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Descriptive Summary

Title: Zamin Ki Dost Papers,
Date (inclusive): 1930-1960
Collection number: 740
Creator: Zamin Ki Dost, 1866-1947
Extent: 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)
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Abstract: Zamin Ki Dost (1866-1947) was a medical missionary in India and lectured throughout the U.S. for Armenian Relief before settling in Los Angeles to teach philosophy and write stories and poems. The collection consists of literary manuscripts, including a manuscript biography by Zamin Ki Dost's disciple, Mattaline G. Crabtree, manuscripts of Dost's mystical teachings interpreted by Crabtree, correspondence between Lawrence Clark Powell and Crabtree, and ephemera.

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Biography
Born Willimina Leonora Armstrong in Nebraska in 1866 and educated in Philadelphia, Zamin Ki Dost went to India in 1887 as a medical missionary; her experience furnished the material for her book, *Incense of sandalwood*; near the end of the century she lectured throughout the U.S. for Armenian Relief; in 1901 settled in Los Angeles, a semi-invalid from a broken spine, teaching philosophy from her home and writing stories and poems; published *Son of power* (1920), stories of India written under the pseudonym Zamin Ki Dost and in collaboration with Will Levington Comfort; she died in 1947.

Scope and Content
Collection consists of literary manuscripts, including a manuscript biography by Zamin Ki Dost's disciple, Mattaline G. Crabtree, manuscripts of Dost's mystical teachings interpreted by Crabtree, correspondence between Lawrence Clark Powell and Crabtree, and ephemera.

Organization and Arrangement
Arranged in the following series:
1. Manuscripts.
2. Correspondence with Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell & ephemera.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Zamin Ki Dost, 1866-1947--Archives. Crabtree, Mattaline G. Powell, Lawrence Clark, 1906- --Correspondence. Women authors, American--20th century--Archival resources. Women poets, American--20th century--Archival resources. Women mystics--United States--Archival resources.

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Creator/Collector: Armstrong, Willimina Leonora (1866-1947)

Box 1

Copy 1 April 20, 1940.

Scope and Content Note
Holograph inscription in ink, Dear Gertrude..., signed, W.L.A., 2105 Oak Glen Place, Los Angeles, California.

Box 1


Scope and Content Note
Holograph inscription in ink to Carey McWilliams.
| Box 1 | **Essential Things to Know and Do, by the Noor Zhan.** Compiled by Her Chela. Los Angeles, California: New Age Publishing Company, 1957.  
Creator/Collector: Crabtree, Matteline G. (d. 1960) |
| Box 1 | **Pamphlet.**  
Physical Description: 37pp. |
| Box 1 | **Teachings of the Noor Zhan (Answers to Questions) Compiled by Her Chela.** n.p., n.d.  
Creator/Collector: Crabtree, Matteline G. (d. 1960)  
Scope and Content Note  
Typescript. 158pp. In brown clip Binder. |
| **4 manuscripts:**  
Creator/Collector: Crabtree, Matteline G. (d. 1960) |
| Box 1 | **Phenomena of the Spheres (Flying Saucers) Dictated by the Noor Zhan.** n.p., August 10, 1952.  
Physical Description: Typescript (carbon) title in holograph. 17 leaves. |
| Box 1 | **Three Messages from the Noor Zhan to her Children of the Light.** n.p., July-August 1958.  
Physical Description: Typescript (carbon) title and closing inscription in holograph. 4 leaves. |
| Box 1 | **Essential Things to Know and Do, by the Noor Zham.** n.p., n.d.  
Scope and Content Note  
Front cover with holograph title and inscription: Presented to Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell and family with love, by M.G.C. |
| Box 1 | **Teachings Concerning Business Practices in the New Era.** n.p., n.d.  
Physical Description: Typescript (mimeograph copy). 2 leaves.  
Scope and Content Note  
All the manuscripts end with ...The Noor Zhan has spoken through the hand of her Chela. |
| Box 1 | **The Noor Zhan, Compiled by Her Chela.** [Copy 2] n.p., n.d.  
Creator/Collector: Crabtree, Matteline G. (d. 1960)  
Physical Description: Typescript (carbon). 768pp. In blue paper box.  
Scope and Content Note  
9 parts stapled in individual covers, each labeled in holograph. Also included is a 7pp. table of contents. Biography of Willimina L. Armstrong. |
| Box 3 | **Correspondence and ephemera re Willimina L. Armstrong. Letters to Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell from Martha.**  
Physical Description: 41 letters: 25 pieces ephemera. |
| Box 2 | **A Basket of Whatnot.** n.p., n.d.  
Creator/Collector: Armstrong, Willimina Leonora (1866-1947)  
Physical Description: Typescript. Some pagination and correction in holograph. 275 leaves. In brown and buff box with title and some notations in holograph.  
Scope and Content Note  
1 or 2-page poems of essays, each identified as being by Miss Armstrong. |
Box 2

*India's Gates. n.p., n.d.*

Creator/Collector: Armstrong, Willimina Leonora (1866-1947)

Physical Description: Typescript. ca. 400pp. (leaves) In maroon box, with title and some holograph notations on side label.

Scope and Content Note

40 individual stories, each clipped separately; pages unnumbered.

Box 3

*Jeopardies of Passion. n.p., n.d.*

Creator/Collector: Armstrong, Willimina Leonora (1866-1947)

Physical Description: Typescript. ca. 300 leaves. In maroon box, with title and some holograph notations on side label.

Scope and Content Note

23 individual stories, each clipped separately; pages unnumbered.

Box 3

*Miscellaneous manuscripts. n.p., n.d.*


Physical Description: Typescripts. 3 pieces.

Scope and Content Note

Included are several leaves of biographic data re Miss Armstrong.