



TITLE: Margaret Van Ryder papers

DATE RANGE: 1928-1952

CALL NUMBER: MS 1524

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

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 1.59 linear ft (2 boxes)

PROVENANCE: Donated by Sarah Brennan, granddaughter of Margaret Van Ryder, in 2022.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Margaret (Marjorie) Helen Weichmann was born on September 29, 1886 in New York. She was married to Robert T. Swaine from 1912 to 1929 and had one child, Vivian, born in 1915. An avid sculptor, Marjorie met prominent cowboy artist Jack Van Ryder and the two married in April 1929, shortly after her divorce from Swaine. The Van Ryders divorced and remarried in 1932 before separating in 1937. The two remained in contact and Marjorie's letters reflect an ongoing relationship in which she helped him maintain his business affairs and musings over his personal life.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This collection contains 2 boxes of mostly correspondence from Jack Van Ryder to Margaret Van Ryder, as well as some additional correspondence and notes written and collected by Marjorie, including receipts for artwork, a letter to Senator Carl Hayden, and a song she wrote for the U.S. Air Force during WWII. The 2nd box contains a scrapbook made by Marjorie about Jack while they were married. A few loose photographs were removed and placed into the PC 1000 Jack Van Ryder portrait file.

SUBJECT TERMS: Van Ryder, Jack (Jackson), 1899-1967; Artists -- Arizona; Western artists; Cowboys -- Correspondence

RELATED MATERIALS: Jack Van Ryder papers, MS 0829

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1	1	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1931-1932
	2	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1933
	3	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1934-1935
	4	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1936-1938
	5	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1939-1940
	6	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1942-1943
	7	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1944-1945
	8	Letters from Jack Van Ryder	1948-1949
	9	Telegrams from Jack Van Ryder	1933-1945; undated
	10	Receipts for art	1930s-1940s
	11	Writings by Margaret Van Ryder and others	1930s-1940s
	12	Miscellaneous notes, correspondence, etc.	undated
	13	Correspondence by Margaret Van Ryder	1930s-1940s
2		Scrapbook for Jack Van Ryder	1928-1952