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Descriptive Summary
Title: Wallace Nethery Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1931-2000
Collection number: MS.2007.017
Creator: Nethery, Wallace 1910-1996
Extent: 4 boxes (1.5 linear feet)
Los Angeles, California 90095-1490
Abstract: This collection contains material created and collected by Wallace and Corry Nethery. Correspondence, drafts, research notes, and ephemera are included for a number of Nethery's books. Materials related to Nethery's work as a librarian at the University of Southern California are included as well. Photocopies of letters to, from, and about Elisabeth Jungmann are numerous. The subject matter for most of the books and papers relate to Max Beerbohm, Charles and Mary Lamb, Elisabeth Jungmann, and miniature books. Materials are in English, German, and Dutch.
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Biography
Wallace Nethery born December 29, 1910 on his grandfather's farm outside the town of Gravity, Iowa. He received his Bachelor of Arts in English from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1934. He served in the Navy during World War II on the USS Enterprise, stationed in the Pacific. Nethery intended to get a PhD in English from the University of Southern California, but switched over to Library Science and later started work at the USC library. He eventually married a fellow USC Library employee, Corry Sprangers.
Corry helped Wallace with his printing endeavors, which Wallace printed on his Kelsey Co. miniature press bought in 1955. Over the course of nearly 40 years, the Netherys printed approximately 51 books and pamphlets, mostly miniatures (and mostly one page at a time!). Most of the books were miniature books printed personally, and sold at Dawson's Book Shop. Nethery was friends with Saul and Lillian Marks of the Plantin Press, as well as Glen Dawson of Dawson's Book Shop. Nethery was the librarian at the Hoose Library of Philosophy at USC until his retirement in 1976. He died in 1996, in the middle of printing his last miniature book "Pastorale".
Scope and Content
This collection contains material created and collected by Wallace and Corry Nethery, primarily related to books written by the Netherys. Correspondence, drafts, research notes, newspaper clippings, and advertisements for publications are included for a number of Nethery's books. Prints of some journal and magazine articles are included. Papers, letters, certificates, and other ephemera related to Nethery's work as a librarian at the University of Southern California are included as well. There are also a number of photopies of letters to, from, and about Elisabeth Jungmann. The subject matter for most of the books and papers relate to Max Beerbohm, Charles and Mary Lamb, Elisabeth Jungmann, and miniature books. Materials are primarily in English, but a fair number of letters relating to Elisabeth Jungmann are in German. Some letters to Corry Nethery are in Dutch.
Arrangement
The collection remains in original order.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects
Beerbohm, Max, Sir, 1872-1956
Jungmann, Elisabeth
Lamb, Charles, 1775-1834
Lamb, Mary, 1764-1847
Nethery, Corry
Librarians--California--20th century
Miniature books--California--20th century
Printers--California--20th century

Genres and Forms
Clippings--20th century
Ephemera--California--20th century
Letters--California--20th century

Box 1, Folder 1  Engravings May 23, 1994
Scope and Content Note
Order form for Pall Bohne's "A Miscellany of Thomas Bewick's Engravings" and letter from Bohne to Nethery.

Box 1, Folder 2  Frank Baxter 1958-1963
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence from Frank Baxter to Nethery about Charles Lamb and Nethery's books. Also newspaper clippings about Baxter.

Box 1, Folder 3  Rounce & Coffin Club -- Beatrice Warde 1932, 1962-1973
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence from Beatrice Warde, Bill Conway, and James Weygand.

Box 1, Folder 4  Saul & Lillian Marks -- Plantin Press 1975
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence from Lillian Marks and Reverend Francis J. Weber about the passing of Saul Marks. Also included are three copies of a memorial pamphlet about Saul Marks.

Box 1, Folder 5  The American Book Collector 1959-1968
Scope and Content Note
Includes correspondence from various individuals about Nethery's articles in the American Book Collector. Also includes three issues of the American Book Collector: vol. 14, nos. 2 and 3 and vol. 12, no. 6.
Container List

Box 1, Folder 6  Western Books Awards 1960-1994
Scope and Content Note

Box 1, Folder 7  Miniature Books 1992-2000
Scope and Content Note
Includes a bibliography of books printed by Wallace Nethery, not including his 42 miniature books. (The miniature books are detailed in John Class's compilation "The Miniature Books Printed by Wallace Nethery" in Miniature Book Society Newsletter, New Series No. 31, October 1996, p. 7-11.) Also includes catalogs, lists, and correspondence about miniature books -- many by Nethery. Some letters are in Dutch and most of the letters are addressed to Corry, Wallace Nethery's wife.

Box 1, Folder 8  Correspondence misc -- miniature books, etc 1976-1992
Scope and Content Note
Includes correspondence from various individuals about Nethery's books, and a selection of Christmas cards sent to the Netherys. Some letters are in German.

Box 1, Folder 9  Max Beerbohm miscellaneous ca. 1967-1997
Scope and Content Note
Includes primarily newspaper and magazine clippings about Max Beerbohm from various sources, including the New Yorker magazine. Some articles are in German.

Box 1, Folder 10  Chesterton ca. 1930, 1980-1994
Scope and Content Note
Includes correspondence to and from the Chesterton Review, a copy of "Max and G.K.C" by Nethery, a copy of "Mr. Chesterton Indulges in Autobiography", and a photocopy of "The Paradoxes of Mr Pond: Pond the Pantaloon" by Chesterton. (G.K.C. is Gilbert Keith Chesterton.)

Box 1, Folder 11  Photocopies of Max's drawings and letters
Scope and Content Note
Includes photocopies of title pages of some books of Beerbohm's, and photocopies of letters written by Beerbohm.

Box 1, Folder 12  Dawson's Book Shop -- miniature books 1966, 1989-1998
Scope and Content Note
Includes a few catalogs of miniature books from Dawson's Book Shop, articles about miniature books, and a copy of a speech given by Glen Dawson in 1989 called "Adventures in Miniature Books" about his own life and experiences with miniature books.

Box 1, Folder 13  In Search of Max Beerbohm ca. 1984
Scope and Content Note
A typed manuscript with handwritten notes and edits for the miniature book "In Search of Max Beerbohm" by Wallace and Corry Nethery.
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<td>Includes letters to Nethery from Clarence House and the Lord Chamberlain's Office at St. James's Palace regarding miniature books and Queen Mary's Dolls House. (Nethery was invited to Windsor Castle to view a miniature Beerbohm; he later published his own copy of the book and gave a copy to the Queen.) Also includes a souvenir book and articles about the doll house, and a copy of &quot;Meditations of a Refugee&quot; by Beerbohm (about pretending to go to the doll house).</td>
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<td>Includes correspondence to and from Wallace and Corry Nethery about Elisabeth Jungmann. Letters are primarily to and from Eva Reichmann (a sister of Elisabeth), and Kenneth Rose. Some letters are in Dutch and German.</td>
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<td>Notes, newspaper clippings, and articles primarily in German relating to Elisabeth Jungmann, Rudolf Binding, and Gerhart Hauptmann.</td>
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<td>Includes typed drafts with annotations and edits of &quot;The Second Lady Beerbohm&quot; by Corry Nethery. Copies are in various stages of editing, and one copy is annotated by Eva Reichmann.</td>
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<td>Includes notes, letters, photocopies for the Netherys' research into Elisabeth Jungmann. Also includes information about the Staatsbibliothek in Berlin, and reader cards for the Netherys. Most of the material is in German.</td>
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<td>Includes prints of photographs of Elisabeth Jungmann with notes towards &quot;The Second Lady Beerbohm&quot;.</td>
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<td>Includes a heavily edited draft with bibliography of &quot;Beach-La-Mar&quot; by Wallace Nethery. Beach-La-Mar (also known as Bislama) is a creole language spoken on Vanuatu in the South Pacific (also previously known as Melanesia).</td>
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Box 2, Folder 6  **Las Colondrinas**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Drawings by Margaret Class.

Box 2, Folder 7  **A Dissertation on Gravity 1992-1993**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Correspondence with help for writing "A Dissertation on Gravity" and letters sent in praise of its publication. "A Dissertation on Gravity" relates to the town of Gravity, Iowa.

Box 2, Folder 8  **Grandmother in Peace & War 1993-1994**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Correspondence praising Nethery's miniature book "Grandmother in Peace & War" about his grandmother.

Box 2, Folder 9  **The Poet & His Books 1994**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Correspondence to Nethery praising his printing of Max Beerbohm's "The Poet and His Books".

Box 2, Folder 10  **Little Books & Big Men ca. 1994**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Handwritten drafts of "Little Books and Big Men" by Nethery, also titled "Big Authors and Little Books" in the notes.

Box 2, Folder 11  **Pastorale 1997**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes a handwritten draft, a typed draft, and copies of the layout for "Pastorale", the last miniature book Nethery wrote. He died in the middle of printing it; his wife printed it in his honor. Also included is correspondence to Corry praising the book and consoling her on the loss of her husband.

Box 2, Folder 12  **Charles Lamb Society (bulletin) 1958-1996**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes correspondence and papers related to the Charles Lamb Society. Also includes articles Nethery wrote in the Charles Lamb Society Bulletin. Correspondence includes letters sent to and from Nethery to members of the Society, as well as a few letters between Corry Nethery and David Wickham (chairman of the Society) after Nethery's death.

Box 2, Folder 13  **Charles Lamb Collection (Dawson) -- Lamb in America 1994**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes correspondence about the sale of Nethery's collection of Charles Lamb materials through Dawson's Book Shop. Also includes a list of books in the Nethery's collection of Lamb materials.

Box 2, Folder 14  **Charles Lamb: Mr. H. in America, or, Anonymus redivivus / by Wallace Nethery 1955-1956, 1998**  
**Scope and Content Note**  
Includes correspondence and copies of pages from "Mr. H in America, or, Anonymus Redivivus", as well as photograph negatives for two pages in the book.
Box 2, Folder 15  Charles Lamb Bibliophile ca. 1965
Scope and Content Note

Box 2, Folder 16  Lamb & Poe 1953, 1958, 1970-1971
Scope and Content Note
Includes a copy of the article "Poe and Charles Lamb" in the Poe Newsletter (1970). Also includes correspondence to Nethery about Charles Lamb and Poe.

Box 2, Folder 17  The Pioneer & Charles Lamb 1958-1959
Scope and Content Note
Correspondence regarding "The Pioneer and Charles Lamb".

Box 2, Folder 18  Lamb's Town & Country ca. 1980-1983
Scope and Content Note
Includes notes and ephemera related to Hertfordshire (England) for use in researching and writing "Charles Lamb's Town and Country Revisited".

Box 2, Folder 19  Charles Lamb in America to 1848 1963-1964, 1974
Scope and Content Note
Includes correspondence for the publication of, and handwritten manuscript pages of "Charles Lamb in America to 1848". Also includes advertisements for the sale of the miniature book.

Box 2, Folder 20  Eliana Americana 1958-1972
Scope and Content Note
Includes correspondence praising "Eliana Americana" by Nethery, as well as advertisements for the book, and a registration to claim copyright certificate for the book.

Box 2, Folder 21  A Victorian Idyll; Robert Balmanno and Mary Cowden Clarke
Scope and Content Note

Box 2, Folder 22  Note on Emma Isola 1953
Scope and Content Note
Include a letter from Ernest C. Ross and a letter from French Fogle regarding the relationship of Charles Lamb and Emma Isola. (Lamb adopted Emma Isola, an orphan.)

Box 3, Folder 1  Charles Lamb to Janus Weathercock 1962
Scope and Content Note
Includes a typed copy and a printed copy of an article in Notes & Queries titled "Charles Lamb to Janus Weathercock".

Box 3, Folder 2  Midnight Darlings on Broadway ca. 1959-1960
Scope and Content Note
Includes a letter and two pages about "Midnight Darlings on Broadway" by Nethery. Also includes an envelope of what appear to be book plates reading "Midnight Darlings on Broadway".
Box 3, Folder 3  **Witches & Other Night-Fears 1968-1969**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes three letters praising Nethery on his printing of Charles Lamb's "Witches & Other Night-Fears".

Box 3, Folder 4  **Charles Lamb / Potgieter Translation (Dutch) 1961-1962**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes notes in Dutch and a photocopy of a Dutch translation of Lamb, "Proeven van een Humorist".

Box 3, Folder 5  **Edwin W. Marrs -- The Letters of Charles & Mary Lamb 1967, 1975**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes letters from Marrs about letters of Charles Lamb to include in his book; a description of the book's effort is also included.

Box 3, Folder 6  **Charles Lamb misc. 1834-1835, 1958-1976, 1983**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes articles and letters about Charles and Mary Lamb, also included are two issues of the New York Mirror (1834-5) with articles about Lamb.

Box 3, Folder 7  **Wallace Nethery misc. 1938, 1956-1975, 1994**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes correspondence from various individuals to Nethery, two photographs of Nethery (1976 and 1990), membership certificates, and Nethery's annual contract (1972 and 1975) for his post at the University of Southern California. Also includes a preliminary inventory of a Wallace Nethery Collection (accession #199606.02) donated by Corry Nethery to USC (though not found via USC's catalog).

Box 3, Folder 8  **Wallace Nethery misc writing 1988**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes a typed copy and tentative front page of a book that does not appear to have been published: "Max Beerbohm: Three Letters to Grant Richards" (1988), including a foreword, three letters from Beerbohm to Richards, and notes on the three letters. Includes a letter from Rupert Hart-Davis relaying the news that one letter for the book is held in copyright and not likely able to be reprinted. Includes notes about Thoreau and Lamb, an edited typed copy of "Letter on Charles Lamb & America by a Friend of Elia", and a "Biblio-Index of American Publications Relating to Charles Lamb 1805-18468". Also includes many pages of handwritten notes for use in various miniature books of Nethery's.

Box 3, Folder 9  **Letters from William James to W.T. Harris (The Personalist) 1968**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes a copy of "Pragmatist to Publisher: Letters of William James to W.T. Harris" edited by Wallace Nethery from the 1968 volume of The Personalist.

Box 3, Folder 10  **Big E -- James Michener 1995**  
Scope and Content Note  
Includes a copy of a newspaper article from the July 4, 1995 Los Angeles Times entitled "Perspectives on World War II: Sea Battles for the Ages" by James Michener. Also includes a photocopy of a letter from Nethery to the editor of the Times with his comments about the article and makes note about disputes in the facts of a battle.
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<td>Includes a page from the Clock Tower (a Union College publication) with a blurb about Nethery's graduation and a picture (1934). Includes many newspaper clippings about Nethery's work at USC and his miniature books. Also includes a letter from CBS Radio thanking Nethery for appearing on &quot;This is Los Angeles&quot;.</td>
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<td>Correspondence from Tom and Charlotte Smith to Wallace and Corry Nethery about the exchange and printing of miniature books. The Smiths operated the Tamazunchale Press.</td>
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<td>Correspondence from Aidan Mackey to the Netherys; some are personal letters, others are general letters for the G.K. Chesterton Study Centre (Mackey was the administrator).</td>
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Photocopyed letters relating to Elisabeth Jungmann ca. 1933-1960, 2007

Scope and Content Note
These folders include photocopies of letters primarily to and from Elisabeth Jungmann. Some letters are between mutual friends of hers. Letters are in English and German. Also included is a photocopy of a memorial for Jungmann (folder 16), and her work history (folder 6). Also included is a letter from Corry Nethery to Bruce Whiteman describing the donated photocopies -- "primarily from the Staatsbibliothek Preussischer Kulturbesitz in Berlin, some from the Deutsches Literaturarchiv in the Schiller National Museum in Marbach, and a few sent to [the Netherys] by Mark Samuels Lasner."

George Hoyningen-Huene brochure 1970

Scope and Content Note
A brochure about George Hoyningen-Huene (fashion photographer) after a collection was received by USC's Doheny Library and an exhibit was put on at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. The brochure was edited by Wallace Nethery.