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Scope and Contents

Collection of Mississippi children's poet Valerie Boyd Howell. Includes correspondence, music, verse and biographical information.

Biographical Data

Pull name of person about whom biographical data is needed:

Frances Valerie Boyd Howell, Ripley, Mississippi

Date and place of birth:

Date and place of death:

Names of parents, wife or husband, children, or other family relationships:

Husband-J.A. Howell

Granddaughter-Melissa Frances McBride

Barbara Ann Hatcher

His occupation, activities, and place or places where he flourished:

American Poets Fellowship Society Corp

Chairman-Armed Forces Writers League's Panel of Professional Poets

Artist

Manager of own lumber business

Founder of American Academy of Poets

Member of Miss., Texas and Tenn. poetry societies

Fine Arts Club of London, England

National League of American Penwomen

Titles of books or other sources where further information can be found:

Name and address of person supplying data (and relation to biographee):

from Collection

Date_____

Inventory

Folder 1-CORRESPONDENCE

(Biographical Data)-Letters concerning: membership in the American Poets Fellowship Society Corp; recognition of her work from former State Supt. of Education, R. W. Griffith

Folder 2-PHOTOGRAPHS

Two photographs of Mrs. Howell

Folder 3-TRIBUTES

To: Armed Forces Writers Leagues Inc.-on being named chairman of the Armed Forces Writers League's Panel of Professional Poets; Granddaughter Barbara Ann Hatcher-"My Most Unforgettable Character"; Two Thousand Women of Achievement 1972 Award. From: Dr. Perrin Lowery

Folder 4-MANUSCRIPTS PUT TO MUSIC

Mrs. Howell's poetry put to music by Kaye Childers Graves and also by Mrs. Howell, one of which is an explanation for the poem

Folder 5-GREETING CARDS

Printed cards containing Mrs. Howell's poetry-birthday, graduation, wedding, belated birthday, remembrance appreciation, religious, wedding anniversary, and Christmas

Folder 6-CHILDREN'S POETRY

"The Little Cloud That Wanted to Help"
"The Circus Clowns"
"The Un-happy Clown"
"Halloween Secrets"
"A Night Before Halloween"

Folder 7-CHILDREN'S POETRY (Continued)

"The Dolls"
Maizie Make-believe Series
"Transporting Ourselves Mentally Into a Child's World"
"Limericks Division"
"Bravo and Boys for Beta"
"Grandchildren"

Folder 8-RELIGIOUS POETRY

"After the Storm"
"Poems from Vale Rays"
"Modern Prayers"
"Point of View"
"Prayer"

"Not My Will, But Thine"
"They Who Would Be Wise"

Folder 9-MODERN POETRY

"A Legacy"
"Arkansas"
"Beulah"
"Chains"
"Hands"
"Here's to the GM&O"
"Horizon"
"Just Procrastinating"
"Optimism at Its Best"
"Teamwork"
"The Natural Perversity of Things"
"The Profound Optimist"
"To A Friend"
"To Trees"
"Tomorrow is Another Day"
"The Cherished Things"

Folder 10-FAULKNER

Photograph of Mrs. Howell at the base of a Falkner monument. Correspondence from Murry C. Falkner concerning book about the Falkner family. Newspaper clippings on Faulkner Pilgrimage. Correspondence from Malcolm Cowley concerning map that Faulkner drew and one of Mrs. Howell's poems, "De Nihilo Nihilium."

Folder 11-MISCELLANEOUS

"Alphabet of a Teacher Teaching in Threes"; from inside a book of Mrs. Howell's- "the Works" of the Rev. John Wesley (1835) Magazine clipping-"We Served as Wardens of the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem"; Mrs. Howell's first lesson.