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Descriptive Summary

Title: Collection of Material About Mary Hunter Austin,

Date (inclusive): 1868-1934

Collection number: 278

Collector: McWilliams, Carey, 1905-1980, collector.

Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.)

Repository: University of California, Los Angeles. Library Special Collections.
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Abstract: Mary Hunter Austin (1868-1934) was an author who published thirty-one books and many short stories, essays, and poems. The collection consists of letters, manuscripts, articles, clippings, and ephemera by and about Mary Austin. The bulk of the collection is made up of letters to Carey McWilliams and magazine and newspaper clippings.

Physical location: Stored off-site at SRLF. Advance notice is required for access to the collection. Please contact the UCLA Library Special Collections Reference Desk for paging information.

Language: English.

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Biography
Mary Hunter Austin was born September 9, 1868 in Carlinville, Illinois; she was an American author who published thirty-one books and many short stories, essays, and poems; writings on the American Southwest include *The Flock* (1906), *Lost Borders* (1909), *The Land of Journeys' Ending* (1924), *The Land of Little Rain* (1903), and an autobiography titled *Earth Horizon* (1932); died, August 1934.


Scope and Content
Collection consists of letters, manuscripts, articles, clippings, and ephemera by and about California author Mary Austin. The bulk of the collection is made up of letters to Carey McWilliams (series 1) and magazine and newspaper clippings (series 4). Manuscripts include two of Austin's film scenarios which were never produced, *Bride of the Sun* and *The Flock*. Three photographs and negatives which were part of the original collection were transferred to the Photographic Collection (Collection 99) at the UCLA Library Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Letters to Carey McWilliams.
2. Manuscripts.
3. Material about Mary Austin.
4. Magazine and newspaper clippings.
5. Letters to various persons.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
* Austin, Mary Hunter, 1868-1934--Archives.
* Austin, Mary Hunter, 1868-1934--Correspondence.
* McWilliams, Carey, 1905- --Correspondence.
* Authors, American--Archival resources.

Related Material
* Mary Austin Papers. Available at The Huntington Library, San Marino, California.

1. Letters to Carey McWilliams, 1905-
   Physical Description: (69 pieces)
   Box 1 4 holograph letters signed.
   Box 1 58 typescript letters signed.
   Box 1 1 typescript letter.
   Box 1 5 typescript letters signed by secretary.
   Box 1 1 telegram.

2. Manuscripts and Scenarios
   Note
   (See also II-C, *Indian Arts and Crafts*)
   Box 1 *A. Bride of the Sun, 1929.*
   Physical Description: 6 holograph leaves in the author's hands. quarto.
2. Manuscripts and Scenarios

Box 1
B. The Flock, 1932.
Physical Description: Typescript copy. 12 leaves, quarto.

Box 1
1 leaf of typescript on talent and genius prepared by Mrs. Austin.
Note
In folder with The Flock.

Box 1
Indian Arts and Crafts. Santa Fe, 1931.
Creator/Collector: Austin, Mary (Hunter), 1868-1934.
Physical Description: 19pp. (17 leaves) 21.5 × 28 cm. Typescript.

Box 1
Unpublished letter from Mary Austin to Paul Kellogg, editor of the Survey Graphic. Santa Fe, February 5, 1932. 1 item (1 leaf) Typescript (signed).
Creator/Collector: Austin, Mary (Hunter), 1868-1934.
Physical Description: 19pp. (17 leaves) 21.5 × 28 cm. Typescript.

3. Material about Mary Austin
Physical Description: (11 pieces)

Box 1
1. Typescript carbon copy of letter of Carey McWilliams to Mr. Wynn, the publisher, containing twenty eight answers to Mr. Wynn's questions concerning this collection of Mary Austin material.

Box 1
Physical Description: 7pp. quarto.

Box 1
3. Carbon copy of typescript manuscript of Mr. McWilliams's article on Mary Austin and her work written at the request of Harry Carr for publication in the Los Angeles Times.
Physical Description: 4pp. quarto.

Box 1
4. Two miscellaneous letters & clippings.

4. Magazine and Newspaper Clippings
Physical Description: (46 items)

Box 1
1. Thirty six clippings from The Nation, Saturday Review of Literature, Saturday Night, Brentano's Book Chat, etc. of Mary Austin's poetry, essays, book reviews and articles about her.

Box 1
2. Ten newspaper clippings about the death and character of Mrs. Austin.

5. Letters to Various Persons
Physical Description: (3 pieces)

Box 1
1. Letter to Miss Williams. Independence, California, October 27.
Physical Description: 3pp. (with typescript).

Box 1

Box 1
Physical Description: 4pp. Original typescript.
Scope and Content Note