Guide to the May d' Marie papers, 1941-2001

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Language of Materials: Collection is in English.
Abstract: May d’ Marie’s collection includes Agendas, Articles, Artifacts, Audio Recordings, Binders, Books, Certificates, Newspaper Clippings, Personal Correspondence, Ephemera, Film, Handbills, Lecture Notes, Lectures, Legal Documents, Manuscripts, Memorabilia, Notes, Notebooks, Organizational Records, Photographs, Posters, Event Programs, Publications, Scrapbooks, Speeches and Video Recordings from her fascinating life, world travels, and participation in organizations as Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, Grandmothers for Peace, and Solar Cookers International and Sacramento Community Housing Project.
creator: Marie, May d’, 1924-2001
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Custodial History
May d’ Marie assembled these papers over many years. After she died, they were given to the CSUS Special Collections and University Archives by Millee Livingston. The collection was originally associated as part of the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom Collection, but the content warranted a separate collection.
Acquisition Information
Scope and Contents
The collection is organized into 5 series:
Series I: Biographical Information
Series II: Community Activism
Series III: Travel Information
Series IV: Scrapbooks / Photo Albums
Series V: Ephemera
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Access
The collection is open for research. Some restrictions may apply.
Accrual Information
No additions are expected.
Biographical / Historical Note
May d’Marie was one of the Sacramento Areas primary activists for peace. May was born March 26, 1924 in the state of Washington. She lived with her husband in Europe in the years directly after World War II, witnessing first hand the destruction that devastated her new homes in Germany and France. These years were influential for her later international travels and lifetime of peace activism. May d’Marie earned degrees from Western Washington College and University of Denver, and served as a librarian in the Sacramento community for many years. She became a peace activist, and was a founding member among the Auburn Chapter of Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom. Visiting 99 countries in her lifetime, May d’Marie collected information on international community building and frequently presented...
her information to the Sacramento community through formal lectures and editorials in local newspapers. In addition to peace organizations, May d’Marie was active with the Sacramento Community Housing Project as well as traveling extensively to speak on the benefits of Solar Cooking for Solar Cookers, International.

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

- Barnhill, Susan K.
- Livingston, Millee
- Marie, May d’, 1924-2001

**Women and peace**

**Series 1: Biographical Information, 1941-2001**

**Series Description**

This portion of the collection includes personal documents, including educational materials and diplomas, personal family photographs, newspaper clippings, and other personal documents chronicling May d’Marie’s life in Washington State, Denver, Germany, France and Sacramento. This includes her married life, educational career, career as a librarian, family history, as well as her participation with the Sacramento Community Housing Project. Of particular note are photographs of Europe in the years after World War II depicting the destructive nature the war had in Germany, France, and Italy. Additionally of interest is a scrapbook created by fellow Community Housing Project member Susan Barnhill chronicling the last years of as resident of the Community Housing Project as well as her battle with cancer, of which she passed away in 2001.

**Box 1, Folder 1**

Family photographs, Pre WWII

**Box 1, Folder 2**

Europe photographs, Post WWII

**Box 1, Folder 3**

Miscellaneous photographs, Post 1950

**Box 1, Folder 4**

Travel and Personal photographs, 1976-1977

**Box 1, Folder 5**

Certificates, 1966-1987

**Box 1, Folder 6**

Educational Records-High School-Grad School, 1941-1959

**Box 1, Folder 7**

Education, n.d.

**Box 1, Folder 8**

Chiropractic Information, n.d.

**Box 1, Folder 9**

Supporter of the Arts, n.d.

**Box 1, Folder 10**

Last Will and Testament, 1977

**Restrictions**

This folder contains restricted information. Do not give to the public.

**Series 2: Community Activism, 1977-2001**

**Series Description**

May d’Marie dedicated a substantial part of her life dedicated to peace oriented organizations, including Grandmothers for Peace and the Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom Auburn Chapter, of which she was a founding member. This portion of the collection includes organizational records including minutes, agendas, budgets, personal correspondence, organization publications and programs, as well as other materials. Additionally, this series includes numerous artifacts including memorabilia, photographs, and plaques and framed awards presented to the WILPF, Auburn chapter. Of note in this collection is May d’Marie’s participation in numerous WILPF events both nationally and internationally, including multiple triennial conferences and the peace train rides to educate people internationally to women’s issues.

**Box 2, Folder 1**

Australian Women’s College, n.d.

**Box 2, Folder 2**


**Box 2, Folder 3**

Grandmothers for Peace, n.d.

**Box 2, Folder 4**

Sacramento Community Housing Co-Op, n.d.

**Box 2, Folder 5**

State of the Sacramento River Conference, n.d.
Subseries 1: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), n.d.

Series Description
This sub-series includes the work that May d'Marie did with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, including founding a chapter, as well as attendance at numerous national and international events. This portion of the collection also includes member directories, budgetary information, speeches, ephemera, as well as travel information and other miscellaneous documents pertaining to her work.

Restrictions
Contains bank account information. Have archivist advise.

Subseries 2: Peace Publications n.d.

Series Description
This sub-series includes numerous publications, pamphlets, brochures and newspaper clippings that were used as background and research information for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Grandmothers for Peace as well as Solar Cookers International. They depict the specific world issues that May d'Marie found most important and conducted the most research on.

Subseries 3: Travels, 1950s-2000

Series Description
May d'Marie traveled extensively and collected information on numerous locations throughout her journeys. Among the items collected are maps, business cards, travel itinerary, numerous photographs, personal correspondences, artifacts, and ephemera pertaining to the 99 countries she visited in her lifetime.
| Box 5, Folder 5 | Travel Information - Miscellaneous, n.d. |
| Box 6, Folder 1 | Notes, 1974-1977 |
| Box 6, Folder 2 | Passports, n.d. |
| Box 6, Folder 3 | Calendars, 1983-1986 |
| Box 6, Folder 4 | Address Books, n.d. |
| Box 6, Folder 5 | Bible, n.d. |
| Box 6, Folder 6 | Yearbooks, 1941-1944 |
| Box 6, Folder 7 | Diploma, 1941 |

**Series 4: Scrapbooks / Photo Albums, n.d.**

| Series Description |
| This series contains a scrapbook and photo album containing photographs of May d'Marie. |

| Box 7, Object 1 | Scrapbook: "Co-Housing Memories of May d'Marie" by Susan Barnhill, 1990-2001 |
| Box 7, Object 2 | Photo Album, 1946-1947 |

**Series 5: Ephemera, n.d.**

| Series Description |
| This series contains political ephemera kept by May d'Marie. |

| Box 8, Folder 1 | Bumper sticker "My Other Car is a Cruise Missile" and Fan "Stop Military Madness", n.d. |
| Box 8, Folder 2 | WILPF Dove Armband, n.d. |
| Box 8, Folder 3 | Bag-California Clean Up, n.d. |
| Box 8, Folder 4 | Peace Hanging, n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 1 | Umbrella: Blue and White "WILPF 75" with Case, 1975 |
| Box 8, Object 2 | Blue Cap (Chinese), n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 3 | Visor: Yellow, "Solar Cookers International", n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 4 | Visor: Blue with 3 buttons, n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 5 | Button: "We Are Dangerous Women", n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 6 | Button magnet: "Pax", n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 7 | Button: "Peace and Freedom Party", n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 8 | Video: "Shurouq", produced by WILPF Palestine, n.d. |
| Box 8, Object 9 | Nameplate for May d' Marie, n.d. |
| Map-case 4, Drawer 5, Folder 1 | Political Posters, n.d. |