Guide to the Marjorie Henderson and Ruth Plumly Thompson archive M2024

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Abstract: The archive consists largely of Marjorie Henderson's drawings and illustrated letters to her friend and collaborator, Ruth Plumly Thompson. Also included are photographs, ink drawings, and approximately 300 tear sheets of a cartoon "Forgetiquette" on which they collaborated.

Biography
Marjorie Henderson (popularly known as Marge) was a talented cartoonist, who by 19 years of age, was already a regular contributor to the Saturday Evening Post among other publications. She grew up on the Main Line of Philadelphia. When she was eleven years old, she began a correspondence with the editor of the children's page at the Philadelphia Public Ledger, another writer, Ruth Plumly Thompson. They began a life long friendship and collaboration.

Related Materials

Scope and Contents
The archive consists largely of Marjorie Henderson's drawings and illustrated letters to her friend and collaborator, Ruth Plumly Thompson. Included are photographs, ink drawings - some with watercolor, pen and ink margettes for a daily newspaper with verses by Ruth Thompson, and approximately 300 printed daily tear sheets of a cartoon "Forgetiquette" on which they collaborated. Her letters document daily life and events on the Main Line in Philadelphia, family vacations, local gossip, collaborative projects, and eventually marriage and children.

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Marge, 1904-1993

Photographs of Marge, 1920s-1930s
Cartoon: The Parade of the Younger Generation (printed)
Booklet, 1916, entitled: My Brownbrook Quartette Book" (pencil sketches, pen and ink with watercolor)

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