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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Patricia Grinager Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1870-2001

**Bulk Dates:** 1975-1982

**ID no.:** MSS85252

**Creator:** Grinager, Patricia, 1918-1999

**Extent:** 6,500 items

**Extent:** 19 containers

**Extent:** 7.7 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2005085252>

**Summary:** Anthropologist, educator, and assistant to anthropologist Margaret Mead. Notes, correspondence, clippings, photographs, and scholarly articles related to her book, *Uncommon Lives: My Lifelong Friendship with Margaret Mead*.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Grinager, Patricia, 1918-1999.

Mead family.

Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978--Friends and associates.

Mead, Margaret, 1901-1978.

### Subjects

Anthropologists.

Anthropology.

Women anthropologists.

### Occupations

Anthropologists.

Educators.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Patricia Grinager were given to the Library of Congress by Dana Raphael in 2005. Several additions were given by her between 2005 and 2009.

## Processing History

The papers of Patricia Grinager were arranged and described by Elizabeth Livesey in 2020.

## Related Material

Related collections in the Manuscript Division include the Margaret Mead Papers and South Pacific Ethnographic Archives (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms009117>) and the Rhoda Métraux Papers (see <https://hdl.loc.gov/loc.mss/eadmss.ms008041>).

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Patricia Grinager in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Patricia Grinager are open to research. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Patricia Grinager Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1918, June 26	Born, Fergus Falls, Minn.
1942	Married Raymond E. Powers (divorced 1962)
1954-1957	Assistant to Margaret Mead, American Museum of Natural History, New York, N.Y.
1956	B.S., anthropology, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1957	M.A., anthropology, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1964	Ph.D., anthropology, higher education, and mass communications, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.
1969	Married Edgar W. Trecker (died 1971)
1969-1978	Professor of anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
1999, Oct. 1	Died, Waukesha, Wis.
1999, Nov. 1	Publication of <i>Uncommon Lives: My Lifelong Friendship with Margaret Mead</i> . Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Patricia Grinager (1918-1999) span the years 1870-2001, with the bulk of the material dating from 1975 to 1982. The collection primarily comprises reference materials compiled by Grinager in the writing of her book, *Uncommon Lives: My Lifelong Friendship with Margaret Mead*.

Materials include correspondence, notes, publications, clippings, photographic materials, and typed transcriptions of lectures and interviews, chiefly related to Margaret Mead, but also to Mead's family members, friends, colleagues, and romantic partners. Also present in the collection are a substantial number of photocopied letters and notes collected from archival repositories across the country, many of which are from the Margaret Mead Papers and South Pacific Ethnographic Archives at the Library of Congress. Some of these photocopied materials are annotated by Grinager or are arranged along with her related notes. Grinager's collected research details the majority of Mead's life, including her childhood and family, education, career, subject areas of interest and fieldwork, and her general demeanor and temperament. Additionally, a small amount of materials relate to Grinager's own education and career as an anthropologist and educator.

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Arranged alphabetically by subject or by type of material.

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