

## **Kent Family Papers MS-0223**

Special Collections & University Archives

02/04/2010

5500 Campanile Dr. MC 8050

San Diego, CA 92182-8050

askscua@sdsu.edu

URL: <http://library.sdsu.edu/scua>

---

**Contributing Institution:** Special Collections & University Archives

**Title:** Kent Family Papers

**Creator:** Kent, Jessie (Jessie Kent Avery)

**Creator:** Kent, Kate

**Identifier/Call Number:** MS-0223

**Physical Description:** 0.21 Linear Feet

**Date (inclusive):** 1915-1923

**Date (bulk):** 1921

**Language of Material:** English .

**Scope and Contents**

This small but rich collection consists mostly of letters written by Jessie Kent to her mother Kate Kent, who lived in San Diego, but also includes other correspondence written to Jessie and Kate by various relations and suitors. Jessie's letters frequently allude to marital troubles with her husband Fred Avery, financial troubles, and family issues. Moving from Los Angeles to New York and back again, Jessie and Fred raise their child Fred Jr. with considerable difficulty, becoming penniless in New York City at several points. The family settled in Los Angeles in 1923. Kate's papers include letters from her other children, Nita and Harry, and her sister May, as well as a copy of her divorce filing. The collection also contains a notebook with a story titled "A Silent Lilly of France" by Jessi Kent.

**Conditions Governing Access**

This collection is open for research.

**Conditions Governing Use**

The copyright interests in these materials have not been transferred to San Diego State University. Copyright resides with the creators of materials contained in the collection or their heirs. The nature of historical archival and manuscript collections is such that copyright status may be difficult or even impossible to determine. Requests for permission to publish must be submitted to the Head of Special Collections, San Diego State University, Library and Information Access. When granted, permission is given on behalf of Special Collections as the owner of the physical item and is not intended to include or imply permission of the copyright holder(s), which must also be obtained in order to publish. Materials from our collections are made available for use in research, teaching, and private study. The user must assume full responsibility for any use of the materials, including but not limited to, infringement of copyright and publication rights of reproduced materials.

**Preferred Citation**

Identification of item, folder title, box number, Kent Family Papers, Special Collections and University Archives, San Diego State University Library.

**Accruals**

9999-036

**Subjects and Indexing Terms**

Personal Papers

---