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Helen Elizabeth Blackert Layton Collection

Layton, Helen Elizabeth Blackert. Papers, 1840–1916. .33 feet.

Collector. A manuscript of *Pilgrims of the Plains*, by Kate Smith Aplington, published in 1913; correspondence (1912–1914) concerning the publication of the book; a manuscript of "Life and Writings of Samuel A. Deming by his Brother" (1849); and newspaper clippings (1840–1916), all belonging to Helen Layton, niece of Kate Aplington.

Red-Rope Folder

Original manuscript for *Pilgrims on the Plains*; This work was apparently prepared as a journal/diary type work; after criticism, K. Aplington changed it to a novel format. The pages are not in order.

Folders

1. Scrapbook containing newspaper clippings mostly poetry; of particular interest: obituary for H.H. Smith, K. Aplington's father; obituary for Blackert infant, son of C.E. and Nellie Blackert (Nellie was Aplington's sister); RSVP to attend party given by K. and J.R. Aplington on 8-21-1884.
2. Correspondence re: publication and criticism of the book *Pilgrims on the Plains*; mostly from the publisher F.G. Browne. Correspondence is arranged chronologically; also contains contract for publication.
3. Newspaper articles and notices concerning Aplington's book.
4. Printed notice "Introductory Word by the Editor"; one dated June 21, 1911, one dated June 21, 1912; both are by Aplington.
5. Newspaper clippings and brochures re: traveling art exhibit in Kansas which was established by Aplington in 1907.
6. University of Oklahoma thesis (1925) by Helen Ione Blackert; entitled "Shelley's 'Defense of Poetry' Its Meaning and Its Sources" (see letter of HEB Layton of 5/13/86).
7. Newspaper clippings re: Woman's Club activities (Aplington was a club member and officer)
8. Reprint from *Publications of the Modern Languages Association of America* V. 35, 2, 1920, "The English Ballads and the Church," by Louise Pound.

Speech by Aplington, "Correct Speech, A Definite Aid to Definite Thinking"

Miscellaneous newspaper clippings.

9. Newspaper clippings re: Seminole Indians in Florida.
10. Hand-written manuscript *Life and Writings of Samuel A. Deming "by His Brother"* 1849. Book has an index on the last three pages (see letter of HEB Layton of 5/13/86).
11. Reprint letter from Theodore Roosevelt to Mr. Little re: Frederic Remington art

Business card of Cape Sable Co.

Photo of Kansas City Gallery in 1913

Photos of artwork that possibly were part of the Kansas traveling exhibit.

MAPS

- (maps are stored in map room on top of Sanborn map case until completion of map inventory at which time a permanent location should be assigned)
- "map showing Indian Villages, Early Missions, and Routes of Travel"; George A. Root; 1906.
- "Map of tour from Independence to Santa Fe, Chihuahua, Monterey and Matamoros"; A. Wislizenus; 1846-47.
- "A New Map of Great West"; E.F. Beadle; published by Miller, Orton, & Mulligan; c1854-1858.
- Hand made and drawn map showing Santa Fe Trail. Drawn by Kate Aplington to aid in the writing of her book *Pilgrims on the Plains*

NOTE: Western History Collections Library owns a copy of the book, *Pilgrims on the Plains*; its call number is 813, Ap37p.