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Nancy Cato Collection

Size	4 boxes
Contents	Letters, chiefly to Vivienne Rae-Ellis, related to <i>Queen Trucanini</i> ; incoming correspondence; manuscript drafts of <i>Brown sugar</i> , <i>Queen Trucanini</i> , <i>Nin and the Scribbles</i> , and <i>The heart of the continent</i> ; notes and research material.
Biography	Nancy Cato was born in Adelaide. She was a cadet journalist and art critic on the <i>Adelaide News</i> until the late 1950s, when she became a freelance writer. She edited the <i>Jindyworobak Anthology</i> (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 <i>All the Rivers Run</i> , <i>Green Grows the Vine</i> and <i>Brown Sugar</i> . 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

4 letters; letter 13 Feb. 1952 Rex Ingamells to Charles Moses; 3 letters to St. Martin's Press, New York. 13 Feb. 1952 to 24 Apr. [198-?].

Series B: Correspondence, Incoming 1949 to 1989

Item 1

Letter from Shirley Abacair, 2 May 1961. Refers to Cato's novel *Green Grows the Vine*, literary agents and the skipper of the *Rothberry*.

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

Letters from John Jefferson Bray, 24 Dec 1965 and 6 Sep 1971. Contain both literary and personal news.

Item 6

Letter from Kay Brown, 14 Feb 1980. Contains personal and literary news.

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

Letter from Clement Byrne Christesen, 4 Feb 1980. Contains personal and literary news.

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

Letter from E (Eugenie) Dombrovskaja, 21 Jan 1969. Contains literary and personal news.

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

Letter from Mary Durack, 13 Feb 1979. Sends congratulations on a book being published.

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.

Item 31

Letter from Max Harris, n.d. Written on Mary Martin Bookshop customer's report postcard. Refers to fees paid for book reviewing.

Items 32 – 38

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

Item 39

Letter from Bernard Hesling, n.d. Contains personal news.

Item 40

Letter from Ernestine Hill, 8 Dec 1970. Personal news.

Item 41

Letter from Flexmore Hudson, 24 Jan 1969. Personal news.

Item 42

Letter from Rex Ingamells, 6 Nov 1946. Letterhead: Jindyworobak. Letter concerns publishing Nancy Cato's poems by Jindyworobak.

Item 43

Letter from Florence James, 12 Jun 1974. Contains personal news.

Item 44

Letter from Nancy Keesing, 28 Aug 1950. About poem for inclusion in *The Jindyworobak Anthology* and Nancy Cato's book *The Darkened Window*.

Items 45 – 46

2 letters from Nancy Keesing, 20 Oct 1978 and 18 Feb. 1979. Personal and literary news.

Item 47

Letter from C.J. (Christopher John) Koch, 7 Nov 1965. Concerns reviews of a book by Koch.

Item 48

Letter from James McAuley, 16 Dec 1965. Letterhead: *Quadrant*. Letter comments on Cato's short story, 'The Olive Stealers' and thanks her for signing letter supporting Soviet writers.

Item 49

Letter from Robert Hay Morrison, 23 Apr 1971. Contains personal news.

Item 50

Letter from Douglas Henry Pike, 26 May 1969. Letterhead: *Australian Dictionary of Biography*. Letter refers to an entry for the *Australian Dictionary of Biography*.

Item 51

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

Item 52

Letter from Hal Porter, 8 Aug 1964. Letter comments briefly about his writing.

Items 53 – 54

2 letters from Katharine Susannah Prichard, 23 Nov 1962 and 9 Aug 1967. Thank Nancy Cato for a book and comment on Prichard's book, *Subtle Flame*.

Items 55 – 57

3 letters from Roland Edward Robinson, n.d.; 17 July, 1949 and 25 Sept. 1959. Letter 107/B/55 is undated and incomplete. Letter 107/B/56 is incomplete. Contain personal and literary news.

Item 58

Letter from Colin Arthur Roderick, 11 Oct 1966. Letterhead: University College of Townsville. Acknowledges receipt of books and seeks information for an essay on Nancy Cato.

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

2 letters from Kylie Tennant, 13 Nov 1957 and 10 Mar 1959. Contain literary and personal news.

Item 64

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

Item 65

Letter from Anne Tregenza, 20 Oct 1967. Contains personal news.

Item 66

Letter from Margaret Trist, 16 Jan 1978. Contains personal and literary news.

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.

Item 71

Letter from Helen Wilson, 24 Jul 1980. Contains literary and personal news.

Items 72 – 74

3 letters from Judith Wright, n.d.; 26 Oct 1969 and 25 May 1970. Contain literary and personal news.

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: Manuscripts, [197-] to [198-?]**Item 1**

Brown Sugar: A Novel of Early Queensland, 1972. [368] leaves. Typescript with handwritten emendations. Handwritten note on first leaf: Rough draft. Handwritten note on last leaf: Retyped, June 28, 1973. Foliation irregular throughout ms.

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

Nin and the Scribbles - Final draft. [197-?]. Children's story - published by Jacaranda Press in 1977. [18] leaves. Typescript with handwritten emendations. Printer's instructions written on some pages.

Item 9

Marina - [197-]. Poem - 4 leaves. Handwritten and typescript with emendations. Four drafts of poem. Published in the *Age* - 8 Apr. 1972, p.12.

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**Item 1**

Lyre Bird Writers, 1951? Announcement for four books of Australian poetry. 1 printed leaf. Announces the publishing of *Language of the Sand* by Roland Robinson, *The Darkened Window* by Nancy Cato, *Imminent Summer* by Nancy Keesing and *With Cypress Pine* by Ray Mathew.

Item 2

Scrapbook compiled by Nancy Cato, 1934 to 1971. 1v. Mss and clippings. Photocopied in Dec. 1971 from the original scrapbook retained by Nancy Cato. Contains letters, clippings, reviews and folders of personal interest collected by Nancy Cato.

Series Listing

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