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Descriptive Summary

Title: Bernardine Fritz Papers
Date (inclusive): 1925-1974
Collection number: 1298
Creator: Fritz, Bernardine, d. 1982
Extent: 1 box (0.5 linear ft.) 5 oversize boxes.

Abstract: Bernardine Fritz was born and raised in Peoria, Illinois. She worked as a reporter for the Chicago Evening Post and the New York Daily News before moving to Europe in 1925. She lived in London and Paris, and traveled extensively throughout India and China. After settling in Los Angeles in 1939, she established her "Hollywood salon" which brought together the leading literary and artistic personalities of the era, many of whom were American expatriates she met during her European exile. The collection includes letters, manuscripts, photographs and ephemera, and books from the library of Mrs. Fritz.

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Biography

Fritz was born and raised in Peoria, IL; worked as a reporter for the Chicago evening post and New York daily news before moving to Europe in 1925; lived in London and Paris, and traveled extensively in India and China; settled in Los Angeles in 1939, and became known for her Hollywood salon, which brought together literary and artistic personalities, including many American expatriates; died in 1982.

Scope and Content

Collection consists of correspondence, manuscripts, photographs, ephemera, and books from the library of Bernardine Fritz. Correspondents include: Jay Michael Barrie, Gerald Heard, Aldous Huxley, Laura Huxley, Maria Huxley, Grover Smith, David Lilienthal, Henry Miller, Fania Marinoff Van Vechten, Louise Webb, Glenway Westcott, and Monroe Wheeler. The collection also contains manuscripts of Aldous Huxley, Henry Miller, and Glenway Westcott.

Organization and Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:
1. Correspondence and ephemera (box 1)
2. Manuscripts, photographs, and ephemera (box 1)
3. Books from the library of Bernardine Fritz (boxes 2-6).

Indexing Terms

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

Subjects

Fritz, Bernardine, d. 1982--Archives.
Heard, Gerald.--1889-1971. 
Westcott, Glenway, 1901-1960. 
Authors, English--20th century--Correspondence. 
Authors, American--20th century--Correspondence. 
Salons--California--Los Angeles--Archival resources.

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<th>Correspondence and ephemera</th>
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<td><strong>Box 1, Folder 1</strong> Addicott, Kenneth K. San Francisco. 1944</td>
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| **Box 1, Folder 2** Barrie, Jay Michael. v.p. ca. 1966-1974 | Physical Description: 9 items. Holograph and typescript. 
Scope and Content Note (Includes letters from Mrs. Fritz to Barry). |
| **Box 1, Folder 3** Heard, Gerald. v.p. ca. 1941-1966 | Physical Description: 25 items. Holograph and typescript. |
| **Box 1, Folder 4** Huxley, Aldous. v.p. ca. 1956-1962 | Physical Description: 3 items, 1 envelope without letter. Holograph. |
| **Box 1, Folder 5** Huxley, Laura. v.p. undated and ca. 1962-1964 | Physical Description: 6 items. Holograph. |
| **Box 1, Folder 6** Huxley, Maria. [Hollywood] undated | Physical Description: 1 item. Typescript. |
| **Box 1, Folder 7** Smith, Grover. Letters to Mrs. Fritz re a projected book on Huxley. London. 1965 | Physical Description: 2 items. Typescript. 
| **Box 1, Folder 8** Lilienthal, David. v.p. 1948-1954 | Physical Description: 4 items. Holograph and typescript. |
| **Box 1, Folder 9** Miller, Henry. v.p. undated, 1942-1952 | Physical Description: 11 items. Holograph and typescript. |
| **Box 1, Folder 10** Miller, Henry. v.p. 1955-1958 | Physical Description: 10 items. Holograph and typescript. 
Scope and Content Note (Includes 1 letter from Eve Miller, 16 August 1955) |
| **Box 1, Folder 11** Miller, Henry. v.p. 1960-1963 | Physical Description: 11 items. Holograph and typescript. |
| **Box 1, Folder 12** Miller, Henry. v.p. 1964-1965 | Physical Description: 15 items. Holograph. |
Box 1, Folder 12  Includes "Jennifer Jones" [March 1965]
   Physical Description: 1 leaf. Typescript(carbon).

Box 1, Folder 13  Miller, Henry. v.p. 1966-1967
   Physical Description: 13 items. Holograph and typescript.

Box 1, Folder 14  Miller, Henry. Pacific Palisades. ca. 1968-1974
   Physical Description: 18 items. Holograph and typescript.
   Scope and Content Note
   (Includes 2 letters signed by Gerald Robitaille acting as Miller's secretary, and 1 memo from Robert Vosper, UCLA Librarian, regarding Henry Miller.)

Box 1, Folder 15  Miller, Henry.
   Physical Description: 2 envelopes, 1 manuscript fragment.

Box 1, Folder 16  Ephemera re Miller, Henry
   Physical Description: 2 items.

Box 1, Folder 17  Seldes, Mrs. Gilbert. [New York] undated
   Physical Description: 1 item. Holograph.

Box 1, Folder 18  Van Vechten, Fania Marinoff. New York. undated
   Physical Description: 2 items.

Box 1, Folder 19  Webb, Louise. [Tucson] 1967
   Physical Description: 1 item. Holograph.
   Scope and Content Note
   Written on the back of an article re Henry Miller and Louise and Jon Webb.

Box 1, Folder 20  Wescott, Glenway. v.p. ca. 1927-1972
   Physical Description: 17 items. Holograph and typescript.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes photograph of Wescott with holograph inscription, Christmas 1932.

Box 1, Folder 21  Wheeler, Monroe. New York. 1951-1967
   Physical Description: 4 items. Holograph and typescript.

Box 1, Folders 22-23  Wescott, Glenway. v.p. ca. 1925-1936
   Physical Description: ca. 100 items (220 leaves)
   Scope and Content Note
   Typescripts of letters to Bernadine Fritz from Wescott and a few from Monroe Wheeler.
   Most of the letters are not dated. Transcriptions made for a possible book?

Box 1, Folder 24  Ephemera re Glenway Wescott
   Physical Description: 2 items.

Manuscripts, photographs, and ephemera

Box 1, Folder 25  Huxley, Aldous. Master, mind, and the question of survival. n.p. 1960 May 10
   Physical Description: 26 leaves. Typescript(carbon).

Box 1, Folder 26  Miller, Henry. [The Mizuno Gallery] n.p. undated
   Physical Description: 1 leaf. Holograph.
Box 1, Folder 27  
**Wescott, Glenway. His aunt Flora. Paris. undated**  
Physical Description: 14 leaves. Typescript (carbon) with holograph corrections in ink, a few in pencil throughout the manuscript.  
Scope and Content Note  
In the upper left corner on the first page Wescott has written, "Miserable version/also, there must be things added."

Box 1, Folder 28  
**Wescott, Glenway. Memories and opinions. New York. ca. 1973**  
Physical Description: 35 leaves. Photocopy of typescript.

Box 1, Folder 29  
**Wescott, Glenway. Prohibition. Villefrance-sur-Mer. undated**  
Physical Description: 19 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 1, Folder 30  
**Wescott, Glenway. The sailor. Villefranche. 1927 May**  
Physical Description: 19 leaves. Typescript (carbon).

Box 1, Folder 31  
**Wescott, Glenway. [Untitled] n.p. undated**  
Physical Description: 15 leaves. Typescript (carbon) with holograph corrections.

Box 1, Folder 32  
**Photographs/graphics**  
Physical Description: 10 items.  
Scope and Content Note  
Group photographs of Glenway Wescott, Monroe Wheeler, Frances Robbins, Waldo Peireo, Mary Reynolds, Miguel and Chavez Covarubbias, David and Helen Lilienthal, portrait of Carl Van Vechten and photograph of his drawing room, ca. 1931, original caricature by Miguel Covarubbias.

Box 1, Folder 33  
**Ephemera re Butterfly Wu, Chinese actress**  
Physical Description: 3 items.

Box 1, Folder 34  
**Ephemera**  
Physical Description: 5 items.  
Scope and Content Note  
Catalogue for Max Ewing Collection of Extraordinary Portraits, New York, n.d., signed on the cover by Bernardine Szold; miscellaneous newsclippings.

**Books from the library of Bernardine Fritz**

Box 2  

Box 2  
Physical Description: [416 p.]  
Scope and Content Note  
With Bernardine Szold's bookplate and a penciled note "from Barbara Wescott."

Box 2  
Physical Description: 400 p.  
Scope and Content Note  
With inscription from Laura Huxley, December 9, 1973.
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Scope and Content Note  
With presentation inscription by Henry Miller, June 28, 1955.

Box 3  
Physical Description: 277 p. With inscription by the authors.

Box 4  
Physical Description: 244 p.

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Box 4  
Physical Description: 667 p.

Box 4  
Scope and Content Note  
An old Chinese play done into English according to its traditional style.

Box 4  
Physical Description: 312 p. Paperback.

Box 4  
Physical Description: 375 p.

Box 4  
Physical Description: 72 p. With inscription by the author, "Xmas, 1937." 

Box 4  
Physical Description: 548 p.

Box 4  
Physical Description: 282 p.

Box 5  
Physical Description: 210 p.

Box 5  
Physical Description: 45 p. 64 plates. With inscription from the author, Paris, 1928.

Box 5  
Physical Description: [247 p.]  
Scope and Content Note  
Christmas card tipped in on front flyleaf from Carl and Fania Van Vechten. With Bernardine Szold bookplate.

Box 5  
Physical Description: 47 p. With inscription from Belasco, March 30, 1925.
Physical Description: [434 p.] |
Physical Description: [1082 p.] |
Physical Description: 21 p. |
Physical Description: 14 p. With inscription from the author. |
Physical Description: 372 p. |
Physical Description: 421 p.  
Scope and Content Note  
An autobiography as told to Mary van Rensselaer Thayer. |
| Box 6 | Walbank, F. Alan, ed. *Queens of the circulating library. Selections from Victorian lady novelists. 1800-1900*. London: Evans Brothers Ltd., [1950].  
Physical Description: 328 p. |
| Box 6 | Walsh, William S. *Curiosities of popular customs and of rites, ceremonies, observances, and miscellaneous antiquities*. Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott Co., 1907.  
Physical Description: 1018 p. With Bernadine Szold bookplate. |
Physical Description: p. 237-247. With note on half-title page "from Glenway."  
Paperback. |
| Box 6 | Wescott, Glenway. "The Emperor Concerto," *Prose*, no. 3 (Fall 1971).  
Physical Description: p. 163-180. |