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Descriptive Summary

Title: Ninon MacKnight Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1942-1969
Collection number: 854
Creator: MacKnight, Ninon
Extent: 2 boxes (1 linear ft.) 1 oversize box
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Abstract: Ninon MacKnight (1908- ) drew sketches for the children's page of the Sunday Sun newspaper, and illustrated children's historical books, then illustrated picture books for younger children. Published works for which she was illustrator include Little Amish School House (1939), Snow White (c1946), For a Child: Great Poems Old and New (1947), and Kit Koala: the Shy Little Bear (c1948), which she both wrote and illustrated. The collection consists of original illustrations for seven children's books, and letters from various publishers regarding illustrations.

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Gift of Paul Jordan Smith, 1971.

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Biography
Ninon MacKnight was born on April 5, 1908 in Sydney, Australia; attended private school for girls in Sydney; drew sketches for the children's page of the Sunday Sun newspaper; came to the United States; first illustrated children's historical books, then illustrated picture books for younger children; married Wilbur Jordan Smith; published works for which she was illustrator include Little Amish School House (1939), Snow White (c1946), For a Child: Great Poems Old and New (1947), and Kit Koala: The Shy Little Bear (c1948), which she both wrote and illustrated.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of original illustrations for seven children's books and letters from various publishers regarding illustrations.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
MacKnight, Ninon--Archives.
Illustrators--United States--Archival resources.
Authors, American--Archival resources.
Illustrated works.
Juvenile literature.
Manuscripts for publication.

Box 1

**ABC of Trucks and Cars by Anne Alexander. Pictures by Ninon. Los Angeles. ca. 1956.**

Physical Description: 19 leaves. 21.5 × 27 cm. Color dummy containing 20 original crayon drawings.

Scope and Content Note
A child's ABC book. This is the first draft of the pictures for the publisher.

Note

Box 1

**Illustrations for Mr. Apple's Family, by Jean McDevitt. Los Angeles. ca. 1950.**

Physical Description: 47 items. Original pen and watercolor drawings (various sizes). In 2 folders.

Gift of Mrs. Ninon MacKnight Smith, December 1964.
Box 1

**Mr. Apple's Family, by Jean McDevitt. Illustrated by Ninon [MacKnight].**

Physical Description: 118pp. 20.5 cm. Page proofs with a few directions in pencil. Unbound.

Scope and Content Note
A children's book.

Note
Garden City, New York: The Junior Literary Guild and Doubleday & Company. [c1950].

Box 1

**Mr. Apple's Family, by Jean McDevitt. Illustrated by Ninon [MacKnight]. Los Angeles. ca. 1950.**

Physical Description: 5 p.l., 118pp. 20.5 cm. Pencil sketches interspersed with printed text. Publisher's mock-up.

Gift of Mrs. Ninon MacKnight Smith, December 1964.

Box 1

**The Teeny Tiny Woman, by Ninon [MacKnight]. Los Angeles. ca. 1955.**

Physical Description: 16 leaves. 16 x 16.5 cm. Original drawings and holograph text.

Scope and Content Note
A dummy made to submit to publishers. Unpublished.

Gift of Mrs. Ninon MacKnight Smith, September 1966.

Box 2

**Illustrations for Bush Holiday by Stephen Fennimore [pseudonym for Dale Collins]. Los Angeles. ca. 1949.**

Physical Description: 3 items. Pen and ink sketches.

Note
Garden City: Doubleday (c1949).

Box 2

**Kit Koala: The Shy Little Bear. By Ninon. Los Angeles. ca. 1946-1948.**

Physical Description: 10 items, 24 illustrations. Pen and ink.

Scope and Content Note


Box 2

**Letters from various publishers regarding books illustrated by Ninon MacKnight. v.p. 1961-1971.**

Physical Description: 15 items.

Scope and Content Note


Box 2

**Original watercolor illustrations for The Fairies.**

Physical Description: 6 items.

Gift of Paul Jordan Smith, November 1971.
Box 2  

**Sleepy Time. n.p. ca. 1969.**

- **Physical Description:** 1 vol., 13 illustrations
- **Scope and Content Note**

Oversize Box 3  

**Illustrations for Nathan's Dark House by Florence Bourgeois. Woodland Hills. ca. 1942.**

- **Physical Description:** 4 items. Watercolor.
- **Scope and Content Note**
  4 watercolor illustrations for *Nathan's Dark House*.
- **Note**
  Garden City: Doubleday, Doran & Company [1942].