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Scope and content note
Records of 13th Moon document the history of this feminist literary magazine from its founding in 1973 until 1984. Records consist of founder and editor Ellen Marie Bissert's correspondence with readers, contributors, editors of other literary publications, and others involved in the feminist publishing network; business records documenting the funding, printing, and distribution of the magazine; and project files that chronicle the poetry readings sponsored by 13th Moon and a research project on early American women poets. The records also include promotional flyers and posters, proofs and printed copies of the
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**Key terms**

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- Etlinger, Amelia
- Hacker, Marilyn, 1942-

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  Copy, contracts, and related correspondence
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