Guide to the Anna Strunsky Walling Papers, 1900-1963

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Collection Summary

Collection Title: Anna Strunsky Walling papers,
Date (inclusive): 1900-1963
Collection Number: BANC MSS C-H 95
Creator: Walling, Anna Strunsky, 1879-
Extent: Number of containers: 2 boxes Linear feet: 0.6
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Abstract: Contains correspondence, writings, clippings, programs, brochures and ephemera, concerning the life and career of Anna Strunsky Walling. Correspondence is with friends and associates in the social and political movements in which she was active, including Emma Goldman, Jack London, Selig Perlman, and Upton Sinclair. Writings include manuscripts of her book "Violette of Père Lachaise," articles and speeches addressing the social revolution and a microfilm copy of "Revolutionary lives: Russia-1906." Also includes correspondence of her husband William English Walling including a letter from Upton Sinclair, and their daughter Rosamond Walling.

Physical Location: For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Languages Represented: English

Access:
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Related Collections
Anna Strunsky Walling papers, 1880-1968. In Manuscripts and Archives, Yale University Library (MS 1111).

Separated Material
Printed materials have been transferred to the book collection of The Bancroft Library.
Photographs have been transferred to the Pictorial Collections of The Bancroft Library (BANC PIC 1958.006--PIC and BANC PIC 1959.068--PIC)

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Walling, Anna Strunsky, 1879--Archives.
Walling, Rosamond--Correspondence.
Walling, William English, 1877-1936--Correspondence.
Socialism.
Socialists--United States.
Russia--History--Revolution, 1905-1907.
Soviet Union--History--Revolution, 1917-1921.
Letters.
Manuscripts for publication.
Notebooks.
Addresses.
Clippings.
Walling, Rosamond.
Walling, William English, 1877-1936.
Sinclair, Upton, 1878-1968.
Goldman, Emma, 1869-1940.
Perlman, Selig, 1888-.

Provenance
The Anna Strunsky Walling papers were given to The Bancroft Library by Anna Strunsky Walling in 1958. Additions were made in 1959 and 1961. The original manuscript of Revolutionary Lives: Russia-1906 was returned to Strunsky Walling at her request, June 5, 1963. Collection title changed from “Strunsky-Walling collection” in 2004.

Anna Strunsky Walling
Anna Strunsky Walling was born in Babinots, Russia, March 21, 1877. She emigrated with her family to the United States at the age of nine, residing in New York City. In 1893 the family relocated to San Francisco, where Anna joined the Socialist Labor Party at the age of 16(?), and remained committed to socialism her entire life. Between 1896 and 1898 Anna studied at Stanford University and in 1903 published her first book, The Kempton-Wace Letters, co-authored with her close friend Jack London. In 1906 Anna and her sister Rose joined William English Walling in Russia as correspondents for his revolutionary news bureau. From February 6th to February 8th of that year Anna reported on the Homel, Russia massacre. Anna and William married in Paris on June 28th, 1906. Returning to the United States at the end of the year, Anna continued to work on her writing. Her second book, Violette of Père Lachaise, was published in 1919. Anna and William divorced in 1932, William having secured the paperwork in Mexico. Anna, ever committed to socialist ideals, continued to write and lecture for the remainder of her life. She died on February 25th, 1964 in New York. She was survived by her four children.

Scope and Content of Collection
The Anna Strunsky Walling papers consists of correspondence, writings, clippings, programs, brochures and ephemera concerning the life and career of Anna Strunsky Walling, her husband William English Walling, and one of their children, Rosamond Walling. This collection spans the years 1900-1963.

The bulk of the records are made up of Anna Strunsky Walling's correspondence from a large number of well-known friends and comrades. Her correspondents include Emma Goldman, Jack London and Selig Perlman. Correspondence belonging to William English Walling including a letter from Upton Sinclair, and Rosamond Walling is also found in the collection.

The writings of Anna Strunsky Walling include manuscripts of her book *Violette of Père Lachaise*, articles and speeches addressing the social revolution and a microfilm copy of her unpublished book *Revolutionary Lives: Russia-1906*. Three notebooks are also included.

The remainder of the collection consists of miscellaneous clippings, programs, brochures and ephemera, for both Anna Strunsky Walling and William English Walling.

Microfilm is also available for *Revolutionary Lives: Russia-1906* (BANC MSS C-H 95 FILM), 3 letters from Selig Perlman, 1937, 1957 & 1959 (BANC MSS C-H 95 FILM), 2 letters from Upton Sinclair, 1914 & 1938 (BANC MSS X-X FILM 5), 3 notebooks, 1903-1904, 1958 (BANC MSS C-H 95 FILM)

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**Incoming**

| box 1, folder 1 | A-H, 1915-1958 |
| box 1, folder 2 | I-Q, 1900-1959 |

Scope and Content Note
- Selig Perlman letters also available on microfilm
- Upton Sinclair letter also available on microfilm

| box 1, folder 3 | R-Z, 1910-1963 |

Scope and Content Note
- From her children, 1953-1958
- Unidentified letters, 1911-1955

**Outgoing, 1908-1958**

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Programs and Brochures, 1917-1959
Ephemera, 1903-1959

Series 3.2: William English Walling, 1914-1959
Arrangement
Arranged alphabetically
Scope and Content Note
Contains clippings, programs, brochures and ephemera relating to his career, and transcripts of memorials given at his death.

Ephemera, 1914-1959