



TITLE: Katharine Bagg Hastings papers

DATE RANGE: 1882-1937

CALL NUMBER: MS 0051

LOCATION: Arizona History Museum, 949 E Second St, Tucson, AZ 85719

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.0625 linear ft (1 box)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Katherine Bagg Hastings in 1934 & 1937.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Katherine Bagg Hastings was born October 30, 1877 to Charlotte Winchester and Stanley C. Bagg. The family arrived in Arizona in 1879, settling in Tombstone in 1881. Stanley Bagg was the owner of the *Tombstone Prospector* and *Epitaph* and later a figure in the mining industry in Arizona. Katherine was originally named “Carrie,” but renamed when she left for boarding school in 1891 at age fourteen. Along with her brother, John Sherman, Katherine coauthored *The Bug Hunter* while living in Tombstone.

Katharine married John Russel (J.R) Hastings in 1904. J.R Hastings was a journalist, employed by the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Examiner* as well as several New York papers. Katherine later served as the first secretary and treasurer of the Santa Barbara Historical Society. When she died on June 2, 1955 at the age of 77, she bequeathed her home – the Trussell-Winchester Adobe in Santa Barbara (now a historic landmark) – to the museum.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains letters written by Katharine “Carrie” Bagg as a child in Tombstone to her aunt and grandmother in New York, letters to the Arizona Historical Society, as well as the only published copies of two issues of *The Bug Hunter*, a magazine of natural history, edited by Katharine, age 13, and her brother, Sherman, age 9.

SUBJECT TERMS: Childrens' writing, American; Children -- Arizona -- Correspondence; Natural history; Tombstone (Ariz.)

RELATED MATERIALS: The John Russel Hastings Papers, 1909-1942 (Bancroft Library, University of California at Berkeley); The Barber Family Research Files of Katharine Bagg Hastings (New York Public Library - NYGB Fam 2008-222)

CONTAINER LIST:

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1	1	Biographical Information	1946
	2	Correspondence	1883-1887
	3	Correspondence	1934-1937
	4	Tombstone Baseball Paragraph	ca. 1934-1937
	5	<i>The Bug Hunter</i>	1891