

KNIGHT, MARY, 1898-1996.

Mary Knight papers, 1918-1970

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Knight, Mary, 1898-1996.
Title: Mary Knight papers, 1918-1970
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 515
Extent: 3.75 linear feet (8 boxes) and 1 oversized papers box (OP)
Abstract: Papers of author and journalist Mary Lamar Knight McConnell, including printed material, correspondence, memorabilia, and scrapbooks.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

Administrative Information

Restrictions on Access

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Source

Gift, 1967, with subsequent additions.

Citation

[after identification of item(s)], Mary Knight papers, Stuart A. Rose Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, Emory University.

Collection Description

Biographical Note

Mary Lamar Knight McConnell, author, journalist, and lecturer, was born in 1898 and was the daughter of Georgia historian Lucian Lamar Knight. She married Felton McConnell (Mac) in 1973 and moved to Loveland, Ohio. She was one of the first woman news correspondents for United Press International and the first woman on their Paris staff (1930-1935). Afterward,

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Knight traveled in the Far East, then worked in the U.S. Office of War Censorship through the end of World War II. She earned an undergraduate degree (1922) from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia, and a degree in librarianship from San Jose (California) State College (1968). Knight's thesis ("The Chinese Fox") for her degree in librarianship, published as a children's fantasy, *The Fox that Wanted Nine Golden Tails* (1969), had been published in Tokyo, Japan (1955) under Knight's Japanese name, Kishi Mariko.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of printed material, correspondence, a thesis, certificates, photographs, a sculpted bust of Knight, memorabilia, scrapbooks, a diploma, galley proofs, and an audio tape. Materials pertain to Knight's family, career, and travels, and to her book, *The Fox that Wanted Nine Golden Tails*. Photographs are of Agnes Scott faculty members, government and military leaders of Knight's acquaintance, and others, and include daguerreotypes of Knight's ancestors; an audio tape is a lecture by Knight on family history. Letters are to Knight from journalists and others including the prince of Annam (Vietnam); there are also some letters of Harry Stillwell Edwards, and of Lucian Lamar Knight. The thesis is Mary Knight's "The Chinese Fox." Galley proofs, thesis materials published as Knight, Mary, *The Fox that Wanted Nine Golden Tails* (New York: Macmillan Company, 1969).

Arrangement Note

Unprocessed collection.

Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	1	L.B. Nelson papers
1	2	Correspondence, Office of Censorship materials relating to February 18, 1969
1	3	Correspondence
1	4	Correspondence
1	5	Correspondence
1	6	Correspondence
1	7	Correspondence, Harry Stillwell Edwards
1	8	Chinese pass
1	9	"The Bird Lady"
1	10	"The Fox that Wanted Nine Golden Tails"
1	11	"The Fox that Wanted Nine Golden Tails"
2	1	Miscellaneous
2	2	Correspondence: speeches
2	3	Correspondence: Prince of Annam, November 16, 1967
2	4	Nelson family clippings
2	5	Family photographs
2	6	Photograph album
2	7	Pictures
2	8	<i>The Scottish Clan and Their Tartans</i>
3	1	Pictures: Commencement materials
3	2	Loose photographs
3	3	Family name documents
3	4	Clippings by and about Mary Knight
3	5	Clippings
3	6	Clippings album
3	7	Clippings album
4	1	Writings by Mary Knight
4	2	San Jose State College diploma
4	3	Clippings album
4	4	Clippings album
5	1	Letters and forms re: thesis (San Jose State College)
5	2	Master's thesis (draft copy)
5	3	Correspondence re: librarian position and school
5	4	School papers by Mary Knight
5	5	"The Knights" family history
5	6	Photograph album

5	7	Letters and family tree
5	8	Satin banner from Peking reception
5	9	Mother's handkerchief
5	10	Funeral program for Frances Walton Knight
5	11	<i>Journal of the Proceedings of the 1899 Encampment of the Department of Georgia, Grand Army of the Republic</i>
5	12	Photographs of Mary Knight with Mary Pickford, W.C. Fields and Cecil B. DeMille
5	13	Commemorative fan, pins, watches, ring, Phi Beta Kappa pin and straight razor in case
5	14	Journalist visa, France
6	1	Fan holders
6	2	Pamphlets
6	3	Books on reporters
6	4	"Mary Knight (UP Reporter) talks at Society of Mayflower meeting," April 14, 1973, audiocassette
6	5	Lecture by Mary Knight, Descendants of the Mayflower, May 1973, audiocassette
6	6	Mirror in case
6	7	Glass cased photographs
6	8	Girls Scouts silver cup
7	1	Clippings
7	2	<i>The Chinese Fox: A Study in Fantasy</i> , by Mary Knight
7	3	Clippings album
7	4	Brochures
7	5	<i>The Silhouette</i> yearbook, 1922
7	6	<i>Who's Who in Los Angeles</i> , 1950-1951
7	7	<i>Eneas Africanus</i> , by Harry Stillwell Edwards, inscribed to Mary Knight, 1932
7	8	"Friends of the Library" bookplates
8	1	<i>This Star of England</i> , Dorothy and Charlton Ogburn
OPI	1	Agnes Scott diploma, signed photographic prints, Korean flag
