

Gift of Frank Marchese, 2022

**Dates:** 1990-2022

**Extent:** 1 box (.3 metres)

**Biographical Note:**

Timothy Findley (1930-2002) was a Canadian novelist and playwright. Born in Toronto, Findley started his career in the arts by pursuing dancing and acting, including participating in the Ontario Stratford Festival's first season in 1953. He studied at the London Central School of Speech and Drama and starred in the premiere of Thornton Wilder's play *The Matchmaker* in 1954. Through Wilder, Findley met actress Ruth Gordon, who in turn encouraged him to pursue writing. He eventually left acting to focus exclusively on writing. Findley published a series of ten novels and three collections of short stories over the remainder of his career, starting with *The Last of the Crazy People* in 1967. Findley also continued to write plays and scripts for theatre and television, including in collaboration with his partner William Whitehead, whom he met in 1962. International acclaim for his third novel, *The Wars* (1977), including a Governor General's Award and 1983 film adaptation, established his literary reputation. The recipient of numerous awards, he was appointed as an officer of the Order of Canada in 1985. Findley also was heavily involved in activism and professional service, including serving as a founding member and Chair of the Writer's Union of Canada and President of the Canadian Chapter of PEN International. He died in 2001 at his residence in France.

Frank J. Marchese is an academic psychologist, poet, and instructor in the Department of Psychology at York University. He obtained his PhD in psychology from the University of Toronto in 1976 and has published in the fields of developmental psychology and the history of psychology, including *Coming into Being: Sabina Spielrein, Jung, Freud, and Psychoanalysis* (2015). As a poet, he has published four books of verse: *Verse in the Key of "C"* (2005), *Light and Dark* (2013), *Pandemic Poems and Other Musings* (2021), and *Return of the Confessed* (2022).

**Scope and Content:** Papers consist of 24 letters exchanged between Timothy Findley and Frank Marchese between 1990 and 2000. The letters discuss a shared interest in Ezra Pound and Findley's travel and writing activities, among other topics. Marchese's letters to Findley include signed photocopies, corrected typed copies, and printed copies from word processing applications. Letters from Findley are signed originals printed from word processing applications or typed with an electric typewriter and are accompanied by the original enclosing envelope. Also included is one letter between William Whitehead and Marchese.

**Custodial history:** Papers were donated by Frank Marchese in 2022.

Correspondence between Timothy Findley and Frank Marchese

**Notes:** Arrangement: Letters are arranged into folders by recipient and follow the original chronological order.

<b>BOX: FOLDER</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>CONTENTS and DATE(S)</b>
	<b>Letters between Timothy Findley and Frank Marchese</b>	
1:1	April 1990	1 TLS April 3, 1990 [2 pages] from Marchese to Findley 1 TNS April 16, 1990, from Findley to Marchese
1:2	July 1990	1 TLS July 10, 1990, from Marchese to Findley 1 TNS July 17, 1990, from Findley to Marchese
1:3	February 1992	1 TLS February 9, 1992, from Marchese to Findley 1 TNS February 15, 1992, from Findley to Marchese with photocopy of excerpt from Arthur Miller's <i>Timebends</i>
1:4	March 1992	1 TLS March 24, 1992, from Marchese to Findley 1 TLS March 27, 1992, from Findley to Marchese
1:5	June 1993	1 TLS June 7, 1993, from Findley to Marchese
1:6	August 1993	1 TLS August 29, 1993, from Marchese to Findley
1:7	September 1993	1 TLS September 7, 1993, from Findley to Marchese
1:8	March 1994	1 TLS March 20, 1994, with copy of Marchese's poem "Birthday Suite," from Marchese to Findley 1 TLS March 28, 1994, from Findley to Marchese
1:9	July 1995	1 TLS July 28, 1995 [2 pages], from Marchese to Findley
1:10	September 1995	1 TLS September 2, 1995, from Findley to Marchese
1:11	October 1995	1 TLS October 15, 1995 [3 pages], from Marchese to Findley
1:12	November 1995	1 TNS November 20, 1995, from Findley to Marchese
1:13	May 2000	1 TLS May 29, 2000 [2 pages], from Marchese to Findley
1:14	June 2000	1 TLS June 5, 2000, from Findley to Marchese 1 TLS June 11, 2000, from Marchese to Findley
1:15	September 2000	1 TLS September 18, 2000, from Findley to Marchese

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1:16	October 2000	1 TLS October 12, 2000 [2 pages], from Marchese to Findley 1 TLS October 30, 2000, from Findley to Marchese
1:17	November 2000	1 TLS November 12, 2000, from Marchese to Findley
1:18	Letter from William Whitehead to Frank Marchese	September 9, 2002 Photocopy of program for Timothy Findley's memorial service
1:19	Essay: 'How I Came to Timothy Findley,' by Frank Marchese	October 12, 2022 WP with signature from the author, outlines the author's relationship with Timothy Findley