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Guide to the Mary Reynolds Aldis Papers 1904-1929



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Descriptive Summary

Identifier	ICU.SPCL.ALDIS
Title	Aldis, Mary Reynolds. Papers
Date	1904-1929
Size	0.25 linear feet (1 box)
Repository	Special Collections Research Center University of Chicago Library 1100 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.
Abstract	Mary Reynolds Aldis (1872-1949), poet and playwright. The papers include research materials gathered for a 1919 talk on war poetry, correspondence from Edgar Lee Masters and correspondence and manuscripts from others.

Information on Use

Access

The collection is open for research.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Aldis, Mary Reynolds. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Mary Reynolds Aldis (1872-1949) was a poet and playwright. In 1910, she founded the Aldis Playhouse, which operated for several summers on the grounds of the Lake Forest home she shared with her husband, real estate executive Arthur T. Aldis. She also served as President of the Visiting Nurses Association of Chicago

Scope Note

Folders one and two were given directly to the Modern Poetry Library in connection with a collection of books from Mary Aldis' private library. These manuscripts were collected by Mary Aldis in preparation for her talk entitled "War Poetry, Old and New" first delivered in Chicago on January 13, 1919. The Edgar Lee Masters letter and photograph and associated clippings comprising folder four were found in 1974 in a book from the Aldis library.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

Subject Headings

- Aldis, Mary, b. 1872
- Poets

INVENTORY

Box 1

Folder 1-2

"War Poetry, Old and New;" notes, clippings and manuscript verse

Box 1

Folder 3

Correspondence and manuscripts

- W.O. Goodman, Dunsany Castle, Co. Meath, to M. Aldis, n.p. February 1, 1920 A.L.S. 6 p. (associated with envelope addressed to W.O. Goodman, Chicago, March 19, 1920)
- Edgar Lee Masters, n.p., to Mary Aldis, n.p., April 10, 1923 T.L.S. 1 p.
- M.T. Aldis [mother-in-law of Mary Aldis], 1347 Conn. Avenue, to Arthur and Mary [Aldis], n.p., March 23, 1904 A.L.S. 4 p
- "Botticelli to Swinetta." autograph manuscript poem, unsigned, 2 p., on imprinted stationery; Deerpath Avenue & Greenbay Road, Lake Forest, Ill's
- Vachel Lindsay, "How a Little Girl Danced." autograph manuscript poem, 2 p., inscribed, "For my good friend Mrs. Aldis, this copy of Judith the Dancer. May 28, 1915. Vachel Lindsay-Springfield, Illinois"

Box 1

Folder 4

Edgar Lee Masters, n.p., to Mary [Aldis], n.p., February 22, 1929 A.L.S. 1 p. with photograph of Edgar Lee Masters inscribed, "For Mary Aldis with memories of those June days Edgar Lee Masters June 6, '19" and with two clippings, one of them a portrait of Masters