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Location 4-G-1 (L)

Title Gwendolyn Haste Papers

Approximate inclusive dates 1900 - 1964

Date of receipt 1972; 1973; 1975

Received from Gwendolyn Haste;
James F. Carr

Volume on arrival Unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 6AB, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ AB, 1FB; 3 LF

Condition Good

Restrictions None

Description

See attached sheets

Please note that included in this folder is an earlier inventory which is now obsolete insofar as the arrangement of the collection goes, but which contains more detailed information regarding the description of the documents. It can be used effectively in conjunction with the new container level list prepared in 1988.

Special Formats Photographs Maps Audio Tapes Films Graphics
 Artifacts Machine-readable records
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Temporary catalog card added entries

Poet, American - 20th Century;

Women Poets, American - 20th Century.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

American poet Gwendolyn Haste was born on December 4, 1889 in Streator, Indiana. She lived there and in Wisconsin during her early life. After graduating from the University of Chicago, in 1912, she wrote poems and short stories for several years. During this time Haste also helped her father edit the farm journal The Scientific Farmer, first in Lincoln, Nebraska and then Billings, Montana. During World War I, she spent a year at a munitions factory where she was a laboratory assistant. Haste then spent several more years in Montana, finally coming to New York in 1924 when she was hired as Editorial Assistant of The Survey. She left The Survey in 1926 when she became Public Relations Assistant for the General Foods Corporation, a position which she held until her retirement in 1954.

Miss Haste was winner of the Nation Poetry Prize in 1922 with "The Ranch In The Coulee." Her collection of poems Young Land was published by Coward McCann in 1930. She was secretary of the Poetry Society of America in 1928 and 1929 and served on the Board of Directors until 1936. Ahsakta Press published The Selected Poems Of Gwendolyn Haste in 1978.

Gwendolyn Haste passed away on April 18, 1979.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The papers of Gwendolyn Haste are arranged in the following order: Correspondence, Diaries, Writings, Travel Journals, Literary Notebooks and Scrapbooks, General Foods Corporation Material, Biographical and Publicity Material and Photographs.

The Correspondence has been sub-divided in two groups: letters received and letters to/from her parents. Letters received, 1900 - 1964, are in chronological order and rough alphabetical order within the year. There is much correspondence with her friend Basil Brown, while he was serving with the Australian Imperial Force in France and Belgium during World War I and friend and fellow poet Grace Coates. There are letters from her publisher Edward K. Innes, of Innes & sons, Philadelphia, 1919 - 1920, and material regarding her attempts to get poems published. The letters to and from her parents, primarily outgoing and undated (ca. 1920's), reflect her life in Greenwich Village, especially her job seeking, social life and theatre going.

The Diaries were kept by Haste, one in 1908 and the other in 1912, while she was a student at the University of Chicago, reflecting social and academic activities and vacations home.

The Writings include poems, published and unpublished, short stories (alphabetical by title), typescript of "Pattern of Time," (reminiscences of her life and friends), skits, college themes and her reminiscences of American poet and editor Harriet Monroe.

The Journals, Notebooks and Scrapbooks consist of the following: journal kept in Paris and London, August 10 - September 19, 1929; journal of trip to Italy, May 20 - June 18, 1951; journal of trip to Greece, July 12 - September 3, 1957, on tour with approximately thirty companions on the "Olympia"; portions of journal of a trip to Chicago, 1953; scrapbook, 1913 - 1932, containing clippings of published poems by Haste, memorabilia and a few letters from editors and anthologists; scrapbook, 1917 - 1919, containing memorabilia of World War I and of Haste's work at a munitions laboratory in Anatol, N.J.; literary notebooks, two volumes, containing notes from readings and rough drafts of poems.

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The General Foods Corporation Material pertains to Haste's work in the company's Consumer Services Department. Includes memos, drafts of newsletter she edited and General Foods' "Current Literature Lectures," ca. 1937 - 1938.

The Biographical and Publicity Material includes information about Haste, lists of published works of hers, notes and clippings.

The Photographs are of Haste and relatives.

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CONTAINER LIST

BOX 1

CORRESPONDENCE, 1900 - 1964

Letters received (w/a few replies)

BOX 2

Letters to/from her parents, mostly undated (ca. 1920's)

Letters not dated, many unidentified

DIARIES, 1908; 1912

BOX 3

WRITINGS, UNDATED

Poems

Short stories

BOX 4

Reminiscences, "Pattern of Time"

Skits, College Themes and Reminiscences of Harriet Monroe

BOX 5

TRAVEL JOURNALS, LITERARY NOTEBOOKS AND SCRAPBOOKS, 1913 - 1957

BOX 6

GENERAL FOODS CORPORATION MATERIAL, 1928 - 1954

BOX 7

BIOGRAPHICAL AND PUBLICITY MATERIAL

BOX 8

PHOTOGRAPHS

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Obsolete arrangement

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Box Listing

- Box 1.
- a. Personal Letters Received (w/ a few replies), 1916-66, n.d. & unident. Included are letters from her friend Basil Brown while he was serving with the Australian Imperial Force (in the flying and motor cycle corps), in France and Belgium and while training in Australia, 1917-19. c.30 items. Letters written from Hong Kong, Liverpool (New South Wales, Aust), London (Eng.), and from the 'front'. W/ copy of "Aussie, The Australian Soldier's Magazine" Oct. 1918, No. 8, etc. (7 folders)
 - b. Letters to/from her parents. Mostly undated. (1 folder)
 - c. Correspondence, 1915, of Preston B. Moss, banker of Billings, Montana w/ Walter Burley Griffin [1876-1937], the American architect and designer of Canberra, Aust. relative to Moss' plan to found a city called "Mossmain" near Billings. SEE: ltr of explanation frm GH to "Miss Walton" at beginning of file; and p. 63 of her typescript reminiscences, "Pattern of Time". 9 items. (1 folder)
- Box 2.
- a. Poems by Gwendolyn Haste
 - published & unpublished. Typed clean copies, A-Z (1 folder)
 - clipped printed copies (1 folder)
 - "early MSS." ..(1 folder)
 - "first drafts" (2 folders)
 - humorous verses written about her work and her associates at General Foods Corp where she was employed in its Consumer Services Dept. (1 folder)
 - b. Short Stories by Gwendolyn Haste. Alphabetical by title. (2 folders)
- Box 3.
- a. [Reminiscences]. Pattern of Time, by Gwendolyn Haste. Carbon typescript, 144 p. + . Contains a sketch of the early years of her father (b.1856) Richard Haste in Wisc. and of her mother Sarah Jane Atherton in Ill.; her youth in Superior, Wisc; social and family life in Billings, Montana from 1915 through W.W.I. period; her beginnings as a poet; her friendship with Grace Coates; her meetings with Harriet Monroe [1860-1936], Amer. poet and editor, with Jeannette Rankin [1880-], Amer. woman suffragist and congresswoman, and with Senator Burton K. Wheeler [1882-]; the activities of the Nonpartisan League in Montana; the death of her father. Included in the text are numerous poems by her, [cont'd. on following page]

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- Box 3. a. [Reminiscences] (cont'd). Also, various unfinished drafts and notes. (5 folders)
- b. Skits, college themes; and her reminiscences of Harriet Monroe [1860-1936] (6 p. typescript). (1 folder)
- Box 4. Miscellaneous Papers
- 1924-65 & n.d. (2 folders)
 - Biographical papers. Photograph of Miss Haste at age 6 months; clippings; publicity material; list of published poems; printed Xmas cards by her. (1 folder)
 - General Foods Corp. Miscellaneous papers pertaining to her work in the Consumer Services Dept. incl. draft copies of house organ edited by her. (1 folder)
 - Miscellaneous notes & memoranda. (1 folder)
 - Poems by others. Scripts of poems by Neal Gallatin (of Wyo.), Dick Roberts (of Mont.), and unidentified person ("A.C.S."). (1 folder)
- Box 5. a. Travel Journals of Gwendolyn Haste
- journal kept at Paris [Fr.] and London [Eng.], Aug 10-Sept 19, 1929. Typescript, 16 p. w/ clippings pasted in on verso. Also, ltr (in Fr.) from Auberge du Navigateur, Paris hotel-keeper listing price of rooms. (1 folder)
 - journal of trip to Italy, May 20-Jun 18, 1951. Visits at Rome, Naples, Florence, Genoa, etc. w/ memorabilia pasted in on verso. Typescript, 15 p. f^o. (1 folder)
 - portions of journal of a trip to Chicago and points West, ¹⁹⁵³ H610-graph MS, 7 leaves 12m^o
 - journal of trip to Greece, Jul 12-Sept 3, 1957, on tour w/ about thirty companions on the "Olympia". Typescript, 28 p. f^o w/ memorabilia pasted in on verso. (1 folder)
- b. Literary Notebooks. 2 vols. Containing notes from readings and rough drafts and sketches of poems.
- c. Scrapbook, 1913-c, 1932. Containing clippings of published poems by Miss Haste, personal publicity & memorabilia and a few ltrs. (pasted in) from editors and anthologists incl. Jos. Auslander, Witter Bynner, Jos. Freeman (on ltrhd. of The Liberator), Edwin Markham, and Harriet Monroe (on ltrhd. of Poetry). 27x22cm.
- d. Scrapbook, 1917-19. Memorabilia of W.W.I. and of Miss Haste's work at a munitions lab in Amatol, N.J. 24x18cm.

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ADDENDA TO

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- Box 6.
- a. Personal Letters Received (w/ a few replies), 1900-26, 34, 64, n.d. & unidentified. Included are letters from her friends in her home town Streator, Ill. while a student at U. of Chicago, 1909-12; from Sen. William E. Jones (Rep.-Montana), 1913, 17 (3 items); her publisher and friend, Edward K. Innes of Innes & Sons, Phila., 1919-20, 23 (15 items); her editor, Paul Kellogg of the Survey, 1936 (1 item).
 - b. Letters to her parents, mostly undated (c. 1920's). Reflecting her life in Greenwich Village, N.Y., especially her job seeking, social life and theatre-going.
 - c. Letters from parents & relatives, 1902, 05. Included are letters of her father, Richard A. Haste ("Dicky"), secretary to Sen. Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, c. 1936 & n.d. (3 items).
 - d. Misc. correspondence, 1909-10, 17-18, & 54. Included are letters from editors detailing her initial attempts to break into print, 1909-10 (3 items); from editors, 1917-18; and as president of the Poetry Club, 1934, 37; correspondence re awarding of 1954 "Chapbook Prize" between the judges Milton Kaplan, George Abbe, Gustav Davidson and G.H. (6 items).
 - e. Personal diary (daily) kept by G.H. while a student at U. of Chicago, c. 1909-12, reflecting both social and academic activities and vacations home, includes her financial accounts and personal addresses. (1 vol.)
 - f. Papers re General Food's "Current Literature Lectures", c. 1937-38. G.H.'s lectures on modern poetry, 1938, reading lists, notes and index cards for lectures. Also included are lectures by others: the Irish Literary Renaissance by Ernest Boyd, the short story by Alfred Dashiell, the novel by Dr. Edwin Berry Bergman, biography by Harry Hases.
 - g. Papers re the Poetry Society of America's Tour of Greece and the Greek Islands, July-Dec. 1957. Includes notebook journal of the trip kept by G.H. at the request of the secretary and leader of the tour, Gustav Davidson, a typed log based on the notebook, a list of passengers with G.H.'s comments on their personalities.
 - h. Poems by G.H., undated. Holograph, typed and carbon copies of undated poems both titled and untitled.
 - i. Misc. prose by G.H., undated. Short sketches on Lawrence Langer, Arthur Guitterman; "English Five with Robert Herrick 1912 U. of C." n.d., 3pp.; misc. untitled typed notes and holograph drafts; typed copy of "American Christmas, 1954" by Nelson Algren.

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- Box 6. j. Photos of G.H. and relatives, mostly undated (26 items)
G. H. at various ages (19 items), sister Sarah Haste (3 items),
father Richard A. Haste (1 item), her aunt (1 item), George
Sallady (1 item) and an unidentified couple (1 item).
- k. Misc. pamphlets and clippings re General Foods and the Poetry
Society of America.
- L. Personal diary, 1908, kept by Miss Haste (75 M 4)