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A Guide to the Olga Briggs & Helen Fay Papers

Collection Summary

Collection Title: Olga Briggs & Helen Fay Papers

Call Number: MG 208

Creator: unknown

Inclusive Dates: 1936 - 1972

Bulk Dates:

Abstract: Helen Fay (Juneman) “Aunt Helen” was one of the owners of the John Mistletoe Bookshop in Albany, New York. Olga H. Briggs was a teacher of English at New York State College, which is where the two women met and became friends. This collection consists of correspondence, clippings, and transcripts.

Quantity: 2 boxes, 12 folders

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Persons

“Curly Top”	Denny, Roy	Morley, Christopher
Andrus, Rupert	Dorsden, James	Mote, Seibert
Banning, Evelyn	Duff, Annis	Mrs. Halbrooks
Best, Mrs. Herbert (Erick Berry)	Eckert, Edna	Northly, Jean
Biddle, Ward	Emerson, Edith	Pinkham, Eleanor
Bothwell, Jean	Ferrin, Dana	Pons, Helene
Boubacher, Rosa	Gans, Leo	Reynolds, Russell
Briggs, Olga H.	Hamilton, Margaret	Robinson, Irene
Buff, Conrad	Hansen, Victor	Rodenbaeck, Kyle
Camp, Mary Ann	Hayes, Linda	Adams
Coggins, Carolyn	Heney, F. Owen	Ross, Mabel
“Caggie”	Irvine, Paul	Sawyer, O.G.
Colbert, Margaret	Juneman, Helen Fay	Sweeney, Ralph
Coleman, Jeff	Juneman, Joseph	Wallace, Edith
Coolidge, John	Justus, May	Weatherwax, Wilbert S.
Cruttenden, Louise	Kitchin, Ruth	Webb, Marion
Dakin, Emily	Larson, B. Jeanette	Whitney, Phyllis
De Grummond, Laura	Leventhal, Albert	Williamson, Max
Denny, Melcena	Lindquist, Jennie	Zettelmeyer, Herbert
	Masse, May	

Organizations

Albany City War Council – Albany – New York
Attorneys—Hansen & Sweeney—Los Angeles—California
Books—Publishing—Simon and Schuster, INC
Books—Publishing—Storm Publishers
Books—Publishing—The Century Co.
Books—Publishing—The Viking Press
Mildred Elley Radio Program
National Association of College Stores
Newspapers—Albany Times Union—Albany—New York
The College Bookstore
The College Store Journal
WABY – Radio Station
WAMC – Radio Station

Subjects

Books
Radio Programs
World War II

Places

Albany – New York – United States

California—United States

Document Types

Letters

Radio Transcripts

Newspaper Clippings

Book Publisher Newsletters

Titles

none

Biography/History of

Helen Fay (Juneman) was one of the owners of the John Mistletoe Bookshop in Albany, NY. Helen was known to schoolchildren as “Aunt Helen.” Helen started work as a teacher of History at New York State College. After leaving the Bookshop, Helen promoted books for the Holiday Publishing Company; this is how she was able to reach lots of school children. Olga H. Briggs was a teacher of English at New York State College; this is where the two friends met. Olga Briggs also worked for the New York Public Library and was a radio announcer for WBAY and WAMC in Albany, NY.

This collection contains letters to Helen from Olga, letters from school children to “Aunt Helen,” various radio program transcripts that Olga Briggs was a part of. There is also a leaflet on “General Suggestions for Preparing Radio Talks.” There are also various hand-written notes, possibly by Olga Briggs, for various program topics for the radio.

There are also personal photographs belonging to Helen Fay, as well as letters to and from various publishers and publishing firms. There is also a program for the 48th Annual Meeting of the NACS (National Association of College Stores) in 1971, Washington, D.C. April 18-22. There is also information about a contest “Anniversary Award” that was provided by Helen Fay in 1970 for College Bookstore owners who wrote an essay about how they used particular book lists in their store. There are also several NACS publications that have pictures of Helen Fay. There is also a certificate welcoming Helen Fay Juneman into the exclusive membership of the *Adopted NACSers of Note Club*. The papers also contain two copies of *The College Bookstore in the Spotlight* official transcript of the General Sessions of the 45th NACS Annual Meeting. There is also a small booklet, *Growth of an Idea: The de Grummond Collection*.

Scope and Contents of the Papers

This collection consists of various correspondences between Olga Briggs and Helen Fay, also newspaper clippings, letters from school children to Helen Fay, and various radio program transcripts. There are also photographs of Helen Fay, and newsletters from her career in the literary world.

Organization of the Papers

Related Material

MG 53 – Olga H. Briggs Papers, 1948-1980

Separated Materials

None

Other Finding Aids

None

Detailed Description of the Records/Papers/Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series # [#] . Series Title [title]

Box #	Folder #	Item #. Title / Description
1	1	Helen Fay Letters From School Children
1	2	Various Personal Letters to Helen Fay, most from Olga Briggs
1	3	Olga Briggs poems and newspaper clippings, NY State College Alumni Quarterly July 1948
1	4	Various Radio Program Transcripts 1945-1972
1	5	War Bureau information re: broadcasting
1	6	Radio Program Transcripts re: Albany War Council 1944-1945
1	7	Various Radio Program Transcripts 1946-1947
1	8	Photographs of Helen Fay
2	1	Helen Fay Business Letters and Publications
2	2	Helen Fay Personal Letters/Correspondence most handwritten, some typed
2	3	Helen Fay – Separation from Joseph Juneman
2	4	Helen Fay – News Clippings, Personal Letters,