

Robert E. Pinkerton and Kathrene Pinkerton papers, 1911-1967

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Pinkerton, Kathrene Sutherland Gedney, 1887-Pinkerton, Robert E. (Robert Eugene), 1882-1970
Title	Robert E. Pinkerton and Kathrene Pinkerton papers
Dates	1911-1967 (inclusive) 1911 1967
Quantity	4.5 linear feet, (5 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 591
Summary	Robert E. Pinkerton (1882-1970) and Kathrene Pinkerton (1887-1967) were writers of both fiction and nonfiction, primarily writing in Canada. The collection includes correspondence, literary manuscripts, tear sheets, photo albums, books and Kathrene Pinkerton's diary.
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Languages	English
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Historical Note

Robert E. Pinkerton (1882-1970) and Kathrene Pinkerton (1887-1967) were writers of both fiction and nonfiction.

Robert E. Pinkerton was born March 12, 1882 in Arena, Wisconsin. He attended the University of Wisconsin for two years. He worked as a cub reporter on the Milwaukee *Free Press* and was later telegraph news editor for *The Journal* in Milwaukee.

Kathrene Pinkerton was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 9 1887. She received her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, and did graduate work at the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. Her early career was in social work in Chicago and public health in Wisconsin.

The Pinkertons married in 1911. Their first fictive effort a 30,000 word novelette sold to *Munsey's Magazine*. With the \$150 earnings they departed for the wilds of Canada, where they built onto a cabin in the bush, eight miles from the village of Atikokan, Ontario. The only means of transport to and from Atikokan were by canoe in the summer and dog sled during the long Canadian winter. Their nonfiction pieces sold to outdoor magazines, totaling for their first two years work \$532.00. Their fiction did not sell during this period.

Two years later the Pinkertons came out of the bush for a short while, for the birth of their daughter, Bobs, and returned by dogsled when she was seven weeks old. "For the next four and one half years," wrote Ben Hibbs, then editor of *The Country Gentleman*, "they sold every story they wrote."

Mrs. Pinkerton died in 1967 and Mr. Pinkerton in 1970.

Content Description

Kathrene Pinkerton's *Two Ends to our Shoestring* and photographs in the collection document the years spent in the Pinkerton's Canadian cabin with their daughter Bobs. Included is Kathrene Pinkerton's logbook of the trip to Alaska from 1924 to 1931, *Three's a Crew* and an untitled manuscript. She also wrote teen-age novels, autobiographical books, and a book on fur farming. Her books were translated into German and Dutch.

Robert Pinkerton's writing includes fiction, a history of the Hudson's Bay Company, as well as one of the most widely accepted books on canoes and canoeing. Most of their collaborative efforts were novelettes, which appeared in the pulp magazines from 1916 through 1935.

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Alternative Forms Available

Administrative Information

Arrangement

Collection is organized into the following series:

Series: Correspondence

Series: Literary Manuscripts

Series: Tear sheets

Series: Research Notes and Material

Series: Photo Albums

Series: Published Books

Series: Addenda

Acquisition Information

Gift of Robert and Kathrene Pinkerton in 1970.

Processing Note

Collection processed by processing staff, September 1970.

This finding aid may be updated periodically to account for new acquisitions to the collection and/or revisions in arrangement and description.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Correspondence

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
1	1 Incoming	1936-1957
1	2 Brandt and Brandt	1936-1957
1	3 Fawcett Publications	1954-1956

Container(s)		Description	Dates
1	4	White, Stewart Edward	1936-1940
1	5	Blythe, Samuel C.	1938-1940
1	6	Outgoing	1935-1956
1	7	Boom Wife, Kathrene Pinkerton	

Literary Manuscripts

Container(s)		Description
Box	Folder	
1	8	Short Story, RP
1	9	Short Story, RP
1	10	Short stories, KP
1	11	Stories, Alaska series, plot outlines, characters, notes, etc
1	12	Manuscripts, Article
1	13	Manuscripts, Article

Tearsheets

Container(s)		Description
Box	Folder	
1	14	Serials
1	15	Article
1	16	Short stories A-B
1	17	Short stories C-D
1	18	Short stories E-F

Container(s)		Description
1	19	Short stories G-Hel
1	20	Short stories Her-Hung
1	21	Short stories I-J
1	22	Short stories L-Lo
1	23	Short stories Lu-N
1	24	Short stories O-Red
1	25	Short stories Ref-Sp
1	26	Short stories St-Tra
2	1	Short stories, Tr-White Indians
2	2	Short stories White Water-Z

Research Notes and Material

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Box	Folder		
2	3	Indians	
2	4	Southwest Indian Dyes	
2	5	Logging and Mining	
2	6	Fishing	
2	7-8	Miscellaneous	
2	9	Maps	
2	10	"Billy" Snow letters	
2	11	Biographical information	

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2 12	Photo Books, First Oragita Bay	
2 13	1911-1916, RP	
2 14	Diary of Kathrene Pinkerton	1925
2 15	Log of the "Triton"	1925-1930

Photo Albums

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
2 16	Bobs' book	1915
2 17	The Book of the Cabin	1912-1916
2 18	The Book of the Trail	1916
2 19	Photos Films	

Published Books

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box	Folder	
2 20	<i>El Primer Correo Transcontinental.</i> RP	1958
2 21	<i>Bright with Silver.</i> Readers Digest copy 1 KP	1953
2 22	<i>Bright with Silver.</i> Readers Digest copy 2 KP	1953
2 23	<i>Bright with Silver.</i> Readers Digest copy 3 KP	1953
2 24	<i>Wilderness Wife.</i> Readers Digest, KP	1939
2 25	<i>Year of Enchantment.</i> KP	1957
2 26	<i>Tomorrow Island.</i> KP	1960

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2 27	<i>Steer North.</i> KP	1962
2 28	<i>Hidden Harbor.</i> KP	1951
2 29	<i>Peddler's Crew.</i> KP	1954
2 30	<i>Bright With Silver.</i> KP	1947
2 31	<i>Two Ends to Our Shoestring.</i> KP	1941
2 32	<i>Windigo.</i> KP	
2 33	<i>Am Silbersee.</i> KP	
2 34	<i>Einsames Blockhaus.</i> KP	
2 35	<i>Das Insel-Haus.</i> KP	
2 36	<i>Das Jahr Der Erfullung.</i> KP	
2 37	<i>Das Schiff des Fliegenden Handlers.</i> KP	
3 1	<i>Hudson's Bay Company.</i> RP	1932
3 2	<i>Hudson's Bay Company.</i> Rough Proof. RP	1932
3 3	<i>First Overland Mail.</i> RP	1953
3 4	<i>Wir Drei Ein Boot Und Lua.</i> KP	
3 5	<i>Windigo.</i> KP	
3 6	<i>Die Silberfuchse.</i> KP	
3 7	<i>Die Verborgene Bucht.</i> KP	
3 8	<i>Vickey's Weg ins Leben.</i> KP	
3 9	<i>Weiter nordwärts.</i> KP	
3 10	<i>Von Der Hand in Den Mund.</i> KP	

Addenda

Container(s)		Description	Dates
Correspondence			
Box	Folder		
4	1	M. Barrows	
4	2	Brandt and Brandt	1941-1946
4	3	Brandt and Brandt	1947-1950
4	4	Brandt and Brandt	1951-1953
4	5	Brandt and Brandt	1954-1962
5	1	Fawcett Publications	1949-1955
5	2	Gosta Dahl, Bookman	1946
5	3	Harcourt Brace	1941-1962
5	4	Harper	1954-1955
5	5	A. M. Health & Co. Ltd.	1941-1962
5	6	J. B. Lippincott	1945-1957
5	7	Albert Muller Verlag	1945-1957
5	8	Nation's Business	1949-1952
5	9	Random House	1941-1956
5	10	Readers Digest	1949-1958
5	11	Saturday Evening Post	1943-1954
5	12	William Sloan Associates	1946-1958
5	13	University of Texas	1945-1955

Container(s)	Description	Dates
5 14	True Magazine	1949-1956
5 15	Miscellaneous professional correspondence	
5 16	Outgoing correspondence	1936-1962
5 17	Magazine article outlines	

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

American fiction--20th century--Authorship
 Authors, American--20th century
 Publishers and publishing--Correspondence
 Pulp literature--Authorship
 Women authors, American--20th century

Personal Names :

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 Pinkerton, Kathrene Sutherland Gedney, 1887---Correspondence
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Form or Genre Terms :

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