

Elizabeth Rider Montgomery papers, 1953-1969

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Montgomery, Elizabeth Rider
Title	Elizabeth Rider Montgomery papers
Dates	1953-1969 (inclusive) 1953 1969
Quantity	1.5 linear feet
Collection Number	1335 (Accession No. 1335-001)
Summary	Manuscripts of juvenile fiction and non-fiction books by Seattle author Elizabeth Rider Montgomery
Repository	University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections Special Collections University of Washington Libraries Box 352900 Seattle, WA 98195-2900 Telephone: 206-543-1929 Fax: 206-543-1931 speccoll@uw.edu
Access Restrictions	Open to all users. Records stored offsite; advance notice required for use.
Languages	English

Biographical Note

A teacher and prolific writer specializing in works for children and young adults, Elizabeth Rider was born to Charles Quantrell and Lula (Tralle) Rider on July 12, 1902, in Huaras, Peru, where her father was serving as a missionary and teacher. The family returned to the United States when Elizabeth was 18 months old and she spent her childhood in Independence, Missouri, and Seattle, Washington. Although intending to be an artist, she trained as a teacher, receiving a two-year certificate from the Washington State Normal School at Bellingham (now Western Washington University) in 1925 and a degree in Education from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1928.

While employed as an elementary school teacher, Mrs. Montgomery began writing, with the intention of improving the reading primers then available for her young pupils. She "was horrified at available reading books" for students. She wrote the first book of the "We Look and See" series long before it was accepted in 1940. In 1938, she left the teaching profession and, until 1963, was employed as a staff-writer for the text-book publisher Scott, Foresman & Company. While there, she was closely involved in the creation and development of the pre-primers and health texts featuring the ongoing characters named "Dick" and "Jane." Subsequently, she was a free-lance writer, authoring novels, biographies, stories, plays, and poems for children and young adults, as well as magazine articles, novels, and plays for adults.

Spanning more than 40 years and resulting in over 70 works, Elizabeth Rider Montgomery's distinguished career was recognized by many honors, including awards from the National Federation of Press Women, National League of American Pen Women, Phi Delta Nu Honorary Fraternity of Authors and Creative Artists, Pacific Northwest Writers Conference, Washington Press Women, and the Seattle Historical Society. She was also a past president of the Seattle Free Lancers. Her body of work includes biographies on Chief Seattle, Henry Ford and Dag Hamarskjold, as well as several Northwest adventure novels. Married to Norman A. Montgomery from 1930 to 1961, and to Arthur Julesberg from 1963, Elizabeth Rider Montgomery died on February 19, 1985, in Seattle, Washington.

Content Description

Manuscripts of juvenile fiction and non-fiction books by a Seattle author.

Use of the Collection

Restrictions on Use

Creator's literary rights not transferred to the University of Washington Libraries.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated by Elizabeth Montgomery, 2/1/1970.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Container(s)	Description	Dates
1	Manuscripts and Galleys: <i>Three Miles an Hour</i> 4 folders	undated
1	Manuscript: <i>On the Oregon Trail</i> 3 folders	undated
2	Manuscript: <i>Chief Joseph</i>	undated
2	Manuscript: <i>When a Ton of Gold Came to Seattle</i>	undated
2	Manuscript: <i>Lewis and Clark</i>	undated

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2	Manuscript: <i>Henry Ford</i>	undated
2	Manuscript: <i>Mahatma Gandhi</i> 3 folders	undated
3	Manuscripts and Galleys: <i>Tide Treasure Camper</i> 2 folders	undated
3	Manuscript: <i>Will Rogers</i> 2 folders	undated
3	Manuscript: <i>Chief Seattle</i>	undated

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Child authors--Washington (State)--Seattle

Children's literature

Personal Names :

Montgomery, Elizabeth Rider--Archives

Titles within the Collection :

Chief Joseph : guardian of his people--Sources

Chief Seattle, great statesman--Sources

Ghandi : peaceful fighter--Sources

Henry Ford : automotive pioneer--Sources

Lewis and Clark--Sources

Three miles an hour--Sources

Tide Treasure camper--Sources

When a ton of gold reached Seattle--Sources

Will Rogers, cowboy philosopher--Sources

Other Creators :

Personal Names :

Montgomery, Elizabeth Rider--Juvenile fiction
(creator)

Montgomery, Elizabeth Rider--Manuscripts
(creator)

Names and Subjects

Subject Terms :

Personal Papers/Corporate Records (University of Washington)

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