

# Ruth Erickson and Eleanor Stevenson papers, 1910-1971

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Creator</b>	Erickson, Ruth, circa 1890-1970Pope, Phyllis A.Stevenson, EleanorKent, Rockwell, 1882-1971Hutchins, Grace, 1885-1969Stevenson, Philip, 1896-1965Smith, Louise Pettibone, 1887-
<b>Title</b>	<a href="#">Ruth Erickson and Eleanor Stevenson papers</a>
<b>Dates</b>	1910-1971 (inclusive) 1910 1971
<b>Quantity</b>	1 linear feet, (2 containers)
<b>Collection Number</b>	Ax 763
<b>Summary</b>	Ruth Erickson (~1890 - 1970) and Eleanor Stevenson (~1898 - ?) were political radicals and Socialists who carried out a voluminous epistolary campaign against injustice. The collection contains correspondence by Erickson and Stevenson as well as subject files and personal material of Erickson's including manuscripts of poems, articles, plays, and novels.
<b>Repository</b>	<a href="#">University of Oregon Libraries, Special Collections and University Archives.</a> UO Libraries--SCUA 1299 University of Oregon Eugene OR 97403-1299 Telephone: 541-346-3068 <a href="mailto:spcarref@uoregon.edu">spcarref@uoregon.edu</a>
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<b>Additional Reference Guides</b>	Paper finding aid with additional information is available in Special Collections & University Archives.  <a href="#">See the Current Collection Guide for detailed description and requesting options.</a>
<b>Languages</b>	English
<b>Sponsor</b>	Funding for production of this finding aid was provided through a grant awarded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC).

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## Historical Note

Ruth Erickson (~1890 - 1970) and Eleanor Stevenson (~1898 - ?) lived in a small house near New Milford, Connecticut from 1930 to the 1970's. Erickson died in 1970. They were political radicals, Socialists for the most part, and carried out a voluminous epistolary campaign against injustice. They offered their opinions and advice to friends and world leaders.

## Content Description

The collection contains correspondence by Erickson and Stevenson and subject files, and personal material of Erickson's including manuscripts of poems, articles, plays, and novels.

The paper finding aid shows that the initial material donated in 1971 is arranged in a chronological order (1910-1955). The paper finding aid includes descriptions of Erickson's and Stevenson's activities during a given period. Material in each period may include correspondence, manuscript material, and subject files.

Erickson's personal material includes, manuscripts of articles, novels and plays by Erickson, a diary and school notes.

There are many folders of correspondence separated into incoming and outgoing sections. Major correspondents were Grace Hutchins, Rockwell Kent, Phyllis A. Pope, Louise Pettibone Smith, and Philip Stevenson.

Subject files (often titled "Other/Related Material") include organizational letters, pamphlets, press releases, tearsheets, broadsides, newsletters, clippings, speeches, publications, poetry, and photographs.

Organizations represented include Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the League for Peace and Democracy, Labor's Non-partisan League, League of Women Voters, Socialist Party, Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, the Methodist Federation for social service, American Committee for Protection of the foreign Born, Russian War Relief, Progressive Party, and civil rights and labor groups.

The addition of 1972 contains more correspondence, manuscript material, and subject files also arranged into chronological periods (1920-1971) and the paper finding aid includes descriptions of Erickson's and Stevenson's activities during a given period.

Correspondence is separated into multiple incoming and outgoing sections. Each period includes files of "related material" which seem to be subject and activity files similar to the above description.

## Administrative Information

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

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[Guide to the Ruth Erickson and Eleanor Stevenson Papers](#)

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# Names and Subjects

## **Subject Terms :**

Civil rights movements--United States--History--20th century  
Female friendship--Connecticut  
Labor--United States--History--20th century  
Radicalism--United States--History--20th century  
Socialism--United States--History--20th century  
Women radicals--Connecticut  
Women socialists--Connecticut

## **Personal Names :**

Erickson, Ruth, circa 1890-1970  
Pope, Phyllis A.  
Smith, Louise Pettibone, 1887-  
Stevenson, Eleanor  
Stevenson, Eleanor  
Stevenson, Philip, 1896-1965

## **Corporate Names :**

American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born  
Labor's Non-Partisan League  
League of Women Voters (U.S.)  
Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy  
Methodist Federation for Social Action (U.S.)  
Russian War Relief, Inc.  
Socialist Party (U.S.)  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

## **Geographical Names :**

United States--Politics and government--20th century

## **Form or Genre Terms :**

Correspondence  
Manuscripts for publication  
Photographs

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