Finding Aid to the Sharlot Mabridth Hall Correspondence and Papers MS.610

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Abstract: Sharlot Mabridth Hall (1870-1943) was born in Kansas, was a pioneer, rancher, poet, prose writer, state historian of Arizona, and assistant editor of Out West magazine. This collection includes correspondence to and from Hall and Charles Fletcher Lummis, manuscripts of Hall's published and unpublished poetry and prose, obituaries and tributes, a 1971 reprint of one of Hall's 1907 articles, and a letter from Hall to Lummis's secretary, and later wife, Gertrude Redit. Materials are dated from 1899-1971.
creator: Hall, Sharlot Mabridth, 1870-1943
creator: Lummis, Charles Fletcher, 1859-1928.
creator: Redit, Gertrude
Scope and Contents
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Biographical note
Sharlot Mabridth Hall (1870 October 27 - 1943 April 9) was an American journalist, poet and historian. She was the first woman to hold an office in the Arizona Territorial government and her personal collection of photographs and artifacts served as the starting collection for a history museum which bears her name.
Hall was born to James Polk Knox and Adeline Susannah Boblett Hall in Lincoln County, Kansas on October 27, 1870. In November 1881, her family followed the Santa Fe Trail to Arizona Territory, moving to the Orchard Ranch on the Lynx Creek, 20 miles south of Prescott. At the age of 20, Hall sold her first article to a children's magazine for US $4.00. By age 22 she was working as a journalist, poet, and essayist. Hall became a regular contributor to Charles Lummis' magazine and in 1901, when two other poets were unable to complete their deadline, she wrote the poem which announced the magazine's new name of . In 1906, Hall was promoted to associate editor for the magazine.
Following the death of her father, Hall acquired the cabin which had served as the "Governor's Mansion" for Arizona Territory's first governors. In addition to her living quarters, she used the building to house her collection of artifacts related to Arizona pioneers and pre-historic Yavapai county. This move was followed, in 1928, with her founding of the Prescott Historical Society. The same year she opened what she called the Old Governor's Mansion Museum, now known as the Sharlot Hall Museum. Over the following years, Hall oversaw the expansion of her museum through the acquisition of a variety of additional historical buildings. She was also a popular speaker, giving talks on local history and folklore to schools and clubs throughout the state. Hall died on April 9, 1943 and was buried in a family plot in Prescott's Pioneer Cemetery.

1. Lummis - Hall correspondence (folder A) Ltr, poor condition, contains biographical data, undated
2. Lummis - Hall correspondence (folder B) 1900-1901 Seven ltrs, all Hall - Lummis
3. Lummis - Hall Correspondence (folder C) 1901 or 2 -1906 Thirteen ltrs from both to both
4. Lummis - Hall correspondence (folder D) 1908-1917 Thirteen ltrs, ibid
5. Lummis - Hall correspondence (folder E) 1922-26 Fourteen ltrs, both to both
6. "The Lancer" column by Harry Carr
7. "Report of the Arizona Historian"
8. Sharlot Hall and her work "Arizona girl writes the song of the west" "A visit to Miss Hall" by Maynard Dixon "Out West" poem "An outdoor poem by Bailey Millard "Work of Sharlot M Hall" "Of the desert does she sing"
9. Misc. Poetry "The Colorado River at high water Jun 1900" "Lost in the desert/Trail of death" "Out West" "Sheep herding"
10. Poetry (published) Incomplete fragment "The song of the Colorado"
11. Prose Published (folder A) "The Burning of a Mojave Chief" "The Indians of Arizona" "The Legend of O-Am Mar-Sat etc." "The Makers of Arizona"
12. Prose Published (folder B) "Olive A Oatman, her captivity, etc." "Old range days and new in Arizona" "The remaking of an old bonanza" "The story of a Pima record rod"
13. Obituary
14. Tributes
15. "A Christmas at the Grand Canyon" by Homer Boelter
16. Ltr to Gertrude Redit (?)
17. Lummis - Hall correspondence Photocopies from Colo St U, Ft Collins, Colo Folder F 1904 12 ltrs from both to both
18. Folder G 1909-10 photocopies as above 8 ltrs from both to both
19. Folder H 1911 photocopies as above 6 ltrs from both to both
20. Folder I 1920-21 photocopies as above 6 ltrs from both to both

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