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Descriptive Summary

Title: Guide to the Josephine Smith Papers

Creator: Smith, Josephine

Dates: 1890-1996

Extent: 17 linear feet (8 boxes)

Repository: Claremont Colleges. Library.

1090 Columbia Avenue

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Abstract:

Collection Number: d2009.1

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Physical Location: Ella Strong Denison Library, Scripps College, Claremont University Consortium.

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Acquisition Information

This collection is a gift from Josephine Smith's family.

Processing Information

Arranged and Processed by Special Collections Staff

Accruals

No addition to the collection is anticipated.

Biography of Josephine Smith

Josephine Smith, an author, who wrote about the elderly, married to Dwight Smith, and wrote a column, "On Aging", for the Claremont Courier while she lived in the area. After the couple retired they lived in Pilgrim Place, a retirement community in Claremont, California. She taught classes at Mt. San Antonio College. With her husband she produced a weekly radio program, served on the Claremont Human Services Commission and was involved in several programs for the elderly. Her previous professions include being a nurse, a college teacher, a social worker, a mother, a wife, a Sunday school teacher, and an activist for the elderly. Mrs. Smith graduated from Mt. Holyoke College in Massachusetts, and then entered St. Luke's Hospital in New York City to train as a nurse. Mrs. Smith started her radio career during World War II while her husband was a Methodist minister in Olympia, Washington. During the 1950s she and her husband moved back to East Coast. Mrs. Smith enrolled at Boston University School of Social Work. The Smiths retired and moved to Pilgrim Place in 1970. She then enrolled at LaVerne University so she could teach in California. She was born in 1898 and died in 1996 in Claremont, California. "Busy Teacher hasn't time to practice at 82". Progress Bulletin, August 27, 1980.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The collection contains correspondence, scrapbooks of her article on "On Ageing", photographs, subject files, letters and newspaper clippings.

Series Arrangement

Series 1 Subject Files

Series 2 Correspondence

Series 3 Letters and Newspaper Clippings

Subject Headings

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection

Smith, Josephine

Claremont Courier

Journalist,

Series 1 **Correspondence**

Box 1, folder 1	Correspondence, 1980s
Box 1, folder 2	Newspaper clippings, articles,
Box 1, folder 3	Newspaper clippings,
Box 1, folder 4	Photographs,
Box 1, folder 5	Diary/Journal,
Box 1, folder 6	Journal,
Box 2, folder 1	Claremont letters, 1983
Box 2, folder 2	Claremont letters and photographs, 1984
Box 2, folder 3	Claremont letters, 1985
Box 2, folder 4	Claremont letters, 1986
Box 2, folder 5	Claremont letters, 1987
Box 2, folder 6	Claremont letters, 1988
Box 2, folder 7	Claremont letters, 1989
Box 3, folder 1	Henry St. Settlement-other New York City jobs,
Box 3, folder 2	"My Life", 1983
Box 3, folder 3	"My Journal",
Box 3, folder 4	"On Aging", 1984
Box 3, folder 5	Writing Class Journal, 1986-1987
Box 3, folder 6	"Journal", 1987-1988
Box 3, folder 7	90th birthday, 1989
Box 3, folder 8	Journal, 1989-1990
Box 3, folder 9	"The Little End Room", 1990
Box 3, folder 10	Journal, 1990-1991
Box 3, folder 11	Mount Holyoke Alumnae Quarterly,
Box 4, folder 1	Family Correspondence, 1976
Box 4, folder 2	Family Correspondence, 1977
Box 4, folder 3	Family Correspondence, 1978
Box 4, folder 4	Family Correspondence, 1979
Box 4, folder 5	Family Correspondence, 1980
Box 4, folder 7	Christmas Correspondence,
Box 4, folder 8	Family Correspondence, 1981
Box 4, folder 9	"Church letters",
Box 4, folder 10	Family Letters, 1980
Box 4, folder 11	Family Letters, 1983-1984
Box 4, folder 12	Family Letters, 1985
Box 4, folder 13	Family Letters, 1986
Box 4, folder 14	Family Letters, 1987-1988
Box 4, folder 15	Family Letters, 1989
Box 4, folder 16	Letters and Business, 1990
Box 5, folder 1	Mother's Letters, 1970s
Box 5, folder 2	Mother's Letters, 1970s
Box 5, folder 3	Photographs, 1970s
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Box 5, folder 5	Letter book,
Box 6, folder 1	Letters from Scotland and Europe, 1934
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Box 6, folder 3	Miscellaneous Letters to Josephine Smith, photographs,
Box 6, folder 4	Letters from Benny Berg, 1956-1957
Box 6, folder 5	Letters from Benny Berg, 1958-1959
Box 6, folder 6	Letters from Benny Berg, 1960-1961

Box 6, folder 7	Letters from Benny Berg, 1962-1963
Box 6, folder 8	Letters from Benny Berg, 1964-1965
Box 6, folder 9	Letters from Benny Berg, 1966-1967
Box 6, folder 10	Letters from Benny Berg, 1967-1969
Box 7, folder 1	Newspaper clippings, Claremont Courier,
Box 7, folder 2	Teaching,
Box 7, folder 3	Genealogy,
Box 7, folder 4	"About Aging" by Josephine Smith, Claremont Courier,
Box 7, folder 5	"About Aging" by Josephine Smith, Glen Avon Gazette,
Box 7, folder 6	Dwight Smith, Claremont Courier,
Box 7, folder 7	Photographs,
Box 7, folder 8	Speech at Boston,
Box 7, folder 9	Article about Josephine Smith,
Box 7, folder 10	Letters to Josephine Smith from people living at Pilgrim Place,
Box 7, folder 11	50th Wedding Anniversary, Tribute to Josephine and Dwight Smith,
Box 7, folder 12	"Things I never Thought about Retirement" by Josephine Smith, John Milton Magazine,
Box 7, folder 13	Awards/Certificates,
Box 7, folder 14	Article about Josephine Smith, Owl Observer,
Box 7, folder 15	Mount Holyoke Alumnae Magazine,
Box 7, folder 16	Tupper Lake, New York, 1913-1914
Box 7, folder 17	Newspaper Clippings, 1959
Box 7, folder 18	"Smith Family Review",
Box 7, folder 19	Scrapbook LaVerne Students,
Box 7, folder 20	Mountaineer Weekly,
Box 7, folder 21	Josephine Smith's birthday,
Box 7, folder 21	"About Aging", 1984
Box 7, folder 21	"About Aging", 1984-1985
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Box 8, folder 1	Radio Scripts, 1946
Box 8, folder 2	Claremont, 1978
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Box 8, folder 4	Claremont, 1980
Box 8, folder 5	Claremont, 1981
Box 8, folder 6	Claremont, 1982
Box 8, folder 6	Claremont, 1982
Box 8, folder 7	Miscellaneous Clippings and Christmas Cards from Boston and New York,
Box 8, folder 8	Newspaper Clippings, Owl Observer,
Box 8, folder 9	Mature Years,
Box 8, folder 9	Clippings about Josephine Smith's parents, 1970-1989
Box 8, folder 10	Clippings about Josephine Smith's parents, 1970-1989
Box 9, folder 1	Address Book (1)
Box 9, folder 2	Address Book (2)
Box 9, folder 3	Telephone Address Book
Box 9, folder 4	Poetry MSS, 1985 - 1986
Box 9, folder 5	Scrapbook - poetry, 1939
Box 9, folder 5	Scrapbook - poetry, 1939
Box 9, folder 6	Address Book (3)
Box 9, folder 7	Scrapbook, 1985 - 1990
Box 9, folder 8	Journal with clippings, 1985
Box 9, folder 9	Notebook MSS
Box 9, folder 10	Correspondence re: Death of JMS, 1996
Box 9, folder 11	Haikus and Senrus by M.L.K.,
Box 9, folder 12	Correspondence from JMS to Catherine Simpson, 1988 - 1995
drawer 1	Certificate "Women of Distinction", 1987
drawer 1	Articles-"About Aging", 1985-1991

Scope and Content Note

These scrapbooks contain newspaper articles, photographs, and marginalia.

drawer 2	Scrapbook--Early years, 1913-1951
drawer 2	Scrapbook--New York Years, 1953-1970
drawer 2	Scrapbook--Since Going to Claremont, 1970-1991
drawer 2	Romance and miscellaneous letters for Josephine Smith from Dwight Smith,
drawer 2	Journal, 1934
drawer 2,	Postcards,
envelope 1	
drawer 2,	Passports,
envelope 2	
drawer 2,	Scrapbook, 1963
envelope 2	
drawer 2	Travels, 1957-1963
drawer 2	Family Scrapbook, 1960s
drawer 2	Photograph Album (Claremont), 1960s
drawer 2	Josephine Smith's Diaries, 1990-1992
drawer 3	Scrapbook--Maine, 1967
drawer 3	Scrapbook--Sweden, 1963
drawer 3	Scrapbook--England and Sweden, 1969
drawer 3	Scrapbook--Tribute to Dwight Smith,
drawer 3	Scrapbook--Family Photograph Album,
drawer 3	Scrapbook--Europa Cruise, 1967
drawer 3	2 Scrapbooks--60th Wedding Anniversary,
drawer 3,	Baby and Family Photograph Album,
envelope 1	
drawer 4	26 Journals by Josephine Smith on her writings, 1964-1989