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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 164

CREATOR: De Lima, Agnes

TITLE: Agnes de Lima collection of Alyse Gregory

DATES: 1924-1968

BULK DATES: 1939-1967

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3.14 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection consists chiefly of letters from Gregory to de Lima, concerning their friendship; Gregory's writing and her life in Dorset and Devon; her interest in the New School for Social Research; and Randolph Silliman Bourne, Sigrid de Lima, the Powys family, and other literary friends. Other letters include correspondence between Gregory and Sigrid de Lima and Elizabeth Shepley Sergeant, and letters to Agnes de Lima from literary friends and publishers concerning Llewelyn Powys's letters and writings. Also present are essays by Gregory and Powys, and clippings, photographs, and other papers relating to Gregory and her friendship with de Lima.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Agnes de Lima, 1966 and 1968.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

Box 7: Restricted until 2030. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

Box 6: Restricted fragile material. Reference surrogates have been substituted in the main files. For further information consult the appropriate curator.

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Preferred Citation

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AGNES DE LIMA (1887-1974) AND ALYSE GREGORY (1884-1967)

Agnes de Lima, educator and author, served as public relations director for the New School for Social Research, 1940-1960. She began a close friendship with Alyse Gregory in 1915, which continued until Gregory's death in 1967. Gregory was godmother to de Lima's daughter, author Sigrid de Lima (1921-1999). Agnes de Lima assisted in collecting letters of Gregory's husband Llewelyn Powys for publication by John Lane in 1943, and she acted as a literary agent in the United States for Powys's later works. A full biographical note for Alyse Gregory is provided in the register for the Alyse Gregory Papers (YCAL MSS 163).

Scope and Contents

The Agnes de Lima Collection of Alyse Gregory consists of letters from Gregory to de Lima, correspondence of Gregory and de Lima with others, and writings, clippings, photographs, and other papers relating to Gregory, her friendship with de Lima, and de Lima's interest in writings of Gregory and Llewelyn Powys.

[Series I, Correspondence](#), is organized into two subseries: Agnes de Lima Correspondence and Alyse Gregory Correspondence. Agnes de Lima Correspondence consists chiefly of letters from Gregory to de Lima. Letters concern their friendship and Gregory's writing, particularly her autobiography *The Day is Gone* and her biography of Randolph Bourne; de Lima's memories of Bourne; and Gregory's efforts to collect letters of Llewelyn Powys. Also discussed are the education and career of Sigrid de Lima; Gregory's interest in the New School for Social Research; Gregory's life in Dorset during and after the Second World War and her later life in Devon; and Gregory's friendships with members of the Powys family and other writers. Some letters are annotated by de Lima concerning their content. Other correspondence consists of letters to de Lima, with some outgoing carbons, concerning Powys's letters and publication of his later works, including *Love and Death*, *A Baker's Dozen*, and *Swiss Essays*. Some transcripts of related letters from Gregory and Powys to publishers and friends are also present. Alyse Gregory Correspondence includes letters to and from Gregory, with concentrations of letters from Gregory to Sigrid de Lima and from Elizabeth Shepley Sergeant to Gregory.

[Series II, Other Papers](#), is organized into four subseries. Essays by Alyse Gregory consists of drafts of several essays sent by Gregory to de Lima. Writings of Others includes drafts from Llewelyn Powys's *Swiss Essays*, brief notes concerning his *Love and Death*, and a biographical essay about Powys, written by Louis

Marlow. Clippings and Other Printed Material, arranged alphabetically by subject, includes materials by and about several members of the Powys family and other friends of Gregory, most sent by Gregory to de Lima. Photographs includes images of Llewelyn Powys's death mask and Gregory's home in Devon.

Collection Contents

Series I: Correspondence, 1924-1968

1.47 linear feet (4 boxes)

AGNES DE LIMA CORRESPONDENCE

b. 1, f. 1	Abbott, Claude Colleer	1950 Jan 14
b. 1, f. 2	Artinian, Artine (LP transcript)	1938 Oct 20
b. 1, f. 3	<i>Atlantic Monthly</i>	1941 Feb-Mar
b. 1, f. 4	Blum, Frances	1940 May
b. 1, f. 5	Blum, Frances (LP transcript)	1939 Jun 15
b. 1, f. 6	Bye, George (AG transcript)	1940 Mar 4
b. 1, f. 7	Byington, Jean L. Gregory	1966 Feb 14
b. 1, f. 8	Colum, Padraic	1940 May
b. 1, f. 9	De Casseres, Benjamin	1940 Mar
b. 1, f. 10	<i>Decision</i>	1941 Apr
b. 1, f. 11-18	de Lima, Agnes	1932-41
b. 1, f. 19-25	de Lima, Agnes	1942-45
b. 2, f. 26-34	de Lima, Agnes	1947-50
b. 2, f. 35-41	de Lima, Agnes	1951-61
b. 3, f. 42-51	de Lima, Agnes	1962-67, n.d.
b. 3, f. 52	de Lima, Sigrid (LP transcript)	1939 Sep 8
b. 3, f. 53	Dreiser, Helen Patges	1941 Mar-Apr
b. 3, f. 54	Dreiser, Helen Patges (LP transcript)	1936, [1939?]
b. 3, f. 55	English, Herbert (LP transcript)	1935 May 1
b. 3, f. 56	Fararr, John	1940 Apr-Sep
b. 3, f. 57	Farrar, John (AG transcript)	n.d.
	Farrar & Rinehart See: Farrar, John, Box 3, folders 56-57	
b. 3, f. 58	Feipel, Louis Nicholas	1940 Mar
b. 3, f. 59	Feipel, Louis Nicholas (LP transcripts)	1924-39
	Greenwood, C. J. See: John Lane Company, Box 3, folder 64	

AGNES DE LIMA CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

b. 3, f. 60	Hardy, Evelyn	1967 Oct 13
b. 3, f. 61	<i>Harper's Magazine</i>	1957 Mar 18
b. 3, f. 62	Houghton Mifflin Company	1940 Apr 27
	Howe, Quincy See: Simon and Schuster, inc., Box 3, folders 76-77	
b. 3, f. 63	Hoyt, Mrs. (LP transcript)	
b. 3, f. 64	John Lane Company (AG transcripts)	1941 Jun
b. 3, f. 65	Johnson, Arthur (LP transcripts)	1926 Jul-Nov
	Lee, Lawrence See: Virginia Quarterly Review, Box 3, folder 82	
	Loveman, Amy See: Saturday Review of Literature, Box 3, folder 72	
	Mann, Klaus See: Decision, Box 2, folder 10	
b. 3, f. 66	Manning, Rosemary	1968 Apr 26
b. 3, f. 67	Marsh, Felicia (to LP)	n.y. Oct 16
	Meyer, Catharine See: Harper's Magazine, Box 3, folder 61	
b. 3, f. 68	<i>New Directions</i>	1940 Jan 14
b. 3, f. 69	Penny, Lucy Powys	1961, n.d.
b. 3, f. 70	Powys, Marian	n.d.
b. 3, f. 71	Powys, Philippa	1958, 1962
b. 3, f. 72	<i>Saturday Review of Literature</i>	1940 Mar 15
b. 3, f. 73	Scott-Maxwell, Florida	1958, 1967
b. 3, f. 74	Sergeant, Elizabeth Shepley	1940 Jul-Aug
	Shimkin, Leon See: Simon and Schuster, inc., Box 3, folders 76-77	
b. 3, f. 75	Siberell, Lloyd Emerson	1940-41, n.d.
b. 3, f. 76	Simon and Schuster, inc.	1940-48
b. 3, f. 77	Simon and Schuster, inc. (AG transcript)	1941 Feb 14
b. 3, f. 78	Starkie, Enid	1959 Aug 12
b. 3, f. 79	Townsend, Myron	1940, n.d.

AGNES DE LIMA CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

b. 3, f. 80	Untermeyer, Jean Starr (AG transcripts)	n.d.
b. 3, f. 81	Van Doren, Irita Taylor (LP transcripts)	1925-29
b. 3, f. 82	<i>Virginia Quarterly Review</i>	1940 Jun
	Warren, Dale See: Houghton Mifflin Company, Box 3, folder 62	
	Weeks, Edward See: Atlantic Monthly, Box 1, folder 3	
ALYSE GREGORY CORRESPONDENCE		
b. 4, f. 83	Brooks, Gladys	1952 Jan 24
b. 4, f. 84	Byington, Jean L. Gregory	1966
b. 4, f. 85	de Lima, Sigrid	1943-53, n.d.
	Hopkins, Kenneth See: de Lima, Agnes, Box 2, folder 40	
b. 4, f. 86	Johnson, Alvin Saunders	1948 Mar 24
	Marlowe, Dave See: de Lima, Agnes, Box 2, folder 28	
b. 4, f. 87-91	Sergeant, Elizabeth Shepley	1940-57, n.d.
b. 4, f. 92	Siberell, Lloyd Emerson	1940 Jan 16
b. 4, f. 93	Wescott, Glenway Envelope only	1940 Mar 5
b. 4, f. 94	Unidentified See also: de Lima, Agnes, Box 3, folder 48	n.d.

Series II: Other Papers, 1938-1961

0.21 linear feet (1 box)

ESSAYS BY ALYSE GREGORY

b. 5, f. 95	"Cyrus Woodward" (title page only), typescript	n.d.
b. 5, f. 96	"Reflections of an Expatriate," typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 5, f. 97	"Samuel Taylor Coleridge," typescript, corrected	n.d.
b. 5, f. 98	"Six Deaths in the Afternoon," typescript, corrected	n.d.

WRITINGS BY OTHERS

b. 5, f. 99	Marlow, Louis. "Llewelyn Powys," (essay), typescript	n.d.
b. 5, f. 100	Powys, Llewelyn. "Corrections to be Made in <i>Love and Death</i> , typescript	n.d.
b. 5, f. 101	Powys, Llewelyn. Drafts from <i>Swiss Essays</i> , typescript	n.d.
b. 5, f. 102	Unidentified. List of "qualities which should be possessed by a writer of fiction"	n.d.

CLIPPINGS AND OTHER PRINTED MATERIAL

b. 5, f. 103	Costigan, Giovanni	1961 Jan-Feb
b. 5, f. 104	de Lima, Agnes	
b. 5, f. 105	Gregory, Alyse	n.d.
b. 5, f. 106	King-Hall, Stephen	1941-46, n.d.
b. 5, f. 107	Lucas, Hester	n.d.
b. 5, f. 108	Powys, John Cowper	1941-57
b. 5, f. 109	Powys, Littleton	1955 Sep
b. 5, f. 110	Powys, Llewelyn	1938-47, n.d.
b. 5, f. 111	Powys, Theodore Francis	1953 Dec 4
b. 5, f. 112	World War, 1939-1945	1941-47, n.d.
b. 5, f. 113	Other clippings and printed material	1947-61. n.d.

PHOTOGRAPHS

b. 5, f. 114	Photograph of Durdle Door, Dorset	n.d.
b. 5, f. 115	Photograph of Llewelyn Powys's death mask (2 copies)	1939 Nov?
b. 5, f. 116	Photographs of Velthams Cottage, near Tiverton, Devon	n.d.

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b. 6, f. 117	Box 1, folder 4
b. 6, f. 118	Box 1, folder 24
b. 6, f. 119	Box 2, folder 37
b. 6, f. 120	Box 2, folder 38
b. 6, f. 121	Box 3, folder 53
b. 6, f. 122	Box 3, folder 54
b. 6, f. 123	Box 3, folder 68
b. 6, f. 124	Box 3, folder 76
b. 6, f. 125	Box 3, folder 82
b. 6, f. 126	Box 4, folder 85
b. 6, f. 127	Box 5, folder 100
b. 6, f. 128	Box 5, folder 102
b. 6, f. 129	Box 5, folder 105
b. 6, f. 130	Box 5, folder 106
b. 6, f. 131	Box 5, folder 107
b. 6, f. 132	Box 5, folder 108
b. 6, f. 133	Box 5, folder 109
b. 6, f. 134	Box 5, folder 110
b. 6, f. 135	Box 5, folder 111

Restricted Papers

0.2 linear feet (1 box)

Gift of Agnes de Lima, 1968

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b. 7, f. 136

Restricted letters from AG to Agnes de Lima

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

American literature -- 20th Century
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives
English literature -- 20th Century
Women authors, American -- 20th Century

Geographic Names

Devon (England) -- Social life and customs
Dorset (England) -- Social life and customs

Names

Bourne, Randolph Silliman, 1886-1918
De Lima, Agnes
De Lima, Sigrid, 1921-1999
Gregory, Alyse, 1882-1967
Powys, Llewelyn, 1884-1939
Sergeant, Elizabeth Shepley, 1881-1965

Families

Powys family

Corporate Body

New School for Social Research (New York, N.Y. : 1919-1997)

Contributors

De Lima, Agnes
Gregory, Alyse, 1882-1967
Powys, Llewelyn, 1884-1939