
Kate Rennie Archer Papers mssArcher

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Title: Kate Rennie Archer papers

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Date (inclusive): 1931-1969

Abstract: Papers belonging to San Francisco area poet and poetry teacher Kate Rennie Archer.

Language of Material: Materials are in English.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Kate Rennie Archer, March 1950, October 1952, and June 1960, and gift of Julia Cooley Altrocchi, July 1968, January 1971, and May 1972.

Biographical / Historical

Kate Rennie Archer (1863-1960?) was a contemporary poet and poetry teacher in the San Francisco Bay area. She was born in Glasgow and spent much of her youth traveling around Europe with her family. In 1912 she married Douglas Archer, a Scottish Royal Horse Artillery Captain; they had one son named Douglas. Kate Archer was a teacher and a nurse for the Red Cross during World War I. The family moved to California in 1927. She began writing poetry at an early age and published several volumes of poetry.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains correspondence, manuscripts, clippings, photographs, brief biographies and receipts. The correspondence is by far the largest component of the collection and contains both items written by, and items addressed to, Kate Rennie Archer. Included in the correspondence are two letters signed by the secretary of Madame Chiang Kai-shek and a single letter signed by the secretary to Queen Mary, wife of George V of Great Britain. All of the manuscripts in the collection are poems by Archer, and the remaining materials are items that were collected by Archer or that pertain to her life and interests. Issues addressed within the collection include Archer's writing as well as the work of other contemporary writers. Correspondents include Julia Cooley Altrocchi, Anne Archer, Douglas Archer, Sr., Douglas Archer, Jr., Jessica Pryce Arthur, Avonne Ballin, Grace Douglas Burlingame, Harry Edwards, Helen N. Faulkner, Jessamine S. Fishback, Adam L. Gowans, Ina Defoe Greathead, Dora Hagemeyer, Herbert Hoover, Cullen Jones, Florence R. Keene, Sarah Hammond Kelly, Frona Lane, Arthur L. Price, Jean C. Reade, Hattie Hecht Sloss, Sarah Wingate Taylor, Jennette Yeatman and Virginia Youngreen.

Processing Information

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Arrangement

Organized in the following series: I. Correspondence; II. Manuscripts, notes, photographs and printed material.

General

Former call number: mssArcher papers.

Subjects and Indexing Terms

Authors, American -- 20th century -- Correspondence

Women authors, American -- California -- Correspondence

Biographies -- California -- 20th century

Letters (correspondence) -- California -- 20th century

Manuscripts -- California -- 20th century

Photographs -- California -- 20th century

Altrocchi, Julia Cooley, 1893-1972

Altrocchi, Rudolph, 1882-1953

Archer, Anne, active 1950-1958

Archer, Douglas, Jr.

Archer, Douglas, Sr.

Arthur, Jessica Pryce

Ballin, Avonne

Burlingame, Grace Douglas

Faulkner, Helen N.

Fishback, Jessamine S.

Gowans, Adam L. (Adam Luke)

Greathead, Ina Defoe

Hagemeyer, Dora

Hoover, Herbert, 1874-1964

Jones, Cullen

Keene, Florence R., 1878-

Kelly, Sarah Hammond

La Clastra, Vera, 1903-

Lane, Frona

Price, Arthur L., active 1951-1954

Reade, Jean C.

Sloss, Hattie Hecht

Taylor, Sarah Wingate

Yeatman, Jennette

Youngreen, Virginia

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Correspondence 1931-1969

Box 3

Manuscripts, notes, photographs and printed material