Title: Zilpha Snyder Collection

Dates: 1969-2005

Creator/Collector: Unknown

Extent: 4 boxes (16 linear feet)

Repository: Wardman Library-Whittier College. Whittier, California 90602

Abstract: Zilpha Snyder was a 1948 alumna of Whittier College best known for her authorship of children's books, including *The Egypt Game*, *The Headless Cupid*, and *The Witches of Worm*. The Snyder Collection consists of books she authored or to which she contributed, miscellaneous children's books, manuscripts, artwork, and awards.

Language of Material: English

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Acquisition Information: The collection was donated by Zilpha Snyder in late 2005.

Biography/Administrative History: Zilpha Snyder, nee Keatley, was born in 1927. She graduated from Whittier College in 1948 and taught elementary school until 1962. During this time, she married Larry Allan Snyder, a fellow Whittier alumn, and the couple had two biological children and one adopted child. In 1998, Snyder received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Whittier College. She is best known for her authorship of children's books, including the Newbery Honor award-winning books *The Egypt Game*, *The Headless Cupid*, and *The Witches of Worm*. She died of a stroke in 2014. This finding aid was developed by Paige Harris in 2023.

Scope and Content of Collection: The Snyder Collection consists of copies of books Snyder authored as well as art, awards, and manuscripts.

Container List:

- Box 1- Magazines
- Box 2- Manuscripts
    - The Gypsy Game, versions 1-3
    - William S. and the Great Escape

- o Gib Rides Home, versions 1-2
- o The Bronze Pen
- o Cat Running, versions 1-2
- o The Whole Story
- o The Ghosts of Rathburn Park
- o Rover's Shadow
- Box 3- Awards and artwork
- Box 4- Awards, artwork, Snyder's Whittier diploma