Guide to the Ursula Batchelder Stone Collection 1900-2001

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Descriptive Summary

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Abstract Ursula Batchelder Stone was a researcher, activist, and teacher who lived for more than 60 years in the Hyde Park community. This collection contains materials relating to her work as a board member of the South East Chicago Commission and to her teaching career at George Williams College. The collection also includes extensive research files compiled by Stone’s daughter, Mary Alzina Stone Dale, in preparation of a book on Stone.

Information on Use

Access Boxes 11 through 13 contain cassette tapes which require audio equipment for access. The rest of the collection is unrestricted and open for research.

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Biographical Note

Ursula Batchelder Stone was born June 26, 1900 in Faribault, Minnesota. As a girl, she attended Shattuck-St. Mary’s School; in 1918, she enrolled at Bryn Mawr College. In 1922, she graduated with a B.A., continuing with one year of graduate work in economics at Bryn Mawr. She enrolled in the School of Commerce and Administration at the University of Chicago in 1925. In 1929, she became the first woman to earn a Ph.D. in business from an American university with the acceptance of her dissertation, entitled “The Baking Industry with Special Reference to the Bread-Making Industry in Chicago.” While completing the dissertation, she married School of Business faculty member Raleigh Stone.

Throughout the 1930s, Stone worked with her close friend, Rachel Marshall Goetz, as the Batchelder and Marshall Research Service. Together, they conducted independent research and
published detailed reports of their findings for a variety of Chicago companies. Stone also held the presidency of the Hyde Park League of Women Voters from 1939-1941. In 1939, she joined the faculty of George Williams College, lecturing in economics and social sciences. She remained on the faculty until the college moved from Hyde Park to suburban Downers Grove in 1965.

In 1952, Stone was elected as the only female on the Committee of Five, which then established the South East Chicago Commission. The SECC spearheaded the Hyde Park-Kenwood Urban Renewal Project of the 1950s and 60s, leading to massive commercial and residential redevelopment between 39th and 67th streets. Stone passed away in 1985.

**Scope Note**
The Ursula Batchelder Stone Collection consists of two series. Series I contains primary source material from Stone, including photographs, correspondence, and other writing. Series II houses Mary Alzina Stone Dale’s extensive research files on her mother’s life and career, used for the preparation of a book about Stone’s life and career, entitled Suffragette Daughter. Included here are Dale’s notes, clippings, correspondence, and interviews relating to Stone’s education and professional activities.

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

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

Goetz, Rachel Marshall. Papers

Graduate School of Business. Records

South East Chicago Commission. Records

**Subject Headings**

- Stone, Ursula Batchelder
- League of Women Voters (U.S.)
- Urban renewal — Illinois — Chicago
- Hyde Park (Chicago, Ill.)
- Kenwood (Chicago, Ill.)

**INVENTORY**

**Series I: Ursula Batchelder Stone Primary Material**

Series I holds primary material relating to Stone’s life and work. Included here are photographs and correspondence from her years at Bryn Mawr College. Also contained in this series is correspondence and meeting minutes relating to the early days of the South East Chicago Commission. Personal material such as correspondence and documents relating to family affairs are also found in this series. Finally, the series contains much of Stone’s own writing, ranging
from her early research work co-authored by Rachel Marshall Goetz to her last writings about retirement in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Box 1
Folder 1
Batchelder, John D., correspondence prior to death, 1958

Box 1
Folder 2
Batchelder, John D., estate, 1958-1960

Box 1
Folder 3
Bryn Mawr College, correspondence, 1915-1922

Box 1
Folder 4
Bryn Mawr College, yearbook and songbook, 1922

Box 1
Folder 5
Church Home for Aged Persons, correspondence and clippings, 1967-1983

Box 1
Folder 6
Correspondence, 1938-1973

Box 2
Folder 1
Correspondence, 1967-1985

Box 2
Folder 2
George Williams College, correspondence and certificates, 1957-1973

Box 2
Folder 3
Grodzins, Morton, The Loyal and the Disloyal, inscribed by the author to Stone, 1956

Box 2
Folder 4
Photo album, 1918-1922 and n.d.

Box 2
Folder 5
Photographs, loose, from photo album, 1918-1932 and n.d.

Box 3
Folder 1

Box 3
Folder 2
South East Chicago Commission, correspondence and meeting minutes, 1952-1972

Box 3
Folder 3
Stone, George Batchelder, photos, n.d.
Folder 4
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, certificates and diplomas, 1900-1965

Box 3
Folder 5
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, correspondence and clippings, 1943-1952

Box 3
Folder 6
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, personal, correspondence, writing, clippings, 1940-1973

Box 3
Folder 7
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, personal diaries, 1918-1921

Box 3
Folder 8
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, photographs, 1903-1965 and n.d.

Box 4
Folder 1
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, writings, 1937-1980

Box 4
Folder 2
Tillich, Paul, The Courage to Be, annotated by Stone, 1953

Box 4
Folder 3
University of Chicago, transcript, 1925-1929

Series II: Mary Alzina Stone Dale Research Material

Series II holds Mary Alzina Stone Dale’s extensive research files on her mother’s life and work. Among the materials included here are clippings, correspondence, and pamphlets about Stone’s home town of Faribault, Minnesota, and its immediate vicinity. This series also holds clippings and correspondence regarding the institutional histories of Shattuck-Saint Mary’s Episcopal school and Bryn Mawr College. Dale mailed questionnaires to many of Stone’s classmates at Bryn Mawr, and the completed questionnaires are also held here. Series II includes further information relating to the formation of the South East Chicago Commission and Stone’s relationship with George Williams College. Additionally, this series contains audio recordings of many interviews conducted by Dale in preparation of Suffragette Daughter, a book about Stone, as well as drafts of the first three chapters of that manuscript.

Box 4
Folder 4
A Century of Church Women, Church Home book by Dale, 1996

Box 4
Folder 5
Bryn Mawr College, correspondence and memorabilia, 1911-1923 and n.d.

Box 5
Folder 1
Bryn Mawr College, questionnaires, notes, clippings, 1918-1993
Folder 2
   Certificates, 1917-1952
Box 5
Folder 3
   Condolences, 1985
Box 5
Folder 4
   Correspondence, 1966-1967
Box 5
Folder 5
   Dale, Mary Alzina, draft of book on Stone, chapters 1-3, n.d.
Box 6
Folder 1
   Family and friends, documents and clippings, 1924-2002
Box 6
Folder 2
   Faribault, Minnesota, photos, clippings, pamphlets, 1955-1988
Box 6
Folder 3
   Finch, Edith, Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr, annotated by Dale, 1947
Box 7
Folder 1
   George Williams College, correspondence, clippings, newsletters, 1984-2001
Box 7
Folder 2
   Knight, Ethel Verry, correspondence and memorials, 1976-1991
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Folder 3
   League of Women Voters, 1922-1983
Box 8
Folder 1
   National Endowment for the Humanities, grant applications, 1990-1991
Box 8
Folder 2
   Notes on audio interviews, 1989
Box 8
Folder 3
   Shattuck-Saint Mary’s school, 1922-1999
Box 8
Folder 4
   Stone, George, clippings, 1965-1989
Box 8
Folder 5
   South East Chicago Commission, clippings, correspondence, minutes, 1952-1987
Box 9
Folder 1
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, funeral and condolences, 1985

Box 9
Folder 2
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, obituaries of friends, 1924-2001

Box 9
Folder 3
Stone, Ursula Batchelder, vita and obituaries, 1900-1985

Box 10
Folder 1
University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business, 1919-1986

Box 10
Folder 2

Box 10
Folder 3
Women’s Rights Movement, 1927-1970

Box 11
17 audio cassettes of interviews conducted by Dale, n.d.

Box 12
17 audio cassettes of interviews conducted by Dale, n.d.

Box 13
8 audio cassettes of interviews conducted by Dale, n.d.

Box 13
3-by-5 inch address cards