

JANE BOURNE PARTON PAPERS

Gift of James Parton, 1976-83

3706 items

The Jane Bourne Parton Papers are remarkable for the thorough documentation they provide of the life of an American woman in the mid-twentieth century, from childhood to death. Jane Bourne was born in 1917, and grew up in the Pacific Northwest, where she attended Annie Wright Seminary from 1930 to 1936. She graduated from Mills College in 1940, and went to work for the Hilton Hotels, serving as a personal assistant to Conrad Hilton for ten years during the major expansion of the Hilton Hotels Corporation. In 1950 she married James Parton, founder and president of American Heritage Publishing Company, and in the following twelve years was active in the Mills College Club of New York City. She died of cancer in 1962, at age 45, leaving three small children.

The Parton Collection includes diaries and memorabilia from Jane's years at Annie Wright Seminary; correspondence written while she was an undergraduate at Mills; and correspondence and memorabilia from her years with Hilton Hotels, including 81 letters from Conrad Hilton. Her correspondence with James Parton begins in 1947. Her wedding in 1950 is fully documented, and notebooks kept by Jane Parton include dress designs and dinner menus from the 1950s. Several dozen photographs of Jane Bourne Parton and her family, and such miscellaneous materials as obituary clippings and letters of condolence on her death, complete the collection.

- Folder 1 Annie Wright Seminary. Correspondence re: memorials. (24 items)
- Folder 1A Annie Wright Seminary. Correspondence. 1930-43. (23 items)
- Folder 2 Annie Wright Seminary. Miscellaneous materials. (13 items)
9 issues of "The Crest;" 4 issues of "The Shield."
- Folder 3 Annie Wright Seminary. Miscellaneous materials. (25 items)
1 Alumnae directory; 4 report cards; 3 "Dress Regulations;"
1 "Traditions of the Annie Wright Seminary;" 9 assorted school
photographs; 3 catalogues; 1 certificate; 1 autograph album;
1 application form (blank, c1934); 1 Field Day program, 1936.
- Folder 4 Mills College. Miscellaneous Correspondence. (14 items)
Esther A. Dayman. 23 February 1938. TLS.
Esther A. Dayman. 22 April 1938. TLS.
Virginia Peterson. 16 May 1938. TLS.
Doris Dozier. 28 May 1938. TLS.
Rosalind Cassidy. 21 January 1938. TLS.
Esther A. Dayman. 5 April 1939. TLS.
Lynn White Jr. 3 May 1951. TLS.
Mrs. Albert Chambers. 25 September 1961. ALS
Katherine L. Hall. 23 December 1961. ALS.
Linda Triegel. 22 May 1962. TLS.
Melinda Mills. 22 May 1962. ALS.
Jane Bourne. 6 June 1962. ALS.
"Anita." June 1962. ALS.
Katherine L. Hall. Undated. ALS.
- Folder 5 Mills College. Correspondence re: Jane Bourne Parton Fund. (26 items)
- Folder 6 Mills College. Correspondence re: contributions to Mills. (33 items)
- Folder 7 Mills College. Miscellaneous materials. (46 items)
1 Diploma; 1 Mills "Quarterly," November 1952 (part missing); 1 Mills
College Club of New York. Announcement; 1 Mills College Club of New
York. Program for the Year.; 3 "Speaker's Club" reports; 3 papers
by Jane Bourne Parton; assorted clippings, programs, report cards...
- Folder 8 Conrad N. Hilton. Correspondence. (81 items) 1940-56.
- Folder 9 Years with Hilton Hotels. Correspondence. (60 items) 1938-49.
Undated:
Herb Caen. TLS.
Mr. And Mrs Will Beckley. ALS
Lena Wassen. ALS.
Helen Estorodge. ALS.
Mrs. George Dunn. ALS.
Marjorie Battey. ALS.
Silvia Brewer. ALS
Helen and Alice Biddlecombe. ALS.

Folder 9. (continued)

Dated.

WM. Botkin. Aug. 5, 1938. TLS.
 Erma B. Huffaker. July 11, 1940. ALS.
 Katherine W. Jones. July 13, 1940. ALS.
 Mabel Gelette. Aug. 2, 1940. TLS.
 J.K. Diamond. Sept. 6, 1940. TLS.
 Miss Bolch. March 7, 1941. ALS.
 Bruce Booth. March 12, 1941. TLS.
 E.P. Trout. April 28, 1941. TLS.
 John Pettit. June 9, 1941. TLS.
 Joseph J. Rice. Dec. 4, 1941. TL (copy)
 A.C. Man. July 31, 1944. TLS.
 A.C. Man. Sept. 28, 1944. TLS.
 A.H. Iages. Oct. 16, 1944. TLS.
 A.C. Man. Feb. 20, 1945. TLS.
 A.H. Iages. March 22, 1945. TLS.
 to Life Magazine. Sept. 28, 1945. TL (copy).
 James Blainey. Jan. 8, 1946. TLS.
 to James Blainey. Jan. 11, 1945 (i.e. 1946). TL (copy)
 James Blainey. Jan. 16, 1946. TLS.
 to James Blainey. Jan. 19, 1946. TL (copy).
 James Blainey. Jan. 29, 1946. TLS.
 to James Blainey. Feb. 1, 1946. TL (copy)
 James Blainey. Feb. 12, 1946. TLS.
 to James Blainey. Feb. 18, 1946. TL (copy).
 James Blainey. Feb. 25, 1946. TLS.
 to James Blainey. Feb. 27, 1946. TL (copy).
 George L. Kernion. May 8, 1946. TLS.
 to Town House Captains. May 24, 1946. TL (copy).
 to T.H. O'Grady. May 24, 1946. TL (copy).
 Sam P. Ypung. May 25, 1946. TLS.
 Mr. Wangeman. May 27, 1946. TL (copy).
 to Frances Fowler. May 27, 1946. TL (copy).
 Frances Fowler. June 3, 1946. TLS.
 to Frances Fowler. June 5, 1946. TL (copy).
 Josh Hogue. June 17, 1946. TLS.
 Jack Daley. June 29, 1946. TLS.
 E.M. Ingledue. July 1, 1946. TLS.
 Pat Robkins. July 8, 1946. TLS.
 Bud Overbeck. July 9, 1946. TLS.
 J.P. Milnamon. July 10, 1946. TLS.
 Don Burger. July 17, 1946. TLS.
 to El Paso National Bank. July 18, 1946. TL (copy).
 Robert P. Williford. Aug. 14, 1946. TLS.
 H.L. Ludwig. Sept. 13, 1946. TLS.
 H. L. Ludwig. Oct. 2, 1946. TLS.
 to H.L. Ludwig. Oct. 4, 1946. TL (copy).
 H.L. Ludwig. Feb. 14, 1947. TLS.
 to Joseph Binns. May 14, 1949. TL(Copy).
 Boyken, Mohler & Beckley, Sept. 26, 1949. TL (copy).
 to Hamilton Wright, Jr. Sept. 28, 1949. TL (copy).
 to Leonard Bourne, Sept. 29, 1949. TL (copy).
 to Edward Crowley, Jr. Nov. 28, 1949. TL (copy).

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- Folder 10. At Sir Frances Drake. Miscellaneous Materials.
(11 items).
1 Proposal to install Hospitality Service.
1 card.
1 clipping.
8 photographs.
- Folder 11. Hilton Hotels. Miscellaneous Materials.
(47 items).
- Folder 12. Caribe Hilton Opening. Miscellaneous Materials.
(10 items)
2 passenger lists.
TIME. Dec. 12, 1949.
1 ticket for opening banquet
1 invitation to opening banquet
Preliminary scheduel for opening
1 tariff list
1 descriptive pamphlet
1 guestlist
Program for opening
- Folder 13. James Parton to Jane Bourne Parton. Correspondence.
1948 ? undated.
(13 items).
- Folder 14. James Parton to Jane Bourne Parton. Correspondence.
1949-1950 ? undated.
(80 items).
- Folder 15. James Parton to Jane Bourne Parton. Correspondence.
(16 items).
1947-1948.
- Folder 16. James Parton to Jane Bourne Parton. Correspondence.
(70 items).
1949.
- Folder 17. James Parton to Jane Bourne Parton. Correspondence.
(22 items).
1950.
- Folder 18. James Parton to Jane Bourne Parton. Correspondence.
(10 items).
1952-1957.
- Folder 19. Jane Bourne Parton to James Parton. Correspondence.
UNDATED 1948-49
(51 letters).
- Folder 20. Jane Bourne Parton to James Parton. Correspondence.
UNDATED 1950
(37 letters)
- Folder 21. Jane Bourne Parton to James Parton. Correspondence.
(48 items).
1947-1949.

Folder 21. (continued)

1947 July 16. Postcard.
Sept. 19. TLS.

1948 Jan. 5. Postcard
26. Postcard
Feb. 12. Card.
23. Tele.
24. Postcard.
26. Postcard.
26. TLS.
28. ALS.
Mar. 19. Postcard.
19. ALS.
Sept. 16. Tele.
16. Tele.
21. Postcard.
24. Postcard.
27. Tele.
Oct. 1. Tele.
11. Postcard.
13. Tele.
16. Postcard.
Nov. 3. Tele.
4. ALS.
Dec. 14. Tele.

1949 Jan. 3. Tele.
Feb. 1. Tele.
14. Tele.
14. Tele.
14. Tele.
Mar. 26. TLS.
May. 24. Tele.
June 3. TLS.
15. ALS.
July 21. Tele.
31. Tele.
Sept. 19. ALS.
20. ALS.
21. ALS.
25. Tele.
26. Postcard.
Oct. 25. Tele.
Nov. 4. Tele.
28. Postcard.
28. ALS.
Dec. 3. Tele.
11. Tele.
12. Tele.
13. Tele.

Folder 22. Jane Bourne Parton to James Parton. Correspondence.
(7 items).

1950-1951

1950 Feb. 21. Tele.
May. 8. Postcard.
Aug. 13. Tele.
25. ALS.
30. Tele.

Folder 22. (continued)

1951 Jan. 9. Tele.
Oct. 24. ALS (copy).

Folder 23. Jane Bourne Parton to James Parton. Correspondence.
(25 items)

UNDATED 8 letters.
1952 Oct. 23. Tele.
28. Postcard.
Nov. 8. Postcard.
Dec. 9. ALS.
1954 Aug. 26. Tele.
Dec. 17. Tele.
1956 May. 3. Postcard.
June 6. Postcard.
7. Postcard.
8. Postcard.
9. Postcard.
10. Postcard.
16. Tele.
July 5. Postcard.
9. Tele.
1957 Mar. 1. Postcard.
1958 May 14. Tele.

Folder 24. Family-----Mr. and Mrs. Leon De Forest Henderson. Correspondence.
1938-1962
(95 items). See also folders 49-65Folder 25. Miscellaneous Correspondence. Jane Parton.
(69 items)

1935-1962

Incoming

Undated Rev. Arthur Bell. ALS.
Mrs. John McFarland. ALS.
Betty Alexander. Card.
Helen Zuchary. ALS.
Charles Brynolson. 3 cards.
"Godinum". Card.
Ruth . ALS.
"Forestint". Card
"Martha". Card
"Muriel". Card.
Mills College Club of New York. Card.

Dated Arthur Bourne. June 27, 1935. Tele.
Doris Dozier. Nov. 23, 1942. Postcard.
Janis Nivelor. March 2, 1948. ALS.
Kip Finch. Nov. 6, 1948. Tele.
Meyer Tobiansky. July 21, 1949. Tele.
Bertie Crane. Nov. 15, 1949. Tele.

Folder 25. (continued)

Dated Unsigned (James Parton?). Nov. 21, 1950. Postcard.
 Ralph Reynolds. Dec. 6, 1950. TLS.
 Robert V. Linston. Jan. 2, 1951. TLS.
 Royland J. Wynne. April 12, 1951. TLS.
 Royland J. Wynne. April 19, 1951. TLS.
 Edward Lohe. Dec. 22, 1959. TLS.
 Mrs. E.J. Austin. May 10, 1961. ALS.
 Jimmie Fogg Henderson. May 18, 1961. ALS.
 Florence HENLY. Aug. 31, 1961. TLS.
 George Bijun. Nov. 30, 1961. TL (part missing).
 Charlotte Bourne. Jan. 27, 1962. ALS.
 Mrs. A. Ross Bourne. Aug. 20, 1962. ALS.
 ?? . Sept. 7, 1962. ALS.
 Albert Leventhal. Sept. 19, 1962. TLS.
 "Frances". Sept. 22, 1962. ALS.
 H. Stanley Thompson. Sept. 26, 1962. TLS.
 Diane Rothausser. Sept. 27, 1962. Card.

Outgoing Undated

"Jimmie". (1934?). ALS.
 "Godmama". TL (copy).

Dated

"Uncle Theodore". May 22, 1949. TL (copy)
 Kip Finch. June 14, 1949. Tele.

IncomingUndated

to "Nat". TL (copy).

Dated

to Harry Bruno. March 11, 1948. TL (copy).
 Editorial Staff. June 28, 1948. TL (copy).
 General Ira Eaker. Nov. 17, 1950. TL (copy).
 Sol Stameshkin. Nov. 17, 1950. TL (copy).
 Al Weingand. Nov. 21, 1950. TL (copy).
 Peter Stackpole. Nov. 21, 1950. TL (copy).
 Swift, Ltd. San Francisco. Nov. 22, 1950. TL (copy).
 General Ira Eaker. Nov. 28, 1950. TL (copy).
 Cy Adler. Nov. 28, 1950. TL (copy).
 L.W. Lane. Nov. 28, 1950. TL (copy).
 Promotion Staff. Dec. 4, 1950. TL (copy).
 Joseph Thorndike. Jr. Oct. 2, 1962. TL (copy).
 Harvard Alumni Bulletin. Oct. 3, 1962. TL (copy).
 Unitarian Church. Oct. 8, 1962. TL (copy).
 form letter. Oct. 8, 1962. TL
 Mrs. Claude Brown, Jr. Oct. 11, 1962, TL (copy).

Folder 26. Letters Re. Wedding
 (64 items)

Folder 27. Cards received with Wedding Gifts.
 (109 items).

Folder 28. Wedding Miscellaneous Materials.
 (24 items).

- Folder 29. Letters of Condolence. A-C.
(166 items).
- Folder 30. Letters of Condolence. D-G.
(120 items).
- Folder 31. Letters of Condolence. H-I.
(164 items).
- Folder 32. Letters of Condolence. M-R.
(171 items).
- Folder 33. Letters of Condolence. S-Z.
(160 items).
- Folder 34. Letters re. Contributions to Unitarian Church.
(33 items).
- Folder 35. Obituaries. etc.
(30 items).
- Folder 36. Photographs. The Parton Family.
(15 items).
- Folder 37. Photographs. Home in New York and Vermont.
(19 items).
- Folder 38. Photographs. Childhood and Years at Mills College.
(57 items).
- Folder 39. Photographs. Years at Mills College.
(42 items).
- Folder 40. Photographs. Years with Hilton Hotels.
(36 items).
- Folder 41. Photographs. Years with Hilton Hotels.
(51 items).
- Folder 42. Photographs. Years with Hilton Hotels.
(19 items).
- Folder 43. Photographs. Portraits, etc. Note: one framed portrait is
(67 items). housed with other framed
portraits in Bender Room.
- Folder 44. Photographs. Miscellaneous pictures.
(37 items).
- Folder 45. Photographs. Jane's Parents, Brother, Gearhart House, etc.
(45 items).
- Folder 46. Miscellaneous Materials. Jessica Bourne later Mrs. Leon De Forest
Henderson.
(6 items, including a photograph)
- Folder 47. Miscellaneous Materials.
(79 items).

- Folder 48 Miscellaneous clippings and other items.
(65 items)
- Folder 49 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica Bourne. Correspondence.
(59 items) 1926-1933.
- Folder 50 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica Bourne. Correspondence.
(70 items) 1934-1937.
- Folder 51 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica Bourne. Correspondence.
(100 items) 1938.
- Folder 52 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica Bourne. Correspondence.
(79 items) 1939.
- Folder 53 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica Bourne. Correspondence.
(78 items) 1940.
- Folder 54 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(85 items) 1941.
- Folder 55 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(33 itmes) 1942.
- Folder 56 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(40 items) 1943.
- Folder 57 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(16 items) 1944.
- Folder 58 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(23 items) 1945-1949.
- Folder 59 James Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(32 items) 1950-1957.
- Folder 60 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(33 items) 1950-1957.
- Folder 61 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Correspondence.
(31 items) 1958-1962
- Folder 62 Jane Bourne Parton to Mrs. Jessica (Bourne) Henderson. Holiday
Correspondence. (53 itmes).
- Folder 63 James Parton to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson (Mrs. Bourne). Correspondence.
(41 items).
- Folder 64 James III, Sara and Dana Parton to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson (Mrs. Bourne).
Correspondence. (95 items).
- Folder 65 James III, Sara and Dana Parton to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson (Mrs. Bourne).
Holiday Correspondence. (18 items)

- Folder 66 James Parton. Clippings. (5 items) 1958-1964.
 Folder 67 Jane Bourne Parton. Chronology, 1917-1937 (1 item).
 Folder 69 *Jane Bourne Parton. Certificates (14 items).*

Miscellaneous Items:

- 8 Folders of Cards:
- a. Jane Bourne Parton's designs (46 items).
 - b. 1948-1950. (74 items).
 - c. 1951-1953. (43 items).
 - d. 1953-1954. (44 items).
 - e. 1955-1956. (12 items).
 - f. 1956-1958. (21 items).
 - g. 1958-1960. (44 items).
 - h. 1960-1961. (28 items).

- 1 black notebook (dinner recipes, gift lists...).
- 1 box of slides (Annie Wright Seminary Chapel windows).
- 1 cloth notebook (recipes, menus...).
- 1 spiral notebook (notes on European trip, wine labels, list of things bought...)
- 1 guestbook.
- 1 package of bookplates.
- 1 red leather scrapbook.
- 3 diaries:
1. begun 10 September 1930.
 2. begun 3 September 1934.
 3. begun 9 September 1935.
- 1 Annie Wright Seminary pennant, from 1936.
- 1 scrapebook kept by Jane Bourne at Annie Wright Seminary, 1930-1936.
- 1 Life magazine, 31 May 1954, with article on Annie Wright Seminary, (pp. 73-76).

Dance Newspaper Clippings, Parton Collection, A-Z

Africa --31 articles
American Art 37
American Ballet Company -Feld 34
American Folk and Social 22
American Indian 13
Art general 53
Australia, New Guinea 7
Avant Garde - Rainer, Yvonne 91
Balanchine 65
Bali, Java 37
Ballet articles 72
Ballet Choreographers - other 38
Ballet companies - other 35
Ballet History-Dance History 29
Ballet and Opera 18
Ballet Rampert 5
Ballet Technique 10
Ballet Theater 85
Ballroom 3
Baush, Pina 1
Beal, Tandy 5
Bejart Ballet 30
Bennington School Of Dance 5
Broadway, Television, Showbiz 48
CDEA 11
China, Korea 47
Choreography and Performance 17
Criticism 73
Cities 3
Cunningham, Merce 120
Dance Theatre of Harlem 64
Dance Theatre Workshop 11
Danish Ballet 19
Dean, Laura 15
De Mille, Agnes 33
Design, Ballet 24
Drama 18
Driver, Senta 2
Dudley-Maslow-Bales
Duncan, Isadora 39
Dunham, Katherine 18
Economics 28
Education 50
English Ballet- Royal Ballet- Margot Fonteyn Ashton 81

Enters, Anfina 3 very fragile
Erdman, Jean 79
European Folk 12
Falco, Louis 7
Fenley, Molissa 7
Film 24
French Ballet 6
German Dance 14
Graham 184
Halpin, Ann 58
Happenings- inter-media, etc. 15
Harkness Ballet 21
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Hawkins, Erick 67
Herskovitz, Melville 1
Historical 40
Holm, Hanya 18
Humphrey, Doris 33
India 88
Individual artists- Matisse, Czanne, Legu, etc. 39
Israel 43
Japan 64
Jazz 1
Jenkins, Margaret 4
Joffrey Ballet 99
Jones, Betty
Jones, Bill T 2
King, Eleanor 24
Koner, Pauline 18
Kreutzberg 3
Lang, Pearl 15
Lewis, Gwen 5
Lewitzky, Bella 39
Limon, Jose 73
Literature 10
Louis, Murry 28
Lubovitch,, Jan 11
Martin, John: The Dance 37
Medieval Art 12
Milhaud 25
Mime 56
Miscellaneous 6
Modern Dance 40
Modern Dancers -Other 34
Monk, Meredith 15
Morris, Mark 3

Music 29
Nagrin, Daniel 49
New York Cilty Ballet 57
Nijinsky, Pavlova 11
Nikolais, Alvin 72
Notation 12
Nureyer 33
Oakland Ballet 11
Ochnser, Berta 3
O'Donnell 7
Phillipines 8
Picasso 7
Pictures Ballet 82
Pilobolus 6
Primitive Art 47
Prumus, Pearl 7
Redlich, Don 3
The Rio Grand Union 12
Robbins, Jerome 36
Ross, Janice 11
Russia 81
San Francisco Ballet 40
Samasando, Paul 21
Sculpture 30
Shawn, Ted 12
Shearer, Syil 10
Sokolon, AAnna 28
South America Cuba, 6
Spain, Mexico 47
Stuttgart Ballet 39
St. Denis, Ruth 33
Summer: Connecticut College..Cal state Long Beach 32
Taylor, Paul 79
Thailand 16
Tharp, Twyla 37
Therapy 18
Tudor Antony 16
Viola farber Dance Company 13
Wagoner, Dan 5
Weidman, Charles 55
Wiener, Nina 2
Wigman, Mary 8
Yuriko 8