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Grace E. Ray Collection

Ray, Grace Ernestine. Papers, 1939–1982. 26 feet.

Professor. Manuscripts (1947–1980) of articles and books by journalism professor Grace Ernestine Ray; journals and newspapers (1939–1968) containing her articles; printed materials (ca. 1940–1970) and other papers used for research; and Ray's professional correspondence (1939–1982).

Biographical Note:

Grace E. Ray joined the University of Oklahoma faculty in 1920 as a professor of Journalism. She received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Oklahoma. She was the editor of the Sooner State Press; secretary and treasurer of both the Phi Beta Kappa and the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association, and was also a sponsor of Theta Sigma Phi and a member of the Cleveland County Bird Club, as well as a dedicated horsewoman. In researching for her books, magazines and newspaper articles Ray traveled to Europe, Canada, Mexico and across the United States. She freelanced for such newspapers as the *San Francisco Chronicle*, the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and many popular magazines. During the summers of 1952, 1953, and 1954 Ray interned on the *New York World Telegram and Sun*. Ray published two books, entitled *Early Oklahoma Newspapers* and *Wily Women of the West*. She was working on a new book, *You Hobnob with Horses*, at the time of her death. Ray retired from teaching in June 1970, after 50 years of service. At the time two scholarships, one named for her mother Geneva, were established in Ray's honor.

Series 1

Contains personal and office correspondence of Grace E. Ray.

Box 1

Folder:

1. Correspondence- publishers, 1941-57.
2. Correspondence- personal, 1947-67.
3. Correspondence- publishers, 1960-1970.
4. General Correspondence, 1967.
5. General Correspondence, 1968.
6. General Correspondence, 1968.
7. General Correspondence, 1969.

8. General Correspondence, 1969.
9. General Correspondence, 1969.
10. General Correspondence, 1970.
11. Correspondence-Personal, 1970-72.
12. Correspondence-Personal, 1972-74.
13. Correspondence-Office and School, 1970.
14. Correspondence-Office and School, 1971-72.
15. Correspondence-Office and School, 1973.
16. Correspondence-Office and School, 1974-81.

Series 2

This series contains personal photos of Grace E. Ray and photos taken by Grace Ray.

Box 2

Folder:

1. Photos of Grace E. Ray
2. Photos of Grace E. Ray and Personalized Christmas Cards
3. Photos - Bird Club
4. Photos - Ray's house before and after remodeling
5. Photos - Various (includes Dr. Bizzell photo)
6. Photos - Oklahoma lake areas
7. Photos - Idaho
8. Photos - Wyoming

Series 3

Series 3 contains general office material and miscellaneous files.

9. Personal Records
10. Notebook of notes to cleaning lady and bills paid
11. Speeches given by Grace E. Ray
12. Complimentary letters on work
13. Rejection letters from publishers
14. Manuscript rejection letters
15. Queries from editors
16. Articles about Grace Ray
17. Books checked out by Ray
18. Addresses/Phone numbers
19. Directories and Calendars, 1974-1975.
20. Jokes
21. Nomination for Lee Priestly, 1968-1972.
22. Grants for research on book
23. Headlines - History
24. Library - Newspaper morgue
25. News clippings of volcanoes and earthquakes (Mt. St. Helens)
26. Convention Programs, 1948-1970
27. Maps
28. MEDICO - Dr. Dooley
29. Liquor Repeal
30. National Geographic article on Oklahoma, August 1971.
31. H.H. Herbert biography

32. Woolaroc Museum
33. Letters pertaining to changes to highway 9, written by Davella Bright, Grace E. Ray's roommate.

Series 4

This series contains files from Ray's school files and papers which were written by her students. Contains Sooner Press files.

Box 3

Folder:

1. Vietnam War Seminar, 1973.
2. Reference books - Confession Writer Rules
3. Magazine book references for writing special feature articles for magazines.
4. Service to the publishers of the State Press
5. Sooner State Press - Records and Correspondence, 1950- 1970.
6. Daily Oklahoman Deskwork
7. Writers Digest and marked orders, 1968-1970.
8. Writers Conference, 1975.
9. OU journalism school publicity/building dedication, 1958.
10. Faculty Salary Study AAUP, 1968-1969.
11. Required faculty forms, Up to 1950.
12. Required faculty forms, 1950-1964.
13. Syllabi
14. Grade Book
15. Lab work and grades

16. Test questions for journalism classes
17. Thesis outlines - various students
18. Journalism 101 - Libel
19. Journalism 106 - General
20. Journalism 170 - Magazines
21. Journalism 170 - Student reports
22. Journalism 170 - Student reports
23. Journalism 170 - Student reports - women magazines
24. Journalism 170 - Reports - Quality Literary Magazines
25. Journalism 172 - Reports - News, opinion features, columnists
26. Journalism 172 - Ideas for stories
27. Journalism 172 - News, opinion features, columnists
28. Journalism 174 - 1st half

Series 4 cont.

Box 4

Folder:

1. Journalism 174 - Introduction 1st half
2. Journalism 174 - 2nd half
3. Journalism 174 - Science Writing - References
4. Informative writing, 1947-1968.
5. Journalism 302 - picture editing
6. Journalism 302 - General
7. Students who have sold articles

8. Journalism 203 - High School Journalism
9. Assignments written by students
10. History of journalism
11. OU Adult Education Center
12. School of Journalism Memorial Committee, 1959-1960.

Series 5

This series contains clubs and organizations of which Grace E. Ray was a member.

13. Cleveland County Bird Club Newsletter, 1958-1976.
14. Cleveland County Bird Club-mailing lists, notes, misc.
15. Cleveland County Bird Club-records, birds sighted, general
16. Records of birds sighted, 1971.
17. Bird Club newsletter, editing, 1965-1969.
18. Colima, Mexico - 2 seminars (Birds)
19. OU Ornithology study in Mexico
20. National Audubon Society
21. Oliver Wildlife Preserve, 1966.
22. Kappa Tau Alpha Yearbooks, 1951-1952, 1961-1962.
23. Phi Beta Kappa - Correspondence newsletters, General, 1958-1978.
24. Theta Sigma Phi - Manual, By-Laws, Alumni List , 1966-1968, 1970-1972.

Box 5

Folder:

1. Theta Sigma Phi - Advisors File, 1967-1969.
2. Theta Sigma Phi - Advisors File, 1969-1970.

Series 6

This series contains articles and reviews written by Grace Ray during 1920-1970's.

3. Clips of Ray's articles, 1920-1930.
4. Articles written by Ray, 1930-1949.
5. Articles sold before 1940
6. Articles written by Ray, 1940-1944.
7. Articles written by Ray and was published, 1940-1947.
8. Book review written by Ray, 1942-1970.
9. Articles written by Ray, 1945-1949.
10. Articles submitted to magazines, 1945-1960.
11. Articles written by Ray and was published, 1946-1950.
12. Articles written by Ray and was published, 1950-1955.
13. Ray writing and editing for New York World-Telegram and Sun, 1952-1954.
14. Articles written by Ray, 1956-1960.
15. Articles written by Ray, 1960-1961.

Box 6

Folder:

1. Articles written about birds by Ray, 1960-1961.
2. Articles written by Ray
3. Early articles written by Ray
4. Articles on Mt. St. Helens
5. Short Stories
6. Leisure -Book Idea
7. Camping article

8. Article ideas - data
9. European Tour and articles, 1956-1958.
10. Book about Europe, 1957.
11. Manuscript and data - Early Oklahoma Newspapers, 1922.
12. Early Oklahoma Newspapers - notes, clippings
13. Idea for book - "Women Editors"
14. Chapters from various manuscripts
- 14a. "The Old Wild West" and "Oklahoma's Doing Fine For Motoring Tourists" by Ray, 1960.

Series 7

Series 7 contains correspondence with the Naylor Publishing Company and the manuscript and data used in writing the book, *Wily Women of the West*.

15. Correspondence - Naylor Co., publisher of *Wily Women of the West*.
16. Correspondence, 1960-1961.
17. Naylor Co. - Bankruptcy Court
18. Carbons - Techniques of writing book
19. Book outline/Intro.
20. Book Reviews
21. Manuscript
22. Manuscript

Box 7

Folder:

1. Francis, Winema, others - Chap. 1
2. Indian Chiefs - Chap. 2

3. Indian Brains and Beauty - Chap. 3
4. Sara Winnemucca - Chap. 4
5. Wily Women of the West - Chap. 5
6. Belle Starr - Chap. 6
7. Meeker, Oatman, Puummer - Chap. 8
8. Newton, Quick, Hart, Richy, Cattle Annie and Little Britches - Chap. 9
9. Ann Bassett Willis - Chap. 10
10. Orchards, Barcelo - Chap. 11
11. Calamity Jane - Chap. 12
12. Baby Doe Tabor - Chap. 12
13. Dealers in Love - Chap. 12
14. Mulhill, Tompkins, Oakley, Lake - Chap. 13
15. Montez, Menkin - Chap. 14
16. Cushman - Chap. 15
17. Molly Brown - Chap. 16
18. Homesteaders - Chap. 17
19. Elva Ferguson - Chap. 18
20. Mrs. Custer - Chap. 19
21. Esther Morris - Chap. 20
22. Susanna Salter - Chap. 20
23. Carry Nation - Chap. 21
24. Jeanette Rankin - Chap. 22
25. Learian, Collins, Kitty Wilkins - Chap. 23

26. Miriam Ferguson - Chap. 24
27. Whitman, Owens, Duniway - Chap. 27
28. Wily Women of the West - Chap. 28
29. Ross Nellie Taylor

Box 8

Folder:

1. Rose of Cimarron
2. Outlines - *Wily Women* and *Hobnob with Horses*
3. Research - *Wily Women*
4. Additions/changes - *Wily Women of the West*
5. Footnotes used
6. Notes
7. Manuscript - Chapters not used- *Wily Women*

Series 8

This series consist of manuscripts and research material for the book *You Hobnob with Horses*. The research material mainly consist of brochures from guest ranches and parks and recreation areas. Correspondence with some of the guest ranches are included.

8. Manuscript - *You Hobnob with Horses* - Ranch Book
9. Rough Draft
10. New Data "Anyone can ride," 1971-1972.
11. Manuscripts (partial)
12. Manuscript- *You Hobnob...*
13. Notes and changes to *You Hobnob...*
14. Expenses on *You Hobnob...*, Aug. 1971 to 1976-1977.
15. Various horse articles

16. Stories: Leffingwell Ranch in Montana
17. Ranch article
18. Correspondence with Liffingwells GM Ranch (Clyde Park, MT)
19. Correspondence from camp operators and with campers
20. Correspondence opinions of guests of ranches
21. Letters from youths about experience in camps, 1971.
22. Letters that were returned unopened.
23. Articles on West only
24. News clippings about rodeos
25. OK 1965 Agricultural Annual Report

Box 9

Folder:

1. Okla. Parks and recreation areas, 1955-1960s.
2. Okla. Parks and recreation areas, 1955-1960s.
3. Okla. Parks and recreation areas, 1955-1960s.
4. Okla. Parks and recreation areas, 1955-1960s.
5. Okla. state parks
6. Okla. resorts and ranches
7. Elk Head Ranch, Elk City, Idaho; Montana, 1948-1971.
8. Eatons Ranch, Wolf, WYO, 1964.
9. Colorado Dude Ranches
10. Seven Lazy P Ranch, Choteau, MT (Photos)
11. Nine Quarter Circle, Gallatin, MT

Box 10

Folder:

1. Magazines and directories of ranches and campgrounds
2. Guides and directories of camping and vacation spots
3. Ranch houses brochures, 1973-1977.
4. Tourist information
5. Ranch vacation brochures, 1973-1977.
6. Information on ranches
7. Moose Head Ranch, Jackson Hole, Wyoming
8. Research, 1968-1974.
9. Research
10. Research
11. Research
12. Research
13. Notes about Wildhorn Ranch and Walters, ML

Box 11

Folder:

1. Ranches
2. Rodeo and Indian Dances
3. Guest Ranches
4. Riding in State Parks and Cities
5. Family Ranches
6. Ranches

7. Ranches in Northwest U.S.
8. Buckhorn MT, Guest Ranch, Ft. Collins, CO
9. Guest ranches
10. Texas Resort Ranches
11. Diamond Cross Ranch, Seebe, Alberta
12. Dead Indian Ranch, Cody, WY
13. Cross Mill Iron Ranch, Burris, WY
14. Ranches
15. Ranches
16. Ranches
17. Ranches
18. Ranches

Box 12

Folder:

1. Ranches
2. Crazy Mountain
3. Guest ranches/letters from former guest
4. Ranches
5. Ranches
6. Ranches
7. Ranches in Eastern states and Canada
8. Notes on Ranches
9. Ranches

10. Ranch, Outfitters, Guides rates

11. Ranches

12. Ranches

13. Ranches

Series 9

This series contains magazines and newspapers in which Grace E. Ray's articles were published.

Box 13

Folder:

1. News clippings of articles written by Ray, 1941-1952.

2. News clippings of articles written by Ray, 1940-1951.

3. Copies of magazines

4. Magazines

5. Magazines

6. Magazines

7. Magazines

8. Magazines

9. Magazines