

Sally Bruce Kinsolving Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections
Title	Sally Bruce Kinsolving Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1920-1940
Date [inclusive]	1899-1965
Extent	5.0 Linear feet 9 boxes
Language	English
Abstract	<p>In 1942, the Enoch Pratt Free Library honored Baltimore poet Sally Bruce Kinsolving by establishing a collection of letters and manuscripts of twentieth century writers, chiefly American and English poets. Kinsolving's letters and correspondences reflect her prolific circle of friends and acquaintances, including Lizette Woodworth Reese (whose papers also reside at the Enoch Pratt Library), Richard Hart, W.B Yeats and Robert Frost, among others. The original collection consists of personal ephemera from family, friends and colleagues. The bulk of the collection consists of Kinsolving's correspondence dating from 1922-1965. Several other writers' correspondence, scrapbooks and ephemera are also included, more specifically that of Joy Hausmann.</p>

Biographical/Historical

Sally Bruce Kinsolving was born Sally Archer Bruce on February 14, 1876 in Richmond, Virginia. She was educated in private schools and at the home of her grandfather, Charles Bruce, a former Virginia State Senator. Notable relatives include uncles William Cabell Bruce, a former U.S. Senator from Maryland; Thomas Nelson Page, author of short stories, novels, essays, and poetry and best known for his role as literary spokesman for the glories of the "Old South;" Philip Alexander Bruce, Virginia historian; and James Douglas Bruce, Arthurian scholar.

On February 5, 1896, she married the Reverend Arthur Barksdale Kinsolving, a graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria and rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Brooklyn, New York. The couple moved to Baltimore in 1906, when Rev. Kinsolving became rector at Old St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Charles and Saratoga Streets. They resided at the rectory at 24 Saratoga Street. They had a total of seven children: Arthur Lee, Sally, Herbert, Mary Bruce, Anne Seddon, Lucinda, and Eleanor. Anne Seddon (m. Anne Seddon Kinsolving Brown) later became a writer, and her papers reside at the John Nicolas Brown Center at Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island.

Sally Kinsolving was a volunteer worker in the church until she published her first volume of poetry, *Depths and Shallows*, in 1921. Three other volumes followed: *David and Bathsheba*, and other poems, in 1922; *Grey Heather*, in 1930; and *Many Waters*, in 1942. Her poems were described by one critic as "beautiful expressions of mental beauty." The poems typically are short, with titles such as "Regret," "Ships," "Night Song" and "Bells." Her correspondence indicates that the poetry was well-received in the literary world.

Sally was a member of the Poetry Society of America. She founded the Poetry Society of Maryland in 1923 and served as its president from 1929-38. In 1948, she became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Associates (now called "Fellows"), a group that supports the activities and pursuits of the undergraduate honor society Phi Beta Kappa. Other memberships included Academy of American Poets, Catholic Poetry Society of America, Baltimore Museum of Art, the Edgar Allan Poe Society of Baltimore, Tudor and Stuart Club of Johns Hopkins University, and the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors. She joined the Roman Catholic Church in 1940.

Arthur and Sally Kinsolving resided at the Old St. Paul rectory until 1942, when he retired and they moved to the Homewood Apartments (now part of the student housing at Johns Hopkins University). Arthur died in 1951 on Fishers Island, New York, where the couple had a summer residence. Sally Bruce Kinsolving died April 27, 1962, after a long illness.

Scope and Contents

The Sally Bruce Kinsolving Collection offers details of Kinsolving's life in Baltimore, including dinners, holidays, family events, and professional pursuits.

In addition to Sally Bruce Kinsolving, the collection also has a combination of letters, correspondences, writings, notebooks and scrapbooks from William S. Forshaw and Emily Wedge, both past employees at the Enoch Pratt Library, Joy Hausmann, David Mason Hemingway, Al Jennings, Professor Gilbert Murray, A. Edward Newton, and Eleanor Glenn Wallis.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into 5 series.

I. Sally Bruce Kinsolving Correspondence: Original Collection 1899-1961. Handwritten and typed letters, telegraphs, poems and picture postcards from family, friends, acquaintances and colleagues. The majority of the correspondences are to Sally (sometimes spelled "Sallie") Bruce Kinsolving, although there are some addressed to others, including Richard Hart, former head of the humanities department at the library, and other Kinsolving family members. The series is arranged alphabetically by sender, then chronologically. Numbers of items from a single sender are noted after each person's name.

II. Sally Bruce Kinsolving Other Materials: Original Collection Includes a preliminary finding aid for the original collection, Sally Bruce Kinsolving's Phi Beta Kappa certificate, and ephemera. III. Other Correspondences and Writings 1922 – 1965. Correspondences and writings of William S. Forshaw and Emily Wedge, both past employees at the Enoch Pratt Library, David Mason Hemingway, Professor Gilbert Murray, and A. Edward Newton. The series is arranged alphabetically by sender, then chronologically. Numbers of items from a single sender are noted after each person's name.

IV. Joy Hausmann Materials Articles, correspondence, poems, a notebook and a scrapbook of poet Joy Hausmann. This series is divided into six subseries: 1) Correspondence and information about Francis Jammes, a French poet whose selected works she translated; 2) Introductions and selected poems at various poetry functions and for poets; 3) Correspondence; 4) Poems; 5) Notebook; and 6) Scrapbook.

V. Other Writers' Materials Scrapbooks, recordings and poems by Eleanor Tifft, Seymour Gresser, Al Jennings, Eleanor Glenn Wallis, and Gordden Link.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Enoch Pratt Free Library Special Collections 1899-1965

Conditions Governing Access

Unrestricted, open by appointment.

Immediate Source of Acquisition note

In 1942, the Enoch Pratt Free Library honored Baltimore poet Sally Bruce Kinsolving by establishing a collection of letters and manuscripts of twentieth century writers, chiefly American and English poets. The library has received gifts of manuscripts for the collection from several sources, but by far the greatest amount of the collection's materials came from Kinsolving herself. Kinsolving's letters and correspondences reflect her prolific circle of friends and acquaintances, including Lizette Woodworth Reese (whose papers also reside at the Enoch Pratt Library), Richard Hart, W.B Yeats and Robert Frost, among others. Other letters and manuscripts in the collection include those of William S. Forshaw, Joy Hausmann, David Mason Hemingway, Al Jennings, Gordenn Link, Professor Gilbert Murray, A. Edward Newton, Eleanor Glenn Wallis, and Emily Wedge.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Phi Beta Kappa.
- Poetry Society of America.
- Poetry Society of Maryland.

Genre(s)

- 20th century writers
- Correspondence
- Family life
- picture postcards
- scrapbooks
- telegraphs

Occupation(s)

- Women poets, American

Personal Name(s)

- Hausmann, Joy
- Kinsolving, Mrs. Sally Bruce, 1876-1962

Subject(s)

- American poetry -- Maryland
- Poetry

Series I: Sally Bruce Kinsolving Correspondence: Original Collection

Collection Inventory

Series I: Sally Bruce Kinsolving Correspondence: Original Collection 1899-1961	Box 1-9	Folder 1-169
	Box	Folder
Abercrombie, Lascelles (2); Alden--, E. (1); Allen, Ethan (1)	1	1
Allen, Hervey (9) – One of Two	1	2
Allen, Hervey (9) – Two of Two	1	3
Angeline, Sister M. (13)	1	4
Astor, Nancy (4)	1	5
Auslander, Joseph (6)	1	6
Bartlett, Captain R.A. (1); Beardsley, Wilfred (1); Beirne, Francis F. (1)	1	7
Bell, Bernard I. (16)	1	8
Bemelmans, Ludwig (1); Benet, Rosemary Carr (1); Benet, Stephen Vincent (3)	1	9
Benet, William Rose (2); Birckhead, Hugh (3)	1	10

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Bledsoe, Warren (1); Boas, George (2)	1	11
Boissevain, Eugen (4)	1	12
Bowen, Elizabeth (1); Bradford, Gamaliel (2)	1	13
Braithwaite, William Stanley (2); Brooks, Van Wyck (1)	1	14
Brown, Libby (2); Brown, Sterling A. (1)	1	15
Bruce, James (1); Bruce, Philip Alexander (2)	1	16
Bruce, William Cabell (9)	1	17
Buckler, G.G. (7)	1	18
Butt, Ian Hay (1); B--, Isaiah (1); B--, L-- (1)	1	19
Cabell, James Branch (3); Cairns, Huntington (1)	1	20
Calverton, V.F. (1); Canby, Henry S. (2)	1	21
Chew, Samuel (2); Chinary, G. (1); Chute, M. (1); Ciard, John (1)	1	22
Clark, Emily (10)	1	23
Cleghorn, Sarah Norcliffe (1); Coffin, Robert P. Tristram (3)	2	24

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Conant, Kenneth (1); Conkling, Grace Hazard (1); Connes, Madame Georges (1); Connolly, Cyril (1)	2	26
Conrad, Adrienne Rich (1); Conrad, Joseph (1); Converse, Florence (1)	2	27
Cooke, Edmund Vance (4)	2	28
Davison, Edward (17)	2	29
de Bosis, Lauro (3)	2	30
De La Mare, Walter (12)	2	31
Dos Passos, John (2)	2	32
Dowling, Albert W. (4 & 3 poems)	2	33
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Farrell, James T. (1); Felton, Major (3)	2	40
Feuillerat, A.G. (3); Frost, Robert (1)	2	41
Gayley, C.M. (7)	2	42
Gisle, Lillian (1)	2	43
Glasglow, Ellen (6)	2	44
Gogartz, Oliver (2); Green, Julia (3)	2	45
Guiterman, Arthur (2); G--, Bart (2)	2	46
Hammond, Maria Johns (1); Hanes, Leigh (1); Harrison, Henry Snyder (1)	2	47
Harriss, Robert P. (3)	2	48
Hart, Richard (6)	2	49
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Hooper, Murray G. (3)	3	55
House, Homer C. (4)	3	56
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Jones, Howard M. (2); Kelly, Amy (3)	3	61
Kelly, Howard (1); Kent, Frances (1); Kerlin, Robert T. (1)	3	62
Kinsolving, Anne Brown (2); Kinsolving, A.B. (2)	3	63
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Legouis, Emile (1); Leighton, Clare (1)	3	70
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