Guide to the Jeremy Ingalls Papers 1942-1954
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Descriptive Summary

Identifier         ICU.SPCL.INGALLS
Title              Ingalls, Jeremy. Papers
Date               1942-1954
Size               0.5 linear feet (1 box)
Repository         Special Collections Research Center
                    University of Chicago Library
                    1100 East 57th Street
                    Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

Abstract           Jeremy Ingalls (1911-2000), poet and scholar of Chinese and English
                    literature. The collection includes letters from writers, rough drafts and copies
                    of Ingalls’ poems, correspondence about her work, and notes for a lecture to
                    writers.

Information on Use

Access             No restrictions.

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

Biographical Note

Jeremy Ingalls was born Mildred Dodge Jeremy Ingalls in Massachusetts in 1911. She received
Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Tufts University and was a scholar of Chinese and
English literature. She was for some years Resident Poet, Professor of Asian Studies, and later
head of the English Department, at Rockford College. She later taught at Western College in
Ohio.

In 1941 Ingalls’ book of poems The Metaphysical Sword appeared in the Yale Series of Younger
Poets, edited by Stephen Vincent Benet. Mr. Benet wrote in his preface of the poet’s difference
from most young poets in her writing about “spiritual experience.”

In 1943 she was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship to work on her long poem “The Thunder
Saga of Tahl,” published in 1945 by Knopf. On December 1, 1932 she read her poetry in the
Harriet Monroe Library. Ingalls also wrote books of prose: A Book of Legends (1941) and The
Galilean Way (1945) and translated several Chinese titles.
Ingalls retired to Tucson, Arizona in the 1960s and died there in 2000.

**Scope Note**
The collection includes letters from writers, rough drafts and copies of Ingalls’ poems, correspondence about her work, and notes for a lecture to writers.

Most of the material is arranged alphabetically according to the last name of the correspondent, with indication of the number of letters from each person. The remainder is arranged chronologically in two sections: correspondence with various publishers, and correspondence from friends and admirers. The last two folders consist of clippings, reviews, and note and galley proofs.

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

http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html

**Subject Headings**
- Ingalls, Jeremy, 1911-
- Poets
- Poetry

**INVENTORY**

**Box 1**

**Folder 1**
Apprentice poets: with letter of explanation from a Tufts College faculty member, Mar 27, 1942;
- Sven Magnus Armens (2) May 20, 1942; May 1, 1943;
- Connie Rosebaugh (2) Jan 5, 1943; Jan 11, 1943
- Benét, Laura (1) no date
- Boyle, James Le B. (1) [1941]
- Broomell, Myron H. (1) Oct 8, 1942
- Canby, Marion (1) Jul 21, 1951
- Daiches, David (3) and postcard Jun 2, 27; Jul 5;
- Nov 6, 1941.
- JI to DD TC (1) Jul 27, 1942
- Eberhar, Richard (1) Sep 8, 1951
- Homes, John (36) Jan 5, 1941-Aug 27, 1952

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**Folder 2**
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- Lindsay, Elizabeth Conner (1) Nov 8, 1932
- Wakefield, Olive Lindsay (1) Aug 12; Dec 17, 1941
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- Schevill, Ferdinand (1) Feb 1, 1951
- Spire, André (18) Nov 19, 1942-Sep 2, 1951
- Stephen Stepanchev (9) Sep 20, 1941-Jan 2, 1943

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**Folder 4**

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- Torrence, Ridgely (2) Nov 11, 1941, Aug 16, 1943
- Waggoner, Hyatt Home (5) Nov 14, 1951-Nov 24, 1952
- Walker, Margaret (1) no date
- Walsh, Chad (5) June 22, 1951-Dec 16, 1943
- Wilder, Thornton (6) Apr 6, 1942-May 18, 1947
- Wilder, Amos (1) Aug 31, 1947
- Wilder, Isabel (1) Oct 7, 1941
- Young, Marguerite (20) [1941]-Jan 22, 1943

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**Folder 5**

Correspondence from publishers, 1941-1943

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**Folder 6**

Congratulatory correspondence from friends and admirers, 1940-1951

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**Folder 7**

Clippings and reviews, The Metaphysical Sword, A Book of Legends, "The Invasion of Greece," and the Yale Poetry Award

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**Folder 8**

Handwritten notes and poems; galley proofs; and printed copy of "Ballad of Times and Men," a poem set to music