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Collection title: Mary Harrison Dumsch Papers
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Provenance: The papers were donated by Mary Harrison Dumsch, the sister of Michigan author Jim Harrison (RHC-16) in 2008.

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Biographical note: Mary Harrison Dumsch is the fourth of five children of Winfield Sprague Harrison and Norma Olivia (Wahlgren/Walgren) Harrison. She is the sister of Michigan poet and author Jim Harrison (born James Thomas Harrison).

Collection description summary: The Mary Harrison Dumsch papers consist of personal records and published writings collected by Dumsch by and about the life and work of Michigan-born writer Jim Harrison. The Dumsch collection, in part, duplicates materials found in the Jim Harrison papers, but also includes many unique items.

The collection includes handwritten correspondence by Harrison, primarily to his mother, one early letter to his sister Judy; promotional materials from publishers, producers, and event coordinators; photographs including 3 unique early images of Harrison as a young man; copies of magazines, calendars, and other publications that include Harrison's writings; and newspaper clippings of interviews and articles about Harrison. See Jim Harrison papers (RHC-16) for additional materials in all series.

Arrangement: The collection is organized in 3 series: 1) Personal files, 2) Articles, and 3) Interviews, articles about JH, and clippings

Container List

Box 1

Series 1: Personal files

- Personal files include Commencement Program (Jim Harrison), Haslett High School, Class of 1956, May 27, 1956; Commencement Program (Harrison spoke at the graduation of his daughter Anna Harrison), The Leelanau School, Class of 1989, June 3, 1989; award announcement; biographical sheet.
- Correspondence from Jim Harrison to his mother, sister Judy, and aunt, 1950s-1990s.
- Photographs include personal and public relations photos.
- Promotional materials include flyers and PR packets for the movie *Revenge* and publisher's catalogs.
- Calendars produced by the War Resister's League 1968 Peace calendar, *Out of the War Shadow*; the Friends of the Detroit Public Library 1982 calendar; and the 1990 Western Wilderness Calendar. All include Harrison's writing.

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Series 2: Articles by JH

- "Fresh Unusual Words" (reviews) for *NYTBR*, Apr. 28, 1968.
- "Yesterday" for *Sports Illustrated*, August 31, 1970
- "Grim Reapers of the Land's Bounty" in *Sports Illustrated*, Oct. 11, 1971.
- "To Each His Own Chills and Thrills" in *Sports Illustrated*, Feb. 7, 1972.
- "Old Faithful and Mysterious" in *Sports Illustrated*, Feb. 14, 1972.
- "Where the Chase Is a Song of Hound and Horn" in *Sports Illustrated*, March 20, 1972.
- "Only 100 Pounds? Turn Him Loose" in *True*, April 1972.
- "Three Novels: Comic, Cute, Cool" review of Barry Hannah's *Geronimo Rex*, Talbot Spivak's *The Bride Wore the Traditional Gold*, and John Hopkins' *Tangier Buzzless Flies* (reviews) for *NYTBR*, May 14, 1972.
- "The Mad Marlin of Punto Canero" in *True*, June 1972.
- "A Machine with Two Pistons" in *Sports Illustrated*, Aug. 27, 1973.
- "Guiding Light in the Keys" in *Sports Illustrated*, Dec. 3, 1973.
- "Sporting Life Recaptured" in *Sports Illustrated*, Oct. 14, 1974.
- "A Sporting Life" for *Playboy*, Jan. 1976.
- "Salvation in the Keys" in *Esquire*, June 1976.
- "A River Never Sleeps" in *Esquire*, Aug. 1976.
- "Hemingway Fished Here" in *Esquire*, July 1977.
- "Legends of the Fall" (complete novella), in *Esquire*, January 2-16, 1979.
- "Night Walking" in *Rolling Stone*, March 26, 1987.
- "The Changing Face of Northern Michigan" in *Michigan Living*, April 1987.
- "Sporting Food" in *Smart*, Fall 1988.
- "Don't Fence Me In" in *Conde Nast Traveler*, March 1989.

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- "Meals of Peace and Restoration" in *Smart: Sporting Food*, March–April 1989.
- "Hunger, Real and Unreal" in *Smart*, May-June 1989.
- "Then and Now" in *Smart*, July-Aug. 1989.

- "Consciousness Dining" in *Smart*, Sept–Oct 1989.
- "The Tugboats of Costa Rica" in *Smart: Sporting Food*, Nov.–Dec. 1989.
- "Sunset Limited" in *Smart*, Jan-Feb 1990. First appearance of shorter version of novella *Woman Lit By Fireflies*.*
- "Midrange Road Kill" in *Smart*, March–April 1990.
- "The Panic Hole" in *Smart*, May 1990.
- "Piggies Come to Market" in *Smart*, June 1990.
- "Woman Lit by Fireflies" in *The New Yorker*, July 23, 1990. First appearance of excerpt from novella.
- "The Fast" in *Smart*, Oct–Nov 1990.
- The Raw and the Cooked columns. *Esquire*, 1991-1993.
- "Great Poems Make Good Prayers" in *Esquire*, October 1993.
- "Julip: An Entertainment" in *Esquire*, March 1993. First appearance of novella.
- "A Hunting Pal" in *Sports Afield*, Oct., 1995.
- "Great Poems Make Good Prayers" for *Esquire* 60th Anniversary, Oct. 1993.
- "A Hunting Pal: On good friends and foul weather" for *Sports Afield*, Oct. 1995.
- "First Person Female" in *The New York Times Magazine*, May 16, 1999.
- "Eating French: Time for Some Deep Thinking About Real Food" for *Men's Journal*, Nov. 1999.
- "The Beast God Forgot to Invent" (fiction), in *Men's Journal*, June 2000.

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- "The Road" in *Men's Journal*, May 2002.
- "The End of Nature" in *Men's Journal*, Aug. 2002.*
- "Father Daughter" (fiction), in *The New Yorker*, March 29, 2004.
- "Fifty Days on the Water" in *Field & Stream*, May 2004.*
- "A Really Big Lunch" in *The New Yorker*, Sept. 6, 2004.
- Letters to the editor "Controller's Strike in *Detroit Free Press*, 1981; "This is Hunting?" [undated and unidentified pub]; quote in undated and unidentified *Orvis* catalog.
- Magazines with no obvious Harrison content.

Series 3: Interviews, articles about JH, and clippings

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- "Poetry in the Sixties—Long Live Blake! Down with Donne!" (review) by Louis Simpson in *New York Times Book Review*, Dec. 28, 1969.
- "Outlyers and Ghazals" (review) in *New York Times Book Review*, July 18, 1971.
- "Wolf: A False Memoir (review), in *Saturday Review*, December 25, 1971.
- "Jim Harrison: A New Voice from Hemingway's Hills" by Dennis C. Knickerbocker in *The Grand Rapids Press*, Dec. 26, 1971.
- "Finally, we were Left Alone, Just Me and My Bike" (article by Thomas McGuane), in *Sports Illustrated*, February 21, 1972.
- "A New Voice from the North Country: A Portrait of the Prodigal Poet Who Came Home to Michigan" by Eric Siegal in *Detroit Free Press*, April 16, 1972.
- "Marching to a Different Drummer" in *Sports Illustrated*, Nov. 4, 1974.*
- "Barnyard Love" (*Farmer* review), in *Newsweek*, August 30, 1976.
- "Writer Jim Harrison: Work, booze, the outdoor life—and an absolute rage for order," published in the *Detroit Free Press*, June 5, 1977.
- "The Passionate Few" in *Harper's*, June 1978.

- “A Writer on the Rise” (letters to the editor regarding *Legends of the Fall* novella), in *Esquire Fort Nightly*, February 13, 1979.
- “Revenge” in *Esquire*, May 8, 1979.*
- “Writers of the Purple Rage” in *Detroit News Magazine*, August 17, 1980.
- “The West’s new writer’s: A roundup: In *Vive la France*, Jan. 1-8, 1982.
- “Legends of the North” in *Grand Rapids*, August 1982.
- “Chapter and Verse” in *Detroit Free Press*, March 25, 1984.
- “An Interview with Jim Harrison” in *Missouri Review*, 1985.
- “The Softer Side of a Macho Man” in *Detroit News*, March 6, 1988.
- “Northern Visions: Poetry from the Third Coast,” in *Traverse: The Magazine*, November 1988. Poems from *The Theory and Practice of Rivers* appear.
- “The Sporting Club: Twenty Years with Tom McGuane and Friends” by Jim Fergus in *Outside*, March 1989.

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- “Food and Love” (letter to the editor regarding Jim Harrison) in *Smart*, July-August 1990.
- “The Woman Lit by Fireflies” (review), in *Entertainment Weekly*, August 24, 1990.
- “Earthly Impressions” (article about Russell Chatham) in *Pacific*, Dec. 1, 1991.
- “North Star” in *Chicago Tribune Magazine*, August 30, 1992
- “Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?” in *Premiere*, March 1994.
- “Lord Jim” in *Grand Rapids*, May 1998.
- “The Road Home” (review), in *The New York Times Book Review*, November 8, 1998.
- “On-the-Job Learning” in *Muses*, 1998-99.
- “Editor’s Note” in *Traverse: The Magazine*, January 2002.
- “Conversations with Jim Harrison” (review), in *Mississippi*, Spring/Summer 2002.
- “A Legend for the Fall: Jim Harrison to Speak at Gardens” in *Seasons*, Sept–Nov 2003.

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- Newspaper clippings, c. 1965-2007, n.d.