Callil Ltd helped finance the Virago Press.

Virago Press briefly began as Spare Rib books (in 1972) but Spare Rib then continued as a feminist Magazine; Carmen Callil eventually renamed the publishing business, Spare Rib Books, to Virago Press in 1973.

The covering years for records relating to Carmen Callil Ltd begin in 1972 continuing until 1975 but these dates coincide with records relating to Virago Press.

The records relating directly to the Virago Press largely cover the early 1980's continuing until 1982. The earlier records cover the founding of Virago Press, with brief reference to the other individuals that helped Carmen Callil finance Virago (notably individuals from Quartet Books). Most of this archive comprises of financial records. Other records such as stock, sales and correspondence records largely refer to the production of various Virago book titles. Indexes of the Virago Press titles published between 1977-1981 are included with the stock records [MS 5223/PR].

It is important to note that though there are brief references to Spare Rib, this archive does not hold records relating to the feminist magazine, you can find digitised images of this magazine and further information at The British Library.

record formats include: receipts; chequebooks; invoices; stock records/files; operational correspondence; meeting minutes and one edited author manuscript.

15 boxes

MS 5223/AC Accounting and Financial records

Includes financial records belonging to Carmen Callil Ltd and Virago Press. Some files may include records that belong to both Carmen Callil Ltd and Virago.

records include: receipts (including petty cash receipts); cheque books and cheque stubs; bank account statements; correspondence with accountants and bank manager/employees and various invoices.

8 boxes

MS 5223/AC/1/1 Receipts
1972-1973

General receipts relating to expenditures pre-opening of bank account, including food and drink, clothing; and professional service received. Receipts also relate to the application for a telegraphic address to the post office. Folder also contains a television broadcast receiving licence

1 folder

MS 5223/AC/1/2 Barclays Bank account records
April 1972-March 1973
includes: a guarantee to Barclays Bank Ltd with list of directors and specimen signatures, regarding the bank account for Carmen Callil Ltd; correspondence between Callil and Barclays regarding bank transfers, overdraft amounts and reference to her work for Davis Poynter; debit notes; cheques; bank account statements; lists of expenses.

1 folder

- MS 5223/AC/1/3** Credit card invoices and receipts
1972-1973
Invoices and receipts relating to bank account cards:
American Express; Blue Star Garages and Barclay Card
- 1 folder
- MS 5223/AC/1/4** Cheque book stubs and Invoices
1972-1973
Folders contains Barclays Bank cheque book stubs and
invoices pertaining to publicity services rendered by Callil to
individuals and publishers, particularly in regard to work for
Davis Poynter Ltd.
- 2 folders
- MS 5223/AC/1/5** Cash books
July 1972- April 1974
Callil's handwritten cashbooks denoting weekly accounts
- 1 folder with 2 cashbooks
- MS 5223/AC/1/6** Receipts
1972-1973
General receipts, contains receipt in account with Spare Rib.
Receipts have been divided by Month and include general
expenditure on food and drink; laundry; utility receipts;
vehicle maintenance; type setting receipts; credit card
statements and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 3 folders

MS 5223/AC/1/7 Receipts
1st April 1973-31st March 1974
receipts relating to various office and business expenditures
including store receipts; utility bills, travel, and subsistence.
[A4 sheets with mention of Quartet books mark sections in
the folder]

1 folder

MS 5223/AC/1/8 Receipts
February 1973- March 1975
Receipts also contain reference to Virago, and regard
business expenditure relating to subsistence expenses,
premise expenses, equipment expenses; wage expenses;
stationery expenses. Other financial records include banking
records relating to Barclay card statements; midland bank
statements; and American Express card invoices

[slips of paper within the folders denote original sections act
as dividers]

2 folders

MS 5223/AC/1/9 Invoices
April 1973-March 1974
contains: Barclays bank paying in books and Callil's
instructions to accountants. Callil provides her own
summary of records she has included in typed notes to her
accountant, including legal and professional charges (filed
as sundries); donations (filed as subscriptions); value of
sales to overseas customers; bank charges (filed as
sundries); petty cash expenses; sales and debtors;
outstanding expenses

Virago accounts are mentioned within this file, but in
reference to the fact that no income has been made so
expenses have not been provided, as per advice given to
Callil.

1 folder

MS 5223/AC/1/10 Cheque books; bank; and credit card statements
1973-1975
Contains bank statements and cheques which are signed
by Callil. Also contains credit card accounts with American
Express, Barclay card and Access

4 folders (2 folders 2 envelopes)

MS 5223/AC/1/11 Bank statements and cheques
April 1974- March 1975 with statements included from
1973
contains cheques and bank statements, note on file states
that statements have been included from the previous year

1 envelope

MS 5223/AC/1/12 Invoices, bank statements and petty cash book
1973-1975

includes Barclays bank account statements and invoices to
publishers; notice by the commissioner of customs and
excise. Folder also contains one bound petty cash book
with dates April 1 , 1973-1974
and April 1, 1974 - Nov 3 1974,
[please note that the small red book mentioned on the
cover was not present at the time of cataloguing]

1 folder

- MS 5223/AC/1/13** Receipts, invoices, and bank statements
1975-1976
Contains statements of accounts; midland bank interest charges; general invoices and receipts; withdrawals from building societies. [There are notes on bundle within folder which denote separation of records by month]
- 3 folders
- MS 5223/AC/1/14** Cheque books and stubs
1975-1977
cheque books and stubs including cheque with money paid to Virago
- 2 envelopes
- MS 5223/AC/2** Virago financial records
- Contains financial and accounting records pertaining to Virago
- MS 5223/AC/2/1** Correspondence with accountants and Barclays bank
1973-1976
This folder contains financial correspondence and records relating to both Carmen Callil Ltd and Virago, Limited including: Barclays bank ltd paying in books and slips; correspondence with accountants referring to both Carmen Callil Ltd and Virago Limited, includes mentions of a 50/50 share split with Ursula Owen;
- correspondence also relates to overdrafts and banking charges and a move to a new accountant. This folder also contains a copy of Barclays Bank Ltd guarantee relating to Virago Ltd.
- 1 folder

- MS 5223/AC/2/2** Home and export receipts and invoices
December 1978 - January 1980
Receipts and invoices relating to home and export book carriage and shipping including home and overseas invoices for book orders with various book shops. Receipts also contain reference to business with Wentworth Book Company distribution services.
Countries shipped to include South Africa, Germany, West Germany, New Zealand, France, Denmark Norway, Australia, Canada, Sweden, Finland, Malaysia, Belgium; Austria; UK, Spain.
- 3 folders
- MS 5223/AC/2/3** Export debt, Invoices
1978-1980
Invoices concerning debts owed to Virago, including correspondence between Kate Griffin and various clients.
- 1 folder
- MS 5223/AC/2/4** Invoices
1979-1980
Invoices regarding book sales in account with various clients in the UK; sales of inspection copies; some invoices include notes on payments overdue.
- 4 folders
- MS 5223/AC/2/5** Invoices, inspection copies, paid
1982
paid invoices regarding inspections copies of books sent to schools and colleges
- 3 folders

MS 5223/AC/2/6 Invoices, inspection copies, unpaid
1982
Unpaid invoices relating to inspection copies sent to schools,
colleges, and other clients. Handwritten notes in the file also
detail dates of reminders sent to clients

1 folder

MS 5223/AC/2/7 Receipts
December 1980 - May 1981
Includes receipts regarding book production and general
business expenses. Receipts include editorial and layout
design, typing services, royalty payments; petty cash; text;
free publicity; sales commission for sale representatives;
proof reading charges; permission fees; royalties; stationery;
photocopying; advances paid to publishers; renting office
space; travel; salaries; magazine subscriptions and notes to
accountants.

petty cash receipts mention key personnel

please note these folders has A4 paper dividers to mark
months as sections.

2 folders

MS 5223/AC/2/8 Receipts
March 1981 - August 1981
Receipts regarding book production and general business
expenditure, receipts include: petty cash claims; bank
transfers; advertising; editorial and layout design, for text,
binding, and book cover design; office premises and rent;
sales commission; sale representatives; consultancy fees;
proof reading fees; salaries; warehouse freight; book and
sales orders; travel and subsistence; notes to accountants.

3 folders

MS 5223/AC/2/9 Receipts
Various dates covering May -December 1981
General receipts relating to general expenditures and receipts relating to book production. Receipts include: editorial and design (including text and art); book binding; salaries; advance; advertising and promotional costs; sales representative commission; rights payment; magazine subscription renewals; food and drink receipts and petty cash claims. Folder also contains statement of sales for Ireland and Europe.

4 folders

MS 5223/AC/2/10 Accounts and receipts
December 1981-February 1982
Receipts relate to the production of books and general business expenditure, (including some personal finance), records include: editorial design and layout invoices for specific Virago book titles; invoices for book advances; plate making; type setting; book launch; newspaper and magazine subscriptions; petty cash claims; Callil's pension scheme; general expenses; photocopying; agents commission; printing charges; freight charges; copyright charges; restaurant receipts; parking and valet charges; promotional expenses; interest rates on loans; stationery; pallets;

2 folders

MS 5223/AC/2/11 Routledge charges, statements, and correspondence
1980-1981
Details sales information, statements and cash owed to Virago including home sales and export sales. Some countries include Holland; Canada. Australia; New Zealand; South Africa. Relating to their business with Routledge.

The folder also contains notes to Kate Griffin and brief correspondence with Kate Griffin about altered sales figures.

3 folders

MS 5223/AC/2/12 Cheque book stubs and paying in books
1st of March 1981 - 28th of February 1982
Cheque Book Stubs and Pay in Books relating to business transactions

2 folders

- MS 5223/AD** Administrative Records
1977-1982
This series holds general administrative records; includes meeting minutes; financial reports; sales correspondence

1 box, 2 folders
- MS 5223/AD/1** General meeting notes and memos
1977-1980
File contains general operational records including meeting notes; meeting minutes; staff notices; internal memos regarding financial matters including sales figures and budgets; notes on sales conferences; notes on promotional activities including exhibitions; book fair reports; reports of number of titles published. Also includes newspaper/magazine clippings.

2 folders
- MS 5223/AU** Author Files
April 1980
Contains a file relating to Virago Press author Cathy Porter and their work published by Virago Press
1 box, 1 folder
- MS 5223/AU/1** Alexandra Kollontai: A Biography. Manuscript by author Cathy Porter
April 1980
This folder contains files relating to Virago Press authors with the surname P

Contains an edited manuscript of 'Alex Kollontai' a biography written by Cathy Porter - it contains a cover note and editorial notes; note to the reader states that the edited manuscript is provided for translation purposes.

1 folder containing 1 item

- MS 5223/PP** Premises and Property records
1977-1982
records relating to the premises and office facilities;
equipment of CC Ltd and Virago Press

1 box, 2 folders
- MS 5223/PP/1** Office equipment records
1977-1982
This folder includes stock information from 1977-1978;
rental agreements for office equipment; correspondence
with Harriet Spicer regarding typewriters, printers and
paper orders; booklets advertising typewriter models
including typewriter specifications; typewriter guarantees;
typewriter maintenance contracts; 'Central Typewriters'
type samples; correspondence with Carmen Callil
regarding telex and a telex subscription and telex
applications; correspondence with interprint; Ansaphone
contracts with Carmen Callil; Ryman telesales invoices

1 folder
- MS 5223/PP/2** Office premises and equipment, correspondence
1980
correspondence regarding: surrendering lease to building;
service charges and rent; correspondence with Ryman
regarding faulty typewriters; applications for
telecommunication services; correspondence with post
office regarding postcode and property on Wardour Street
London; letters informing of address change; estimates
from a furniture removal company.

1 folder

MS 5223/PR

Production Records: Stock and Sales Records
1977-1982

Records relating to the production of Virago Press titles - including stock information such as book file stock lists; stock evaluation lists, stock and sales reports and monthly profitability reports

Includes various clients and book titles produced by Virago in the years 1970's and 1980's

Includes bound and unbound stock books; stock and book file computer print outs; stock reports.

This series also contains sales reports and royalty reports. [Sales information contained in this series is included as it could not be separated from stock records and stock information due to the original order of files]

Stock books have been indexed to provide lists of book titles which are found across this series.

4 boxes

MS 5223/PR/1

Stock Evaluation Lists
1977

Stock evaluation lists in relation to Virago's client: Wildwood House LTD.

Computer print outs titled:
July Stock Evaluation; October Stock Evaluation

Printed headings include: 'Stock Locn'; 'Current Stock'; 'Selling Price'; 'Gross Invoice Value'; 'Cost Price'; 'Cost Value'; 'Amount Written Down' 'Written Down Value',

Contains annotations in green pen

Titles may appear more than once denoted as 'Cloth' or 'Paper'
No author names are identified on the print outs

Index to computer print outs:

Titles featured in order they appear on the July print out:
Life As We Have Known It
Tamarisk Tree
Hard Way Up
Daughter of Earth

Titles featured in order they appear on the October print out:

Life As We Have Known It
Tamarisk Tree
Hard Way Up
Daughter of Earth
Love of Worker Bees
What Society Does to Girls
Sita
Sexual Politics

Product totals are listed on both print outs

1 folder (bundles of computer print outs)

MS 5223/PR/2

Sales and Stock Reports
1977-1980

Folder contains bundles of sales and stock reports. This folder also contains loose correspondence in the form of office memorandums which concern export information, stock sent to the warehouse, publication dates, price, and weight of books.

Also includes: sales information for various Virago titles.
Client Wildwood House

List of bundle titles:

bundle printout titled: February Sales and Stock Report: Run date 28th Feb - years: 1977; 1978
various months

bundle printout titled: December Sales and Stock Report:
Run date 21/12/1978
years: 1977-1978
various months,
various titles

bundle printout titled: December Sales and Stock Report:
Run Date: 30/12/1977:
year 1977

bundle printout titled: December Sales and Stock Report:
Run date 20/12/1979:
various titles, years: 77;78;79 (main year 79)

bundle printout titled: February sales and stock report; run date; 23/02/1979,
list of book titles
covering years: 77;78;79

bundle printout titled: February sales and stock report: run
date: 29/02/1980,
list of book titles, post it note on front with notes on royalty
year end and financial year end with
covering years: 78;79;80

bundle print out titled: February Stock evaluation: run date:
29/02/1980:

List of Virago Titles and product totals

1 folder of unbound bundles of computer print outs

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Print of Book files stock list
12/12/1980

Print of Book File as at 12/12/80

Authors: A-W: Aleramo - White
including book titles.

Information includes: royalties; adjustments; sales
information; price changes
stock

Index to printout as follows:

Aleramo: A Woman
[unnamed author]: Alice Through the Microscope
Anderson: Simple Steps to Public Life
Ashton: I Passed this Way
Ashton: Teacher
Bagnold: Diary without Dates
Beechey: Feminism and Marxism
Birke: Why Suffer?
Bishop: Diary of Helena Morley
Brittain- Testament of Experience
Brittain: Testament of Friendship
Brittain: Testament of Youth
Campling: Better Lives for Disabled Women
Virago Carrier Bags
Carter: Sadeian Woman
Chamberlain: Old Wives' Tales
Chassequet: Female Sexuality
Christina Stead Reader
Colegrave: Spirit of the Valley
Cousins: Make it Happy
Coussins: Taking Liberties
Ellman: Thinking about Women
Fairbairns: Benefits
Faulder: Talking to your Doctor
Figes: Patriarchal Attitudes
Garner: Monkey Grip
[unnamed author]: Half the Sky
Hall: Marie Stopes
Hardwick: Sleepless Nights
Harpwood: Tea and Tranquilisers
[unnamed author]: Health Care for Women
Hemer: Handbook for Widows
Holledge [sic]: Innocent Flowers: Women in Edwardian
Theatre

Wittig: Lesbian People
Hollidge: Scarlet Women
Hooper: The Body Electric
Itzin: Splitting Up
Johnson: Bad Connections
Kapp: Eleanor Marx: Volume 1
Kapp: Eleanor Marx: Volume 2
Kollontai-A Great Love
Kollontai: Love of Worker Bees
Lazarre: On Loving Men
Liddington: One Hand Tied Behind Us
Llewelyn: Life as We have Known it
Mackeith: New Women's Health Handbook
Macleod: The Art of Starvation
Macleod: Down to Earth Women
[Unnamed Author] Maternity
Millett: Sita
Millett: Sexual Politics
Minns: Bombers and Mash
Mitchell: The Hard Way U
Moller: Women in Western Political Thought
Morgan: The Female Wits: Restoration Women Playwrights
Newton: This Bed My Centre
Nicholson: What Society Does to Girls
O'Faolain: Not in God's Image
Olsen: Silences
Pankhurst: My Own Story
Pankhurst: Suffragette Movement
Pember: Round About a Pound a Week
Pinchbeck: Women Workers in the Industrial Revolution
Porter: Alexandra Kollontai
Reilly: Scars Upon my Heart
Rich: On Lies Secrets & Silences
Rich: Of Woman Born
Rosen: The Mamie Papers
Russell: The Tamarask Tree 2
Russell: The Tamarask Tree 1
Rusesell: The Tamarask Tree 2
Schreiner: Woman and Labour
Showalter: A Literature of Their Own
Smedley: Daughter of Earth
Smith: Me Again
Smith: The Holiday
Smith: Babel
Spring: Working Class Wives
Stead: Miss Herbert
Stone: Paradise Papers
Strachey: The Cause

Tikkanen: Manrape
Tracy: Amateur Passions
Ward: Shades of Grey
Washington: Any Women's Blues
White: The Hound and The Falcon
White: Strangers
White: Portrait of a Tortoise
Wilson: Finding a Voice
Wittig: Lesbian Peoples
[Unnamed author] Women in Society
Ashton: Spinster
Atwood: Surfacing
Atwood: Edible Woman
Bowles: Two Serious Ladies
Boyle: Plagued by the Nightingale
Carter: The Magic Toyshop
Cather: My Antonia
Cather: A Lost Lady
Cather: Professor's House
Cather: Death Comes for the Archbishop
Comyns: The Vet's Daughter
Eden: The Semi Attached Couple
Franklin: My Career goes Bung
Franklin: My Brilliant Career
Gilman: The Yellow Wallpaper
Gissing: The Odd Women
Glasgow: Virginia
Glasgow: The Sheltered Life
Grand: The Beth Book
Hall: The Unlit Lamp
Holmes: Shutter of Snow
Holtby: Anderby Wold
Holtby: The Crowded Street
Kennedy: The Ladies of Lyndon
Kennedy: Together and Apart
Lehmann: Invitation to the Waltz
Lehmann: Weather in the Streets
Mayer: The Third Miss Symons
Meredith: Diana of the Crossways
Olivier: The Love Child
Olsen: Tell me a Riddle
Olsen: Yonnondio
Paley: Enormous Changes at the Last Minute
Paley: The Little Disturbances of Man
Richardson: Pilgrimage
Richardson: The Getting of Wisdom
Richardson: Maurice Guest
Richardson: Pilgrimage 4 vol set

Richardson: Pilgrimage: V.1
Richardson: Pilgrimage: V.2
Richardson: Pilgrimage: V.3
Shaw: An Unsocial Socialist
Sinclair: Mary Oliver
Sinclair: Life & Death of Harriett Frea
Smith: Novel on Yellow Paper
Smith Over the Frontier
Stead: Beauties and the Furies
Stead: The People with the Dogs
Stead: Puzzleheaded Girls
Stead: A Little Tea, a Little Chat
Stead: Letty Fox: Her Luck
Stead: Letty Fox: For Love Alone
Stead: Letty Fox: Cotters England
Tennyson: Moonraker
Tennyson: Pin to See the Peepshow
Tennyson: The Laquer Lady
Townsend: Mr Fortune's Maggot
Townsend: True Heart
Webb: Precious Bane
Webb: House in Dormer Forest
Webb: Gone to Earth
Wells: Ann Veronica
West: The Judge
West: The Return of the Soldier
West: Harriet Hume
White: Frost in May
White: The Lost Traveller
White: The Sugar House
White: Beyond the Glass

1 folder of unbound computer printout

MS 5223/PR/4

Prints of Book files
1980-1981

Two concertina bundles, indexes to two bundles below:

Index of bundle titled: 'Print of book file as at: 13/01/81'

Aleramo: A Woman
[unnamed author]: Alice Through the Microscope
Anderson: Simple Steps to Public Life
Ashton: I Passed this Way
Ashton: Teacher
Bagnold: Diary without Dates
Beechey: Feminism and Marxism
Birke: Why Suffer?
Bishop: Diary of Helena Morley
Brittain- Testament of Experience
Brittain: Testament of Friendship
Brittain: Testament of Youth
Campling: Better Lives for Disabled Women
Virago Carrier Bags
Carter: Sadeian Woman
Chamberlain: Old Wives' Tales
Chassequet: Female Sexuality
Christina Stead Reader
Colegrave: Spirit of the Valley
Cousins: Make it Happy
Coussins: Taking Liberties
Ellman: Thinking about Women
Fairbairns: Benefits
Faulder: Talking to your Doctor
Figs: Patriarchal Attitudes
Garner: Monkey Grip
[unnamed author]: Half the Sky
Hall: Marie Stopes
Hardwick: Sleepless Nights
Harpwood: Tea and Tranquilisers
[unnamed author]: Health Care for Women
Hemer: Handbook for Widows
Holledge [sic]: Innocent Flowers: Women in Edwardian
Theatre
Wittig: Lesbian People
Holledge: Scarlet Women
Hooper: The Body Electric
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Lazarre: On Loving Men
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Pankhurst: My Own Story
Pankhurst: Suffragette Movement
Pember: Round About a Pound a Week
Pinchbeck: Women Workers in the Industrial Revolution
Porter: Alexandra Kollontai
Reilly: Scars Upon my Heart
Rich: On Lies Secrets & Silences
Rich: Of Woman Born
Rosen: The Mamie Papers
Russell: The Tamarask Tree 2
Russell: The Tamarask Tree 1
Rusesell: The Tamarask Tree 2
Schreiner: Woman and Labour
Showalter: A Literature of Their Own
Smedley: Daughter of Earth
Smith: Me Again
Smith: The Holiday
Smith: Babel
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Lehmann: Weather in the Streets
Mayer: The Third Miss Symons
Meredith: Diana of the Crossways
Olivier: The Love Child
Olsen: Tell me a Riddle
Olsen: Yonnondio
Paley: Enormous Changes at the Last Minute
Paley: The Little Disturbances of Man
Richardson: Pilgrimage v.4

Index of bundle titled: 'Print of book file as at: 25/01/80'

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Beechey: Feminism and Marxism
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Olsen: Yonnondio
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Paley: The Little Disturbances of Man
Richardson: Pilgrimage v.4
Richardson: Pilgrimage (Vol set 4)
Richardson: Pilgrimage Vol.1
Richardson: Pilgrimage vol 2

Richardson: Pilgrimage vol 3
Shaw An unsocial socialist
Sinclair- Mary Oliver
Sinclair: Life & Death of Harriet Freaan
Smith: Novel on Yellow Paper
Smith: Over the Frontier
Stead: Letty Fox: Her Luck
Stead: For Love Alone
Stead: Cotters England
Tennyson: Pin to See the Peepshow
Tennyson: Laquer Lady
Townsend: Mr Fortune's Maggot
Townsend: True Heart
Webb: Precious Bane
West: The Judge
West: The Return of the Soldier
West: Harriet Hume
White: Frost in May
White: The Lost Traveller
White: The Sugar House- detached from bundle
White: Beyond The Glass - detached from bundle

1 folder of unbound computer printouts; 2 bundles

MS 5223/PR/5

Monthly profitability printouts
31/12/1980

Folder containing computer printout:

Virago Monthly Profitability print out concerning monthly sale quantities year to date (since publication)

[Index features titles typed directly from print outs, following the original order of the document, titles may vary, authors name not always included]

Aleramo: A Woman
[unnamed author]: Alice Through the Microscope
Anderson: Simple Steps to Public Life
Ashton: I Passed this Way
Ashton: Teacher
Bagnold: Diary without Dates
Beechey: Feminism and Marxism
Birke: Why Suffer?
Bishop: Diary of Helena Morley
Brittain- Testament of Experience
Brittain: Testament of Friendship
Brittain: Testament of Youth
Campling: Better Lives for Disabled Women
Virago Carrier Bags
Carter: Sadeian Woman
Chamberlain: Old Wives' Tales
Chassequet: Female Sexuality
Christina Stead Reader
Colegrave: Spirit of the Valley
Cousins: Make it Happy
Coussins: Taking Liberties
Ellman: Thinking about Women
Fairbairns: Benefits
Faulder: Talking to your Doctor
Figes: Patriarchal Attitudes
Garner: Monkey Grip
[unnamed author]: Half the Sky
Hall: Marie Stopes
Hardwick: Sleepless Nights
Harpwood: Tea and Tranquilisers
[unnamed author]: Health Care for Women
Hemer: Handbook for Widows
Holledge [sic]: Innocent Flowers: Women in Edwardian Theatre
Wittig: Lesbian People

Holledge: Scarlet Women
Hooper: The Body Electric
Itzin: Splitting Up
Johnson: Bad Connections
Kapp: Eleanor Marx: Volume 1
Kapp: Eleanor Marx: Volume 2
Kollontai-A Great Love
Kollontai: Love of Worker Bees
Lazarre: On Loving Men
Liddington: One Hand Tied Behind Us
Llewelyn: Life as We have Known it
Mackeith: New Women's Health Handbook
Macleod: The Art of Starvation
Macleod: Down to Earth Women
[Unnamed Author] Maternity
Millett: Sita
Millett: Sexual Politics
Minns: Bombers and Mash
Mitchell: The Hard Way U
Moller: Women in Western Political Thought
Morgan: The Female Wits: Restoration Women Playwrights
Newton: This Bed My Centre
Nicholson: What Society Does to Girls
O'Faolain: Not in God's Image
Olsen: Silences
Pankhurst: My Own Story
Pankhurst: Suffragette Movement
Pember: Round About a Pound a Week
Pinchbeck: Women Workers in the Industrial Revolution
Porter: Alexandra Kollontai
Reilly: Scars Upon my Heart
Rich: On Lies Secrets & Silences
Rich: Of Woman Born
Rosen: The Mamie Papers
Russell: The Tamarask Tree 2
Russell: The Tamarask Tree 1
Rusesell: The Tamarask Tree 2
Schreiner: Woman and Labour
Showalter: A Literature of Their Own
Smedley: Daughter of Earth
Smith: Me Again
Smith: The Holiday
Smith: Babel
Spring: Working Class Wives
Stead: Miss Herbert
Stone: Paradise Papers
Strachey: The Cause
Tikkanen: Manrape

Tracy: Amateur Passions
Ward: Shades of Grey
Washington: Any Women's Blues
White: The Hound and The Falcon
White: Strangers
White: Portrait of a Tortoise
Wilson: Finding a Voice
Wittig: Lesbian Peoples
[Unnamed author] Women in Society
Ashton: Spinster
Atwood: Surfacing
Atwood: Edible Woman
Bowles: Two Serious Ladies
Boyle: Plagued by the Nightingale
Carter: The Magic Toyshop
Cather: My Antonia
Cather: A Lost Lady
Cather: Professor's House
Cather: Death Comes for the Archbishop
Comyns: The Vet's Daughter
Eden: The Semi Attached Couple
Franklin: My Career goes Bung
Franklin: My Brilliant Career
Gilman: The Yellow Wallpaper
Gissing: The Odd Women
Glasgow: Virginia
Glasgow: The Sheltered Life
Grand: The Beth Book
Hall: The Unlit Lamp
Holmes: Shutter of Snow
Holtby: Anderby Wold
Holtby: The Crowded Street
Kennedy: The Ladies of Lyndon
CHECK IF TITLE MISSING
Lehmann: Invitation to the Waltz
CHECK IF TITLE MISSING
Mayer: The Third Miss Symons
Meredith: Diana of the Crossways
Olivier: The Love Child
Olsen: Tell me a Riddle
Olsen: Yonnondio
Paley: Enormous Changes at the Last Minute
Paley: The Little Disturbances of Man
Richardson: Pilgrimage
Richardson: The Getting of Wisdom
Richardson: Maurice Guest
Richardson: Pilgrimage 4 vol set
Richardson: Pilgrimage: V.1

Richardson: Pilgrimage: V.2
Richardson: Pilgrimage: V.3
Shaw: An Unsocial Socialist
Sinclair: Mary Oliver
Sinclair: Life & Death of Harriett Frea
Smith: Novel on Yellow Paper
Smith Over the Frontier
Stead: Beauties and the Furies
Stead: The People with the Dogs
Stead: Puzzleheaded Girls
Stead: A Little Tea, a Little Chat
Stead: Letty Fox: Her Luck
Stead: Letty Fox: For Love Alone
Stead: Letty Fox: Cotters England
Tennyson: Moonraker
Tennyson: Pin to See the Peepshow
Tennyson: The Laquer Lady
Townsend: Mr Fortune's Maggot
Townsend: True Heart
Webb: Precious Bane
Webb: House in Dormer Forest
Webb: Gone to Earth
Wells: Ann Veronica
West: The Judge
West: The Return of the Soldier
West: Harriet Hume
White: Frost in May
White: The Lost Traveller
White: The Sugar House
White: Beyond the Glass

1 folder of bundle of unbound computer printout sheets

MS 5223/PR/6

Stock Memorandums
1969-1980

Folder containing internal office memos relating to office stock; export stock; stock levels and movement of stock, memos relate to various Virago titles and also contain information on selling price and publication dates. Memos also discuss stock taking. Order form 'January-June 1980' is included.

This folder also contains correspondence and stock memos relating to the company Wentworth Book Company Ltd, and with reference to Virago's book distributors: Wildwood House publishers. Correspondence is largely between Virago and Wentworth Book Co, specifically Harrier Spicer and Carmen Callil of Virago to Steve Apps of Wentworth Book Co; and Harriet Spicer to David Harrison of Wildwood House

1 folder

MS 5223/PR/7

Overseas stock
1977-1980

Information on the movement of overseas stock in largely regarding business with America and Australia. Containing information on shipping; shipped stock; damaged stock and returned stock relating to various Virago titles. Folder also contains correspondence, order invoices and packing lists.

1 folder

MS 5223/PR/8

Home stock, sales and royalty records
1977-1980

Virago home book sales, royalties, and stock information,
covering the dates: 1977-1980.

Containing sales reports and sales summaries; cash sales;
stock reports; stock checks; information on stock quantities
and royalty accounts. Folders also contain correspondence,
including letters regarding stock reconciliation and stock
discrepancies between Harriet Spicer Director of Virago to
Dieter Pevsner of Wildwood House Ltd.

3 folders

MS 5223/PR/9

Bound stock book
1977-1978

includes columns: Date. To whom, invoice number;
discount; unpaid; paid; paid to bank; to whom; no of
copies; dates

Index:

What society
Life as We Have Known it
Sexual politics
Tamarisk Tree
Hard Way Up
Sita; (paper)
Stir (case)
Of Woman Born (paper; case)
Love of Worker Bees (paper; case)
Daughter of Earth (case; paper)
Suffragette Movement (paper; case)
Maternity (case; paper)
Woman and Labour (case; paper)
Womens Health
Widows [handbook for]
The Cause
Talking to your Doctor
Testament of Youth

1 bound stock book

MS 5223/PR/10

Stock Book, titled: '1977 titles'
1980-
Unbound handwritten stock ledger titled: '1977 Titles Stock
Book'

Dates range within volume:1980-1983

Column headings include: 'Date'; 'To Whom'; 'Inv no';
'Office Home'; 'Office Export'; 'Routledge Home';
'Routledge Export'; 'Discount'; 'Unpaid'; 'Paid' 'Into Bank'
'Frees, Office Rent'

Unbound stock ledger listing book titles and how many
copies of a certain title have been sent and to whom. Page
per book title - some titles feature on more than one page:

index to volume (titles are written as presented in the
volume)

Maternity
N. Women's Health Book
The Cause
Widows
Women and Labour
Talking to your Doctor
Testament of Youth
A Literature of Their Own
Patriarchal Attitudes
Frost in May
One Hand Tied Behind Us
Health Care
Mr Fortune's Maggot
The True Heart
Letty Fox
For Love Alone
Manrape
Make it Happy
Diary Without Dates
Marie Stopes
Babel
Finding a Voice
Precious Bane

1 folder - unbound bundle

MS 5223/PR/11 Stock Book, titled '1978 titles'
1978-1982
This volume also contains sales information

Index of book titles as follows:

Life as We have known it
Tamarisk Tree
The Hard Way up
Daughter of Earth
Sexual Politics
Sita (paper)
What Society [does to girls?]
Of Woman Born
Love of Worker Bees
Suffragette Movement (case; paper) - price rise

1 folder-unbound paper bundle

MS 5223/PR/12 Stock Book
1979-1980
Includes columns: Date; To whom; Inv no; Office Sales;
Office Export Sales; WBC Home sales; WBC; Disc; unpaid;
paid; into bank; office frees; Wbc frees

Round About A Pound A Week
Taking Liberties
My Own Story
A Woman Case
Thinking About Women
Eleanor Marx (multiple Volumes)
Sadeian Woman (Case? paper)
The Holiday
Surfacing
Not in God's Image
Enormous Changes
Womens Health Handbook/New Women's Health
Handbook
The Cause
Widows
Women in Labour
Talking To Your Doctor
Testament of Youth
A Literature of Their Own
P. Atts/ P. Attitudes [Patriarchal Attitudes]
Frost in May

One Hand Tied Behind Us (Case, paper)
Health Care
Mr Fortunes Maggot
The True Heart
Letty Fox
For Love Alone
Manrape
Make it Happy
Diary Without Dates
Marie Stopes
Babel
Finding a Voice (Case, paper)
Precious Bane
Over The Frontier
Two Serious Ladies
The Spirit of the Valley
Better Lives
A Pin to See the Peepshow
The Lacquer Lady
The Lost Traveller
The Sugar House
Beyond The Glass
Bad Connections
Testament of Experience
Half the Sky (paper)
Maimie Papers
Why Suffer
Benefits (case, paper)
Miss Herbert
Semi Attached Couple and Semi Attached House
The Paradise Papers
Gone to Earth
Pilgrimage (Boxed Sets: Vol1; Vol 2; Vol 3; Vol 4;
Maternity (paper)
Monkey Grip
Beth Book
A Lost Lady
My Antonia
Alexandra Kollantai (paper; case)
The Edible Woman
Little Disturbances of Man
Harriet Fren
Mary Oliver
The Body Electric
Novel on Yellow Paper
Anne Veronica
Diana of the Cross Ways (Meredith?)
The Odd Women (Gissing)

An Unsocial Socialist
Simple Steps to Public Life
This Bed my Centre (Case; paper)
The Judge
Return of the Soldier
Harriet Hume
Alice Through the Microscope (paperback)
My Brilliant Career
Third Miss Symons
Cotters England
Testament of Friendship
Splitting Up
Women in Western Political Theory
Tell Me a Riddle
Yonnondio
Silences (paperback)
On Lies Secrets Silences
Teacher
I Passed This Way
Lesbian Peoples
Sleepless Nights
Bombers and Mash
Hound and the Falcon

1 unbound stock book

MS 5223/PR/13 Stock book titled '1981 titles'
1980

Index to volume as follows:

Working Class Wives
Female Sexuality
The Unlit Lamp
The Vets Daughter
Women Workers and the Industrial Revolution
A Great Love
The Art of Starvation
Strangers
Stutter of Snow
The Love Child
Plagued by the Nightingale
The Getting of Wisdom

Maurice Guest
Amateur Passions
Yellow Wallpaper
My Career Goes Bung
House in Dermer Forest
Innocent Flower
The Female Wits
Shades of Grey
The Magic Toyshop
Diary of Helena Morley
Invitation to the Waltz
Weather in the Streets
Moonraker
Death Comes for the Archbishop
The Professors House
The People with the Dogs
A Little Tea a Little Chat
Christina Stead Reder
Women in Society
Virginia
The Sheltered Life

Ladies of Lyndon
Together and Apart
Smith Postcards
Me Again
Tea and Tranquillisers
Old Wives Tales
Portrait of a Tortoise
Scar Upon My Heart
On Loving Men
The Crowded Street

folder containing 1 unbound stock book

MS 5223/PR/14

Stock book
1980-1982
Handwritten stock book

Column headings include to whom, invoice number; Office Home; Office Export; Routledge Home; Routledge export; Discount; unpaid; paid; into Bank.

Over the Frontier
Monkey Grip
Beth Book

A Lost Lady
My Antonia
Alexandra Kollontai
Edible Woman
Little Disturbances of Man
The Tamarisk Tree (case/Paper)
Harriet Freaun
Mary Oliver
The Body Electric
Novel on Yellow Paper
Ann Veronica
Diana of the Cross Ways
The Odd Woman
Unsocial Socialist
Simple Steps
This Bed my Centre (case; paperback)
The Judge
The Return of the Soldier
Harriet Hume
Alice Through the Microscope (Hard Back)

My Brilliant Career
Third Miss Symons
Cotters England
Testament of Friendship
Splitting Up
Women in Western Political thought
Hound and the Falcon
Tell me a Riddle
Yonnandio
Silences (case; paper)
On Lies, Secrets, Silences
Spinster
Teacher
I Passed This Way
Lesbian Politics
Sleepless Nights
Bombers & Mash

1 folder containing unbound stock book

MS 5223/PR/15

Stock Book
1980-1983
Index to volume:

Round About a Pound a Week
My Own Story
A Woman [title as written in index]
Thinking about Women
Eleanor Marx
Sadeian Woman
The Holiday
Surfacing
Not in God's Image
Enormous Changes at the Last Minute
2 Serious Ladies
Spirit of the Valley
Better Lives
A Pin to See the Peepshow
The Lacquer Lady
The Lost Traveller
The Sugar House
Beyond the Glass
Testament of Experience
Half the Sky
Maimie Papers
Why Suffer
Benefits Case
Miss Herbert
Some Attached Couple
The Paradise
Paper
Gone to Earth
Pilgrimage Vo1 1; 2; 3; 4

1 folder containing 1 unbound stock book

MS 5223/PR/16 Book People and McGraw Hill stock transfer records 1978-1979
records and correspondence relating to a stock transfer from the Book People to McGraw Hill, main correspondents are William Kosky & Associates (barristers and solicitors) and McGraw-Hill Book Company; some telegrams with Book People. File also includes stock checks; notes on damaged stock with the Book People; total stock transferred from to McGraw Hill report on the status of book people; publisher creditor list

1 folder

MS 5223/PR/17 Sales, orders, and correspondence with Australia 1979-1982
Orders and correspondence largely concerning Virago's business with McGraw Hill (Australia) but also relates to book trade in Australia, with some reference to business in New Zealand. Main Virago correspondent in the file is Kate Griffin (sales manager) with some letters from Carmen Callil. File contains: stock and sale reports; information on stock transfers; shipment freight charges.

Subjects matters include business with McGraw Hill including leaving/ terminating business with McGraw Hill and stock transfer.

Other companies included in correspondence: Sisters Publishing; Australia and New Zealand Book Copy Ltd; George Allen and Unwin (Australia), Book Collective Party; William Heineman (Australia); International Booksellers Federation Australia

3 folders

- MS 5223/PR/18** Export and sales records
1981- 1982
Records include order forms; book lists; statement of sales; turnover; memos; invoices, and accounts regarding export, distribution and trade with international clients and book shops. Including correspondence between various sales and publishers representatives; book sellers and Kate Griffin (Sales Director) of Virago, relating to trade with the West Indies, Europe; Scandinavia; South Africa; West Africa; Japan; and Holland
- 1 folder
- MS 5223/PR/19** Correspondence with booksellers
1980- 1982
Correspondence between Kate Griffin sales manager of Virago and a variety of booksellers and customers.
- 1 folder
- MS 5223/PR/20** Sales correspondence and sales analysis, United Kingdom
1978- 1981
File relating to sales in England and Scotland. Containing meeting notes and correspondence with Sidgwick and Jackson who in the year of 1980 agree to be UK sales representatives for Virago and includes signed contract between Virago and Sidgwick and Jackson, including details on commission. Further correspondence between Virago and other booksellers included. Other records include internal memos; invoices; bestseller lists; sale figures.
- 1 folder

MS 5223/PR/21 Records relating to Wildwood House Ltd, John Wellsman & Son and Boxer Books
1977-1980
General records relating to business with Wildwood House Ltd (book distributor), John Wellsman and Son and Boxer Books. Including: Correspondence; memos; statements of sales; commission due; invoices; remittance advice

1 folder