Guide to the Katharine Brush Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: YCAL MSS 463

CREATOR: Brush, Katharine, 1902-1952

TITLE: Katharine Brush papers

DATES: 1942–1956

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.92 linear feet (7 boxes)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The Katharine Brush papers consist chiefly of material relating to an unpublished novel by Brush entitled “Lover Come Back”. The novel, started in the early 1940s, went through multiple revisions and had a working title of “Story of Sylvia”. Materials relating to the work include research files, outlines and synopses, drafts, and supplementary material, such as excerpts, discards, and schedules. The papers also include research files on military topics.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:
b. box

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Thomas S. Brush, 1956.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.
Conditions Governing Use
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Processing Information
The collection received preliminary processing at the time of acquisition in 1956. Further organization, rehousing, and description was carried out in 2011.

Formerly classed as Za Brush.

Katharine Brush (1902-1952)
Katharine Brush (1902–1952), the author of short stories, novels, articles, and screenplays, was born Katharine Ingham, in Middletown, Connecticut, to Charles Samuel and Clara Louis Ingham, and raised in South Byfield, Massachusetts. Brush began writing fiction in 1923 and won recognition with the novels Young Man of Manhattan (1930) and Red-Headed Woman (1931). Other works include a short story collection, Night Club (1929), and a semi-autobiographical novel, This Is on Me (1940). She married twice, in 1920 to Thomas Stewart Brush, the owner of a chain of newspapers in Ohio, and in 1929 to Hubert Charles Winan.


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Arrangement
Collection Contents

Series I. Writings

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Series I. Writings contains extensive material relating to an unpublished novel by Brush with the initial working title “Story of Sylvia,” changed later to “Lover Come Back.” The novel, started in the early 1940s, went through multiple revisions, and includes corrections and comments from editors. Materials relating to the work include research files, outlines and synopses, drafts, and supplementary material, such as excerpts, discards, and schedules.

Arranged chronologically.

b. 1  Donor list and description  1956
b. 1  [Story of Sylvia], research files  1943–1951
     3 folders
b. 1  [Story of Sylvia], draft, “first version”  1945
b. 1  [Story of Sylvia], draft, “second version”  1946
b. 1  [Story of Sylvia], draft, “3rd put-together”  1947
b. 2  [Story of Sylvia], draft, “Doubleday’s cuts of the 1947 put-together”  1947 December
b. 2  “Story of Sylvia,” draft, “4th put-together [or] semi-final version”  1948
b. 2  “Story of Sylvia,” draft, 1948 “cut-down version”  1948
     4 folders
b. 3  [Story of Sylvia], “Pre-1950 outlines, synopses, memos, correspondence...”  1949–1950
b. 3  [Story of Sylvia], drafts, “3rd copy”  1950
     14 folders
b. 4  [Story of Sylvia], drafts, “3rd copy”  1950
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b. 5  [Story of Sylvia], drafts, “3rd copy”  1950
     4 folders
b. 5  [Story of Sylvia], “Outlines and suggestions as of 1950...”  1950–1951
b. 5  [Story of Sylvia], “List of third copies sent to Chappaqua”  1951 March
b. 5  [Story of Sylvia], draft, “Parts I & II of the Barbara-Larry story-line...”  1951
b. 6  “Story of Sylvia,” draft, “YBG copy”  1951
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b. 6  [Lover Come Back], “August 1951 ... rough run-thru”  1951
b. 6  “Lover Come Back,” draft  1952 March
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Series II. Research Material

3 folders

Series II. Research Material contains research files on topics relating to the U.S. military.

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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
Authors, American -- 20th Century -- Archives

Names
Brush, Katharine, 1902-1952