

Ruth Ragan Theater Collection

Collection ID: MS.022

Collection Information

Inclusive dates: 1935-1950

Size: 1 box, 1 linear ft.

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Scope and Content

Ruth Ragan was born in Indiana in 1884 and died in San Diego in 1969. She spent many years in Japan with the YWCA before taking a job working for the director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla, San Diego. She subsequently became the librarian at Scripps. Her enthusiasm for Shakespeare was kindled by performances by the Old Globe Players at the replica of the famed Globe Theatre in England that was built for the 1935 California Pacific International Exposition in San Diego. During the period 1958-62 she donated this collection and 550 volumes to the San Diego Public Library.

Container List

Box	File	Contents	Dates
1	1	Photographs, unframed and unmounted	
	2	<i>Appetizer for a Hobby</i> folder containing photographs captioned with quotes or identifying phrases	
	3	Loose miscellaneous items, including letters	1939-1944
	4	Loose photographs, mostly unidentified	
	5	Loose unidentified photographs	
		<i>Point</i> , San Diego Newsweekly	8/11/1950
		Loose-leaf binder ("Hamlet" on spine) including fan letters on Shakespeare performances at the San Diego Exposition, Mark Van Doren discussion on Hamlet, and excerpts from <i>Wingfield's Discourse of Virginia</i>	1935-1936
		Three framed photographs from Bill Ball in Hamlet, two of which are autographed	
		Clippings and miscellaneous, mounted on pages inserted in place of pages in front of 1929 <i>Harvard Alumni Directory</i>	1937-1948
		Scrapbook of annotated photographs (mostly by Ruth Ragan) of Fortune Players at San Diego Old Globe Theatre	1936
		Scrapbook of identified photographs (mostly by Katherine Drummond) of Old Globe Theatre Players	1935-1936
		<i>As I Like It</i> clippings scrapbook largely from San Diego newspapers	1935-1936