

**MICK LOWE**

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## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Mick Lowe, author of Claire Culhane's biography One Woman Army (1992) was born in Omaha Nebraska in 1947. After living the first twenty-three years of his life in America, Mick Lowe emigrated to Canada in 1970. Soon after he emigrated, Mick Lowe had the opportunity to meet Claire Culhane.

After meeting Claire Culhane, Mick Lowe was overwhelmed with her endless drive to work for prisoners' rights. In a way both Claire Culhane and Mick Lowe were rebels. Claire worked tirelessly against every injustice ranging from American involvement in the Vietnam War to prisoner's rights to Canadian involvement in the Gulf War. Mick, on the other hand reacted to Canadian involvement in the Vietnam War by dodging the draft. Mick Lowe was intrigued by Claire Culhane's rebellious spirit and wanted to learn more about her. Therefore, it was not surprising that Mick Lowe applied for the job of writing Claire Culhane's biography. Claire Culhane chose Mick Lowe for the job in the spring of 1987.

Claire Culhane did not make a foolish choice by picking Mick Lowe to write her biography. By 1987, Mick Lowe had already established himself as a free-lance writer. He wrote articles for The Globe and Mail and Macleans. Aside from these articles, Mick Lowe wrote a book, his first, entitled: Conspiracy of Brothers: A True Story of Murder, Bikers and the Law, which the Crime Writers of Canada voted to be the best true crime book of 1988. With all this writing experience, Mick Lowe was well prepared to document Claire Culhane's diverse life history in One Woman Army in 1992.

## SCOPE / CONTENTS

The Mick Lowe Papers span the years 1900 to 1992 with most of the material pertaining to Claire Culhane's life. The Mick Lowe papers are composed of files, cassettes, and photographs kept by Mick Lowe for the purpose of writing his book One Woman Army. Virtually the entire Mick Lowe Collection are papers concerning Claire Culhane's letters and articles that were used in the writing of the biography. Most of the correspondence has been copied from the Claire Culhane Papers housed in the University of British Columbia Library, Special Collections and University Archives Division. This correspondence was separated into research files with specific subject headings by Mick Lowe. The correspondence included copies of letters that she had received or had written to the Correctional Service of Canada and other organizations. In addition, there are copies of letters Claire Culhane wrote and received from men and women in prisons.

However, the Mick Lowe Papers are not solely concerned with letters and writings coming from Claire Culhane herself. There are papers that came from Federal government files concerning her access to prisons. Aside from these papers, there are many papers that deal with Claire Culhane's correspondence with Mick Lowe in the process of his writing the book. Included in Claire Culhane's correspondence with Mick Lowe are her edited corrections of various stages of the book and her suggestions concerning omissions and errors. As part of Mick Lowe's work on One Woman Army, copies of the book at various stages are present so the reader can observe the changes from draft to draft.

The Mick Lowe Papers were kept in their original order whenever possible; however, some arbitrary decisions were made on material that was left unfiled.

## MICK LOWE PAPERS

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#### Correspondence

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- 1-1 Claire Culhane Life History Project 1975-1990
- 1-2 Claire Culhane - correspondence Re: Book and related items sent by Culhane to Lowe 1990-1992
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- 1-9 Articles about Claire Culhane 1970-1973, 1978-1980, 1983-1986, 1989-1990
- 1-10 Claire Culhane's articles 1976, 1984, 1987-1990
- 1-11 Claire Culhane: Her books 1979, 1985, 1990-1991
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- 1-13 Claire Culhane: Her correspondence re: Bid 1990-1992

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- 3-16 Articles about anarchy and communism 1977, 1989-1990, 1992
- 3-17 B.C. Penitentiary 1976
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- 4-1 Claire Culhane: correspondence with Noam Chomsky 1990-1991
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- 4-5 Claire Culhane: Prisons and her letters to the Correctional Service of Canada 1985, 1988-1992
- 4-6 Claire Culhane: Prisons and letters from the Correctional Service of Canada 1986-1990, 1992
- 4-7 Garry Culhane: 1941-1990
- 4-8 Alan S. Davidson: Letters to Sheri Fallis and, John Marren 1992
- 4-9 Claire Culhane: Gulf War 1991
- 4-10 Assorted articles about hearing loss 1989
- 4-11 Ivan Horvat 1979-1980
- 4-12 Claire Culhane: Articles and letters concerning Indochina and Laos 1954, 1956, 1968, 1972, 1992
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- 7-2 Mick Lowe's Notes about Claire Culhane for his book (Volume II) 1988-1989
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Manuscripts: One Woman Army

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- 7-5 Sheldon Fischer's edited copy of chapter three of Mick Lowe's book about Claire Culhane
- 7-6 Roisin Sheehy-Culhane's edited copy of chapter three of Mick Lowe's book about Claire Culhane

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- 8-3 Claire Culhane's editing suggestions for chapter five
- 8-4 Sheldon Fischer's edited copy of chapter five of Mick Lowe's book about Claire Culhane
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- 9-3 Ruth Reyno's edited copy of Mick Lowe's book about Claire Culhane from page i to 274 (November 5, 1990)
- 9-4 Claire, Dara and Roisin Sheehy-Culhane's edited copy of Mick Lowe's book about Claire Culhane from page 2 to 75 (December 3, 1990)

Manuscripts: *Bandit at Three O'Clock*

Unpublished manuscript used by Mick Lowe in researching prison life

- 9-5 Robert Sarti: Bandit at Three O'clock Chapters 1-14

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- 10-1 Robert Sarti: Bandit at Three O'clock Chapters 15-26

Sound Recordings

Interviews collected or done by Mick Lowe in order to write his biography of Claire Culhane

- SP 65:1 Irish Prisoner of War Committee presents Bernadette Devlin McAliskey November 7, 1982 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:2 Claire Culhane: The abolition of prisons 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:3 Claire Culhane: Ottawa 6/1/87 (June 1, 1987) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:4 Claire Culhane: Montreal 6/1/87 (June 1 1987) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:5 Claire Culhane: Montreal 6/2/87 (June 2, 1987) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:6 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Vietnam) 6/24/88 (June 24, 1988) First of four cassettes: 128 min.
- SP 65:7 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Vietnam) 6/24/88 (June 24, 1988) Second of four cassettes: 128 min.
- SP 65:8 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Vietnam) 6/25/88 (June 25, 1988) Third of four cassettes: 128 min.



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- SP 65:9 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Vietnam) 6/25/88 (June 25, 1988) Fourth of four cassettes: 128 min.
- SP 65:10 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Partial) 6/25/88 (June 25, 1988) 1 cassette: 128 min.
- SP 65:11 Claire Culhane on herself - Montreal Summer 1989 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:12 Claire Culhane on prisons - Montreal Summer 1989 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:13 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Rube) 9/3/89 (September 3, 1989) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:14 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake 9/3/89 (September 3, 1989) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:15 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Prisons and Norm Fox) 9/3/89 (September 3, 1989) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:16 Claire Culhane: Onwatin Lake (Norm Fox) one side only 9/4/89 (September 4, 1989) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:17 Lea Roback Montreal: side one her background, side two CP Days in Montreal 10/7/89 One cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:18 Dara Culhane: Onwatin Lake Childhood and Ireland 6/14/90 (June 14, 1990) 1 cassette: 135 min.
- SP 65:19 Dara Culhane: Onwatin Lake Adolescence and Vietnam 6/15/90 (June 15, 1990) 1 cassette: 135 min.
- SP 65:20 Dara Culhane: Onwatin Lake on Claire, one side only 6/15/90 (June 15, 1990) 1 cassette: 135 min.
- SP 65:21 Nature of Things: "Vietnam: After the Fire" side one only 11/28/90 (November 28, 1990) 1 cassette: 135 min.
- SP 65:22 Claire Culhane: Her political Evolution one side only 12/13/90 (December 13, 1990) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:23 Roisin S. - Culhane (Vancouver): Childhood and Ireland 12/15/90 (December 15, 1990) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:24 Roisin S. - Culhane (Vancouver ): Canada and Irish History 12/15/90 (December 15, 1990) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:25 Dr. Alje Vennema (Vancouver) 12/14-16/90 (December 14-16, 1990) (both sides) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:26 Dr. Alje Vennema (Vancouver): Good Jutra's Story 12/16/90 (December 16, 1990) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:27 Claire Culhane (Vancouver): Miscellaneous 12/6/90 (December 6, 1990) 1 cassette: 60 min.
- SP 65:28 Claire Culhane (Vancouver): Miscellaneous (one side only) 12/6/90 (December 6, 1990) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:29 Jonnie Rankin (Vancouver): Vancouver CP Days 40's 12/8/90 (December 8, 1990) 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:30 Lea Roback (Montreal): Visits CC camp-out 1 side only 1 cassette: 90 min.
- SP 65:31 Art Solomon (Sudbury): One side only 9/4/88 (September 4, 1988) 1 cassette: 128 min.

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- SP 65:32 Interview with Garry Culhane, Easter 1916, Poems and Songs July 1991  
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BC 1945/4 Claire Culhane sitting on a house porch railing April 1948  
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BC 1945/6 Dara Culhane, Claire's daughter as a young baby ca. 1951  
BC 1945/7-8 Culhane family picture, with Claire Culhane holding a two year old Dara, Montreal 1953  
BC 1945/9 Rosheen and Dara Culhane, Claire's daughters, Rosheen standing and holding Dara's hand ca. 1954 (?)  
BC 1945/10 Rosheen and Dara Culhane, Claire's daughters, sitting in a rowboat and fishing on a lake CA. 1955 (?)  
BC 1945\11 Culhane family portrait in the woods with Claire Culhane sitting with Rosheen on Claire's right and Dara on Claire's lap CA. 1956 (?)  
BC 1945\12 Rosheen and Dara Culhane, Claire's daughters, standing in their school uniforms in front of their school, October 1957  
BC 1945\13 Garry Culhane, Claire's husband, leaning on the upper part of a car door in Kinsale 1958  
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BC 1945\15 Roisin (Rosheen) and Dara Culhane, Claire's daughters, standing in front of a vehicle in Kinsale, January 12, 1960  
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BC 1945\17 Claire Culhane, standing off to the right of the picture, taking a picture of young Vietnamese children at the controls of a big gun CA. 1967 (?)  
BC 1945\18 Claire Culhane and Dr. AljeVennema Standing in front of the Canadian Medical Team Building in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam November 1967  
BC 1945\19 Canadian Tuberculosis Hospital in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam  
-20 December 1967  
BC 1945\21 Claire Culhane, seated with her back to the camera, talking to a Vietnamese Soldier in front of a stature in Saigon 1967-1968  
BC 1945\22 Dr. Michael Jutras, Head of the Canadian Delegation at the Canadian Anti Tuberculosis Hospital in Quang Ngai, dressed in white, standing with a group of people in front of a jeep, January 1968

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- BC 1945\23 Claire Culhane pictures in front of a jeep, holding open the driver's side door, January 1968
- BC 1945\24 Picture of a house and it's sugar cane crop in Quang Ngai, January 1968
- BC 1945\25 Rows of cots for wounded Vietnamese in Quang Ngai, CA. 1968 (?)
- BC 1945\26 Vietnamese labratory workers in Quang Nhgai, CA. 1968 (?)
- BC 1945\27 Vietnamese people waiting in front of the emergency ward of Quang Ngai Provincial Hospital, February 1968
- BC 1945\28 Vietnamese children sitting in the Quaker Rehabilitation Center, waiting for physical therapy treatment in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, February 1968
- BC 1945\29 Two Vietnamese men demonstrating the most common way of transporting ill and critically injured people to the hospital; Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, February 1968
- BC 1945\30 Claire Culhane, 'Bust picture, in her nurse's uniform, Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, March 1968
- BC 1945\31 A group photograph in front of a building, with Claire Culhane standing behind the Minister of External Affairs, who is dressed in a suit and tie, in Hanoi, April 1968
- BC 1945\32 Claire Culhane, standing on a sidewalk diagonally across from a Russian monument in Moscow, April 1968
- BC 1945\33 Claire Culhane in Ottawa protesting about Canada's involvement in Vietnam, -  
-34 October 9, 1969
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- BC 1945\41 Claire Culhane standing in the foreground talking to Madame Nguyen Thi Binh, Head of the PRG Delegation in the Paris Peace talks, in Paris late 1969
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