Lillian Bonham Hartmann papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Lillian Bonham Hartmann papers
Date (inclusive): 1898-1939, undated
Collection Number: MS 012
Creator: Bonham, Lillian, 1883-
Extent: 2.5 linear feet5 boxes
Repository: Rivera Library. Special Collections Department.
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Abstract: Materials created by Lillian Bonham including diaries, artwork, and correspondence. Content primarily pertains to her relationship with Sadakichi Hartmann and their family.
Languages: English.

Access
This collection is open for research.

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Biographical / Historical
Lillian Bonham grew up in New Jersey in the late 19th century and spent some time with family in Colorado right after the turn of the century. Lillian met Sadakichi in the summer of 1907 and came to live with him. They spent time in New York and settled in Southern California.

Scope and Contents
The Lillian Bonham papers are primarily comprised of correspondence between Lillian and various family and friends and her diaries she kept between 1898 and 1935. Her diaries provide an intimate glimpse into her daily life growing up in New Jersey, with ruminations on an assortment of current events and political topics of the era, and her relationship with Sadakichi Hartmann.

Arrangement
The Lillian Bonham papers are arranged into five series as follows:
   Series 1. Correspondence
   Series 2. Diaries
   Series 3. Diary Facsimiles
   Series 4. Art and Sketches
   Series 5. Other Documents

Related Materials
See also the Sadakichi Hartmann papers, the Lawton & Knox papers on Sadakichi Hartmann, and the Wistaria Hartmann Linton papers.

Collection Background
The materials in this collection were previously a part of the Sadakichi Hartmann papers (MS 068), part of them were in the processed portion of the collection and some were in the unprocessed portion. Upon surveying the Hartmann papers and creating a processing plan in late 2018 and early 2019 several collections were identified under the umbrella of MS 068. After thorough deliberation, SCUA staff concluded that the disperate collections would be separated and processed. This led to the creation of the Lillian Bonham papers as a distinct collection.
Series 1. Correspondence 1909-1939

Series Scope and Contents
This series contains correspondence to Lillian Bonham. The bulk of the materials are from family members including Sadakichi, Lillian's parents, and children from her relationship with Sadakichi Hartmann.

Box 1, Folders 1 to 3

Correspondence to Lillian Bonham 1910-1938, undated
Physical Description: 3 folders
Language of Material: English.

Box 1, Folder 4

Bonham, Lester P. to Lillian Bonham 1909-1910
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Biographical
Father of Lillian Bonham

Box 1, Folder 5

Brinkler, G. H. to Lillian Bonham 1913-1914
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Three letters from a self-proclaimed "food expert" G. H. Brinkler. An article from the American Medical Association was published in the October 1914 issue of JAMA and a 1915 book highlighting a federal investigation into Brinkler's fraudulent mail order business.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Mail Fraud

Box 1, Folder 6

City of Riverside Bureau of Welfare and Relief to Lillian Bonham 1933-1934
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.

Box 1, Folder 7

Family to Lillian Bonham 1908, 1932-1939, undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
This folder contains correspondence from a number of her children. Some folders include several pieces of correspondence that were all mailed together in one envelope. These remain together in groups and have notes on the outside.

Box 1, Folder 8

Hartmann, Robert to Lillian Bonham 1932 & 1934
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Biographical
Son of Lillian Hartmann

Box 2, Folders 1 to 3

Hartmann, Sadakichi to Lillian Bonham 1909-1927, 1934, undated
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Language of Material: English.
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**Series 2. Diaries 1898-1935**

Series Scope and Contents

Bonham's diaries ruminate on a wide range of topics. The bulk of the content pertains to her day to day life, family, and, after their meeting in 1907, her relationship with Sadakichi Hartmann. Periodically there are reflections on books she has read, comments on national politics (1900 presidential election) or global affairs (Spanish American War).

**Indexing Terms**

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

**Subjects**

- New York (N.Y.)
- Colorado Springs (Colo.)
- Shiloh (N.J.)
- California, Southern
Box 5  Lillian Ro. Bonham. Shiloh, N.J. #1. 1898-1899
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.
   Indexing Terms
   The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the
library's online public access catalog.
   Subjects
   Spanish American War

Box 5  Diary of Lilian and Lester Bonham. #2. 1900-1901
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.
   1900 Presidential Election
   Entry of September 26th reflects on the presidential election and seeing Roosevelt speak.
   Indexing Terms
   The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the
library's online public access catalog.
   Subjects
   Presidential Election

Box 5  Diary of Lillian Russell Bonham. Colorado Springs. #3. 1901
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.
   President McKinley assassination
   September 7th entry ruminates on President McKinley's assassination.
   Historic Events
   Oct 12th entry reflects on an array of international events
   Indexing Terms
   The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the
library's online public access catalog.
   Subjects
   McKinley, James. Assassination in America. Selections
   Spanish American War

Box 5  Diary of Lillian Russel Bonham. #4. 1902
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.

Box 5  Lillian Russell Bonham. Colorado Springs. #5 1902-1903
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.

Box 5  #6 1903-1904
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.

Box 5  The Diary of Lillian R. Bonham. Colorado Springs.#7 1904-1906
   Physical Description: 1 volume
   Language of Material: English.
Box 5  
#8 1906-1907
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Final entries talk about meeting Sadakichi Hartmann in July 1907.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Hartmann, Sadakichi, 1867-1944

Box 5  
#9 1907-1908
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Early entries about the initial interactions and conversations between Lillian Bonham and Sadakichi Hartmann.

Box 5  
#10 1908
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

Box 5  
#11 1908
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

Box 5  
Untitled Diary 1909
Physical Description: 1 volumesmall red leather pocket journal with two inserts
Language of Material: English.
art
Volume includes a watercolor sketch of Hartmann and Bonham.

Box 5  
Diary of L. "Dreamy" Bonham. New York. #12 1909-1910
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

Box 5  
Diary of Lillian Bonham. New York City. #13 1910
Physical Description: 1 volume
Scope and Contents
This diary includes entries after the death of Lillian Bonhams first child, Roderick.
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.
Subjects
Jeffries-Johnson world's championship boxing contest (Motion picture)

Box 6  
Dreamy's Diary Concerning Herself, Sadakichi, and Wistaria. #14 1912
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.
#15 1915-1916
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
This volume includes a handful of tabs denoting points of interest in the diary.

#16 1917-1921
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

#17 1922-1923
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

Lillian Bonham. Beaumont, Cal. #18 1924-1925
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

#19 1925-1926
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
July 4th entry reflects on stealing potatoes with Wistaria.

#20 1927-1929
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

#21 1929-1935
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.

Diary Excerpt 1935
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.

Series 3. Diary Facsimiles 1907-1939
Series Scope and Contents
Most of these folders are facsimiles of the original volumes. There are several folders that have content different from the original diaries: the two folders of transcripts and the final folder dated up to 1939.

Lillian Bonham Diary (transcript) 1907
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Language of Material: English.

Lillian Bonham Diary (transcript) 1913-1917
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Series 4. Art and Sketches undated

Series Scope and Contents
Series contains artwork, mostly sketches, by Lillian Bonham.

Box 9

Book Plate Designs undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Scope and Contents
Bookplate graphics designed by Lillian Bonham

Box 9

Drawings and Artwork undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Sketches, cartoons, and drawings by Lillian Bonham. Some sketches are of Sadakichi Hartmann.

Box 9

Ex Libris Sadakichi Hartmann undated
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 9

The Faded Lady undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Unfinished pastel self-portrait of Lillian Bonham. Reverse has a crayon sketch of two cats.

Box 9

Ink Sketch of Sadakichi Hartmann undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Material Specific Details: Black ink on tissue

Box 9

Sadakichi on a Saturday Night undated
Physical Description: 1 folder

Box 9

"Snow on Fuji" undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Pastel portrait of Sadakichi Hartmann by Lillian Bonham.

Box 9

"Social Lion" undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Ink sketch of Sadakichi Hartmann by Lillian Bonham. Notes on paper were added by an unknown third party.

Series 5. Other Documents 1912-1934, undated
Series Scope and Contents
Series contains assorted materials including a photo album, poem, and other documents.

Box 9

Cedric Baby Momentos 1934
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Box 9

"The Flower Smeller" 1917
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
Facsimile of The Little Review, Vol 111, No 10, April 1917 which includes a poem by Lillian Bonham

Box 9

Poem Scrap undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.

Box 9

Publishing Balance 1912
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.

Box 9

"That's Me" undated
Physical Description: 1 folder
Language of Material: English.

Box 10

Photo album undated
Physical Description: 1 volume
Language of Material: English.
Scope and Contents
A book titled God's Heroes repurposed as a photo album. Pictures are primarily of Hartmann and Bonham's children: Astor, Wisteria, Tansy, Jonquille, and Robert with a few pictures of Lilian and Sadakichi.