

Martens, Freda R. H.; Papers

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on July 22, 2025.

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
Biographical Sketch	3
Scope and Contents	4
Arrangement of the Collection	4
Administrative Information	4
Controlled Access Headings	5
Collection Inventory	6

Summary Information

Repository:	M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives
Title:	Freda R. H. Martens Papers
ID:	apap153
Date [inclusive]:	1961-1985
Physical Description:	0.66 cubic ft. processed to date.
Physical Location:	The materials are located onsite in the department.
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Freda R. H. Martens Papers contain reports and papers about her work in higher education in both California and New York.

Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows:

Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Freda R. H. Martens Papers, 1961-1985. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Martens Papers).

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Biographical Sketch

Freda Rose Hannah Barr Martens was born in Maryborough, Queensland, Australia to James Craig and Edith Bartlett- Barr. Martens emigrated to the United States in 1951 and became a naturalized citizen in 1954. Freda Martens received her teaching certification from Bishop Otter College at the University of Reading in 1942 and a diploma in geography from the University of London in 1946. She attended Oxford and later went on to receive an A.B. from Vassar College, and a masters form Columbia University in 1956. In addition, Martens received a doctoral degree form Harvard University in 1966. During the period of 1942-1949 Martens taught at various schools in England. She was the director of the Research Association at the

State University of New York at Albany in 1966-1967 and was also in charge of instructional research at Dutchess County Community College in Poughkeepsie, New York. Martens was a scholar of and advocate for higher education as displayed through her publications.

Freda Martens was involved with educational and political organizations including the Association for Higher Education, League of Women Voters, Democratic Party, and others. She married Richard G. Martens in 1950 and had one daughter, Jessica.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Contents

The papers of Freda R. H. Martens include her reports and papers about higher education in California and New York. Her writings are usually about community colleges, but also include the state university system. Her thesis from Harvard University is also included in the collection as is the Final Report on the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education from New York State. This report was not written by Martens.

For related collections in the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives consult the Education page of the Archives of Public Affairs and Policy.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement of the Collection

The collection is organized alphabetically. There are no series.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives

Revision Description

Encoded in EAD by T.J. Treharne 2014

Processing Information

Processed in 2003 by Amy C. Schindler and Michelle Ann Palmer.

Access

Access to this record group is unrestricted.

Copyright

The researcher assumes full responsibility for conforming with the laws of copyright. Whenever possible, the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives will provide information about copyright owners and other restrictions, but the legal determination ultimately rests with the researcher. Requests for permission to publish material from this collection should be discussed with the Head of Special Collections and Archives.

Acquisition Information

All items in this manuscript group were donated to the University Libraries, M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, before 1999.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

- State University of New York SUNY, Central Administration
- Education
- Community colleges--New York (State)
- Education--New York (State)
- Higher education and state--New York (State)
- Higher education and state--California.
- Universities and colleges--New York (State)
- Universities and colleges--California
- Reports
- Thesis
- Comparison
- Papers (document genres)
- Martens, Freda R. H.

- State University of New York.

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
<i>An Analytical Comparison of the Systems of Higher Education in New York and California</i> , by Freda Martens, 1962	Box 1 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 1
<i>Community College Strategic Planning and Management Control Reform in New York State-An Issue Paper</i> , by Freda Martens, 1983	Box 1 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 2-4
"Decision Making for Higher Education in New York State," PhD. Thesis, Harvard University, Freda Martens, 1966	Box 1 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 5
<i>Final Report on the Governor's Task Force on Higher Education</i> , 1975	Box 1 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 6
<i>The Growth of Higher Education in California</i> , by Freda Martens, 1961	Box 2 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 1
<i>The Present State of Higher Education in California</i> , by Freda Martens, 1962	Box 2 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 2
<i>The Present State of Higher Education in New York State</i> , by Freda Martens, 1961	Box 2 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 3
SUNY Community College Topical Papers, by Freda Martens, 1985	Box 2 (Freda R. H. Martens Papers)	Folder 4