

Hetty Burlingame Beatty papers, 1947-1970

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Beatty, Hetty Burlingame
Title	Hetty Burlingame Beatty papers
Dates	1947-1970 (inclusive) 1947 1970
Quantity	10 linear feet, (26 containers)
Collection Number	Ax 452
Summary	Hetty Burlingame Beatty (1907-1971) was a sculptor and an author and illustrator of books for children. The collection includes manuscripts, illustrations, and correspondence relating to Beatty's interest in animals, especially horses, and travel adventure.
Repository	University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives. UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 spcarref@uoregon.edu
Access Restrictions	Collection is open to the public. Collection must be used in Special Collections and University Archives Reading Room. Collection or parts of collection may be stored offsite. Please contact Special Collections and University Archives in advance of your visit to allow for transportation time.
Additional Reference Guides	See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.
Languages	English
Sponsor	Funding for encoding this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historical Note

Hetty Burlingame Beatty was born on October 8, 1907, in New Canaan, Connecticut, the daughter of Robert C. and Jean (Burlingame) Beatty. She attended the Boston Museum School from 1924-1929, and the University of Maryland from 1960-1963 through extension courses given in Bermuda. On October 11, 1959, she married Lewis F. Whitney, also an artist.

A trained sculptor, Beatty's works were exhibited nationally and won a number of awards. She was given the Mrs. David Hunt Scholarship in Sculpture; the second prize at the International Exhibition of Horses in Sculpture in New York; and a one-woman show of her sculpture and drawings at the Worcester Art Museum in 1941.

Beatty wrote and illustrated fourteen books and contributed to magazines. Her books include Topsy (1947), Little Wild Horse (1949), Little Owl Indian (1951), Bronto (1952), Saint Francis and the Wolf

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(1953), Droopy (1954), Thumps (1955), Bucking Horse (1957), Voyage of the Sea Wind (1959), Blitz (1961), Moorland Pony (1961), Trumper (1963), Bryn (1965), and Rebel, the Reluctant Racehorse (1968).

Beatty once commented to Contemporary Authors, "I started out as a sculptor and gradually shifted over to the field of writing, becoming so absorbed in it that I devote nearly all my time to it now, along with illustration of most of my own books for children.

"I have lived for two years in Italy, 1929-1931, and have since traveled a good deal in Europe, North Africa, and the Near East, as well as in the United States. I speak French and Italian, after a fashion. Horses, gardening, and square dancing are among my special interests, and I love to plan and build houses. I designed our house in Bermuda, where my husband and I spend the winters.

"I am primarily interested in writing for children, but have become increasingly interested in adult non-fiction. While I am busily writing, my husband is equally busy in his work of handwrought sculpture in lead and other things in pewter, copper, brass, and silver. He founded The Pewter Shop in Rockport, Massachusetts, thirty years ago and was long associated with it."

Hetty Burlingame Beatty died on August 20, 1971.

(Source: Gale Literary Databases. "Hetty Burlingame Beatty." Contemporary Authors. 28 October 2003. 30 June 2005.

Content Description

The Hetty Burlingame Beatty Papers consist of manuscripts, original art and correspondence relating to twelve of Beatty's fourteen books. The only books not included in the collection are Blitz (1961) and Trumper (1963). One interesting feature is the forty Glass printing plates for Saint Francis and the Wolf (1953).

Also included in the collection is a series of correspondence, the majority of which concerns the Houghton Mifflin Publishing Company.

Administrative Information

Detailed Description of the Collection

Description

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Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Children's literature, American--Authorship
Children's literature, American--Illustrations

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Illustrated children's books--United States
Publishers and publishing--Correspondence
Women authors, American--20th century
Women illustrators--United States

Personal Names :

Beatty, Hetty Burlingame

Corporate Names :

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Form or Genre Terms :

Book illustrations

Correspondence

Glass negatives

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