MS 0106
Bourne, Eulalia, 1892-1984
Papers, 1930-1985 (bulk 1967-1978)

DESCRIPTION

Correspondence, manuscripts, journals, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, student drawings, and photographs relating to Eulalia “Sister” Bourne and her autobiographical novels about ranching and teaching in rural southern Arizona schools.

9 boxes, 4.5 linear ft.

ACQUISITION

Donated by Harry Henrickson in January 1985.

ACCESS

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PROCESSING

Kim Frontz completed processing this collection in March 1998.

ARRANGEMENT

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Teacher, rancher and author; “Sister” Bourne taught at rural Arizona schools from 1914 to 1957. During that time, she taught in the Verde Valley, Baboquivari, Helvetia, Redington, Sasco, Sòpori, Sasabe, and Sierrita. Her students at Redington created a newspaper called “The Little Cowpuncher”. While teaching at Redington, “Sister” homesteaded land in Peppersauce Canyon. In the 1950s, she traded that ranch for another in the Galiuro Mountains.

Her books were autobiographical novels about ranching and teaching. Her first book, Woman in Levis was published in 1967; it was followed by Nine Months is a Year in 1968, Ranch Schoolteacher in 1974 and a children’s book The Blue Colt in 1979.

She was an active member of the Democratic party and former president of the Tri-Community Democratic Women’s Club. The Arizona Press Women named her Woman of the Year in 1973-74, in 1975 she received a Distinguished Citizen Award from the University of Arizona Alumni Association, and she was elected to the Arizona Women’s Hall of Fame in 1987.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists chiefly of manuscripts from published and unpublished books, book reviews and correspondence with publishers. Also present is a small amount of personal correspondence, journals, scrapbooks, and biographical information. Journals, from 1965 to 1977, contain daily diary entries about writing and ranch life. There are photographs of Redington students and their school building, Beaver Creek School, and Bourne herself as well as drawings by her students. Many of these were used in her books and the drawings were used in the newspaper. Issues of the “Little Cowpuncher” school newspaper for 1933 to 1943 are present. Various versions of typescripts are present for her published books, Blue Colt, Ranch Schoolteacher, Nine Months is a Year, and unpublished book, Love is Infernal/Never Marry a Lover. The typescripts for Ranch Schoolteacher appear to contain additional material that wasn’t used in the published version.
BOX AND FOLDER LIST

Series 1: Correspondence, 1957-1980

Box 1
f. 1 Personal correspondence (incoming) 1968-1970
f. 2 Business correspondence (incoming) 1957-1979
f. 3 Business correspondence (outgoing) 1966-1973
f. 4 Personal correspondence (outgoing) 1966-1975

Series 2: Biographical and journals, 1930-1978

f. 5 Biographical materials 1930-1985
f. 6 Reminiscences Notes n.d.
f. 7-12 Journals 1965-1974

Box 2
f. 13-17 Journals 1974-1977

Series 3: Manuscripts, 1957-1973

f. 18-19 Nine Months is a Year ca. 1968

Box 3
f. 20-25 Drafts of Ranch Schoolteacher ca. 1974
(“For the Love of Kids”, “How to be Happy Teaching School”, “A Schoolmarm’s Story”)

Box 4
f. 26-30 Drafts of Ranch Schoolteacher ca. 1974
f. 31 Blue Colt corrected typescript copies & glossary ca. 1979
Box 5
f. 32  Blue Colt edited typescript  ca. 1979
f. 33-34 Blue Colt typescripts  ca. 1979
f. 35  Television scripts – Woman in Levis, Nine Months  n.d.
f. 36-40 “Never Marry a Lover” (also titled Meditations of a Secret Bride, Story of a Secret Bride, Love is Infernal)  n.d.

Box 6
f. 41  “Never Marry a Lover” May 1973 revision  1973
f. 42 “Lucky Dog” short story  n.d.
f. 43 “Ice in Arizona” short story drafts  n.d.
f. 44 “Lupe Gets a Job” story  n.d.
f. 45-46 Copies “Little Cowpuncher” newspapers (not complete)  1933-1943
f. 47 Original “Little Cowpuncher” – fragile  1933-1943
f. 48 Promotional material and reviews  1967-1975
f. 49 Newspaper clippings  1967-1975
f. 50 Notes/class lists/misc.  1953-1975

Box 7
Series 4: Scrapbooks, 1967-1975
f. 51-55 Scrapbooks  1967-1975

Box 8
f. 56 Scrapbook  1968-1970
f. 57 Medals, awards, etc.  1967-1997

Box 9
Series 5: Photographs, ca. 1945-1975
f. 58 Photographs – Eulalia “Sister” Bourne  1945-1975
f. 59 Photographs – Students and schools  1945-1975
f. 60 Photographs – Nine Months is a Year  1968
f.61 Drawings by students  n.d.