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Descriptive Summary
Title: Martha Ennis Johnson Papers,
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Collection number: 1390
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Abstract: Martha Ennis Johnson (d. 1984) was the associate dean of financial aid at UCLA before she became the director of the Venice Service Center in Los Angeles. She was also an author who wrote The Idle Poor, short stories and a one-act play, The Catalyst. The collection contains a manuscript of The Idle Poor, as well as clippings for research and correspondence regarding its publication. There are also general office records, personnel records, and publications of the Venice Service Center, Johnson's resumé, and three eulogies from her memorial service.

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Biography
Johnson received a BA in philosophy with honors from UCLA in 1964; did graduate work in philosophy, theater arts and education, and took extension courses in theater arts, education, psychology and English; was associate dean, financial aids, UCLA; she became a director of a private, non-profit educational agency, the Venice Service Center, in Los Angeles; wrote *The Idle Poor*, along with short stories and a one-act play, *The catalyst*; she died on December 21, 1984.

Scope and Content
Collection contains Martha Ennis Johnson’s manuscript, *The Idle Poor*, as well as clippings for research and correspondence regarding its publication. Also contains general office records, personnel records, and publications of the Venice Service Center in Los Angeles, as well as Johnson’s resumé and three eulogies from her memorial service.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Biographical (Box 1).
2. Venice Service Center (Box 1).
3. *The Idle Poor* manuscript material and publication history (Box 2).

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.
Johnson, Martha Ennis--Archives.
Venice Service Center (Los Angeles, Calif.).
Women social workers--California--Venice (Los Angeles)--Archival resources.
Manuscripts for publication.

Biographical

General Information - Memorial Items

Box 1, Folder 1  
**Eulogy by Jean Trapnell spoken at Memorial Service, 1985 January 5.**  
Physical Description: (Typescript, 3 leaves)

Box 1, Folder 2  
**Eulogy by Terence Vliet, 1985 January 5.**  
Physical Description: (Typescript, 3 leaves)
Biographical

General Information - Memorial Items

Box 1, Folder 3

**Eulogy by Andy Blunt and Betty Andrews, 1985 January 5.**

Physical Description: (19 leaves [various pagings]. Typescript [BA] and Holograph [AB])

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General Information - Summary Details

Box 1, Folder 4

**Resume of Martha Ennis Johnson, n.d.**

Physical Description: (1 leaf)

Career - Social Work

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Venice Service Center - General Office Records

Box 1, Folder 5

**Neighborhood Youth Center (folder 1 of 2), 1967-1968.**

Scope and Content Note


Note

(Removed from Box 1, folder 9)

Box 1, Folder 6

**Neighborhood Youth Center (folder 2 of 2), 1966 December-1967.**

Physical Description: (Holograph)

Scope and Content Note

Correspondence, notes and a police report concerning an incident involving clients on December 2.

Also, notes for a book [?].

Venice Service Center - Personnel Records

Box 1, Folder 7

**Gloria Rodriguez, 1967-1968.**

Physical Description: (15 items)

Note

Closed - filed in vault.

Box 1, Folder 8

**Alvin Simpson, 1967-1968.**

Physical Description: (20 items)

Note

Closed - filed in vault.
Venice Service Center - Publications

Box 1, Folder 9

Venice volcano, n.d. A weekly newsletter written and produced by teenagers for the community.

Physical Description: (11 items)

Box 1, Folder 10


Physical Description: (71 items. Newsletters)

Writing

The Idle Poor - Manuscript Material

Box 1, Folder 12

Early drafts and notes [?], n.d.

Scope and Content Note
Contains: Section E - The Employment Process (photocopy), notes for book [?], and outline for The Inmates.

Box 1, Folder 13

The idle poor - interviews, n.d.

Physical Description: (Transcripts [typescript and holograph] )

Box 2, Folder 1

The idle poor, n.d.

Physical Description: (2 p.l., 28 leaves. Typescript. In blue report folder)

Box 2, Folder 2

Early treatment titled The Inmates, with an outline of contents at end.

Physical Description: (ca. 50 leaves. Typescript)
Scope and Content Note
Back-up Material.

Box 2, Folder 2

Table of contents and introduction.

Physical Description: (2pp. manuscript notes)
Scope and Content Note
Back-up Material.

Box 2, Folder 3

The Inmates, 1966 March 27.

Scope and Content Note
Earlier treatment of work [?].

Box 2, Folder 4

The Inmates, 1984 September.

Physical Description: (2 p.l. 238 leaves. Typescript)
Scope and Content Note
Labeled Finished work with an attached memo from Jean Trapnell with a new postscript.
Box 2, Folder 5  
*The Inmates, n.d.*  
Physical Description: (240pp. 11 leaves. Typescript [photocopy])

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*The Idle Poor - Publication History*

Box 2, Folder 6  
**Miscellaneous (folder 1 of 2), 1973 August-1984 November.**

Scope and Content Note  
Correspondence with publishers, including UC Press.

Box 2, Folder 7  
**Miscellaneous (folder 2 of 2), 1981 December-1984 November.**

Scope and Content Note  
Correspondence with publishers. Copies of items from first folder [Box 2, folder 6].  
Also, letters from Alden Duer Cohen, her agent.

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*The Idle Poor - Research Material*

Box 1, Folder 11  
**Clippings for Prologue of The Idle Poor, 1981-1982.**