

Korzybska, Mira Edgerly, 1872-1954.

Papers, ca.1850-1960.

13 linear ft. (ca.8,200 items in 25 boxes, 2 scrapbooks, & 19 oversize folders).

Biography: Painter of portraits on ivory. She was a self-taught artist whose career as a successful and sought after portraitist took her from San Francisco to New York, London, Washington, Latin America, and Chicago. In 1919, she married Alfred Korzybski, 1879-1950 (q.v.), and worked with him to develop and promote his theories of General Semantics.

Summary: Correspondence, manuscripts, notes, diaries, documents, photographs audio tape recordings, printed materials, scrapbooks, and sketches and draft of portraits. Her finished portraits on ivory are cataloged separately for the Art Collection (q.v.).

The collection includes her correspondence with friends and clients; manuscripts of her articles, lectures, and many unpublished autobiographical drafts; pencil sketches, watercolor drafts, and photoprints of her portraits on ivory; photographs of her family and travels; clippings and other printed materials; and three scrapbooks of clippings and memorabilia.

There is cataloged correspondence from Arnold Genthe, S.I. Hayakawa, Karen Horney, Burges Johnson, Dwight Macdonald, and Alice B. Toklas.

Organization: Selected materials cataloged; remainder arranged. Cataloged materials: Box 1; Uncataloged correspondence, A-Z: Boxes 1-4; Manuscripts by M.E.K.: Boxes 5-8; Miscellany: Box 9; Portraits by M.E.K. (Drafts) A-Z: Boxes 10-12; Photographs & audio tapes: Box 13; Printed materials: Boxes 14-15; & Scrapbooks: Box 16 & oversize. 1996 Addition. Uncataloged correspondence, 1920-1960: Boxes 17-22; Manuscripts, etc., by M.E.K.: Box 23; Financial papers & Photographs: Box 24; & Printed materials: Box 25.

Finding aids: Contents list, 6p.

Donor: Gift of Mrs Charlotte Schuchardt Read, 1987, 1993, & 1996.

Permission to use collection must be obtained from Charlotte S. Read.

Permission to publish materials must be obtained in writing from the Librarian for Rare Books and Manuscripts.

See also: Art Coll\Korzybska for her finished portraits on ivory.

1. Genthe, Arnold, 1869-1942. 2. Hayakawa, S. I. (Samuel Ichtyé), 1906- 3. Horney, Karen, 1885-1952. 4. Johnson, Burges, 1877- 5. Korzybski, Alfred, 1897-1950. 6. Macdonald, Dwight. 7. Toklas, Alice B. 8. General Semantics. 9. Portrait miniatures. 10. Portrait painters. 11. Portraits. 12. Address books. 13. Announcements. 14. Appointment books. 15. Articles. 16. Audio tapes. 17. Autobiographies. 18. Coats of arms. 19. Daguerreotypes. 20. Diaries. 21. Drawings. 22. Engravings. 23. Essays. 24. Financial records. 25. Genealogies. 26. Gouache paintings. 27. Lectures. 28. Lists. 29. Memorandums. 30. Miniatures. 31. Notes. 32. Paintings. 33. Pencil works. 34 Photographs. 35. Photoprints. 36. Scrapbooks. 37. Visiting cards. 38. Watercolor paintings. 39. Artists. 40. Miniature painters. 41. Painters. 42. Women artists. 43. Women painters.

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MIRA EDGERLY KORZYBSKA
Papers

Box 1. Cataloged correspondence, manuscript, & photographs.

Arnold Genthe (also photographs)	Hayakawa, Samuel I.
Karen Horney	Johnson, Burges
Alfred Korzybski (typescript)	
Dwight Macdonald	
Alice B. Toklas	

Boxes 1 - 4. Uncataloged correspondence.

Box 1. A - C (including Caroline Douglas Stewart Corbet Astley, Evelyn B. Morrison-Bell, Dion S. Birney & the Everett lawsuit, Alicia & William Busser, and Josephine Osborn Coogan)

Box 2. D - J (including David & Marian Bell Fairchild, C. Judson Herrick, Edward V. Huntington, and Burges Johnson & Miriam Jarvis Johnson Carreker)

Box 3. K - P (including Benjamin Kimball, M.E.K. to Alfred Korzybski, Amy Edgerly Lake, Kitty Gerard-Leigh, Walter N. Polakov, and Puddefoot, Bowers & Simonett, Ltd.-Ivory Merchants)

Box 4. Q - Z (including Minnie Edgerly Russell, Mary Van Etten Ward, John William White, and unidentified letters)

Boxes 5 - 8. Manuscripts by M.E.K.

Boxes 5 - 6. Autobiography - notes & drafts.

Box 7. Articles & lectures

Box 8. Diaries, Address books, Appointment books, & Memorandum books.

Box 9. Miscellany.

Subject folders, lists, memoranda, notes, etc.

Boxes 10 - 12. Portraits by M.E.K. - Drafts.

Watercolor drafts, pencil sketches, drafts on ivory, & photocopies.
See attached list for names of subjects.

Box 13. Photographs. & Audio Tape Recordings.

M.E.K., her family, her friends, and her travels.

Boxes 14 - 15. Printed materials.

Box 14. Clippings, periodicals, etc.

Box 15. Books bearing her notes.

Scrapbooks; 1898 - 1954, 2 vols. (Oversize)

Box 16. Scrapbook; ca.1850 - ca. 1940, 1 vol. (Oversize box)

KORZYBSKA Papers
1996 Addition

Boxes 17 - 22. Uncataloged correspondence.

Boxes 17 - 18. Correspondence between Mira E. Korzybska & her husband, Alfred Korzybski, 1920 - 1950.
(Closed to all use until the year 2025)

Box 19. General correspondence, 1924 - 1942 & no date.

Box 20. General correspondence, 1943 - 1949.

Box 21. General correspondence, 1950 - 1952.

Box 22. General correspondence, 1953 - 1960 (including her estate).

Box 23. Manuscripts, diaries, & notes by M.E.K.

1924 - 1954

Box 24. Financial papers & Photographs.

Financial papers, 1918 - 1955

Photographs of M.E.K., her family, & her friends.

Box 25. Printed materials.

Clippings, pamphlets, etc.

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Box 10 - 12 Portraits by M.E.K. - Drafts.

Watercolor drafts, pencil sketches, drafts on ivory, & photocopies. Finished paintings on ivory have been cataloged as part of the Art Collection. See the Art file for individual titles.

Box 10. A - M:

Acheles, Elizabeth A.
 Astley, Constance Edith Corbet Sutton (Mrs Herbert D.)
 Bell, Sir Eustace Morrison-, & family
 Bell, Evelyn Morrison-
 Bell, Frances Isabel Logan Morrison-, Lady, & daughter
 Bliss, William H.
 Besselievre, Jean
 Bowen, Harry S., children
 Burden, F. Adèle Sloane (Mrs James A.)
 Campbell, James Alexander
 Claflin, Minietta Anderson (Mrs Arthur B.), & daughter
 Clendening, Dorothy Hixon (Mrs Logan)
 Coogan, Josephine Osborn (Mrs Jay)
 Cook, Mary Hood, Lady
 Coulter, Helen L.S. (Mrs Charles), & family
 Crespi, Vivian Stokes Taylor, Countess
 Dalhousie, John Gilbert Ramsay, 15 Earl of
 Dalhousie, Mary Adelaide Heathcote-Drummond Willoughby
 Ramsay, Countess of
 Davidson, John
 Devries, Blanche
 de Wolfe, Elsie (Lady Mendl)
 Dodge children (of Detroit)
 Drogheda, Kathleen Pelham-Burn Moore, Countess of
 Drummond, Katherine Mary Antrobus (Mrs Laurence G.),
 & son
 Duke, Doris
 Easton, Mrs Charles D., & children
 Elliott, Maxine
 Elmhirst, Dorothy Whitney Straight, & child
 Everett, Edward H., & family (See also oversize)
 Fahnestock, Mr & Mrs Snowden A., & family
 Fell, Mildred M. Santry (Mrs John R.), & children
 Fish, Frederick S., & family
 Gambrill, Anna & Diana (See also oversize)
 Gann, David B.
 Gardner child (of Cleveland)
 Gould, Guinevere Jeanne Sinclair (Mrs George (Oversize
 only))
 Grasselli, Emilie Smith (Mrs Thomas)
 Grenville-Grey, Louise Monica Morrison Bell (Mrs
 Cecil E.M.)
 Grosvenor, Pamela, Rose, & Anita (Oversize only)
 Hamilton, Nina Mary Benita Poore Douglas-Hamilton,
 Duchess of
 Hardwicke, Edith Mary Oswald Yorke, Countess of
 Hill, Mr & Mrs Nathaniel P., & daughter (See also oversize)
 Hobson, Irene

Boxes 10 - 12. Portraits by M.E.K. - Drafts.

Box 10. A - M (cont.):

Holford, Sir George Lindsay
 Howe, Mary Curzon Curzon, Countess of
 Iselin, Hope Goddard (Mrs C. Oliver), & daughter
 James, Harriet Eddy Parsons (Mrs Arthur C.) (See also
 oversize)
 Keyser, Cassius Jackson
 Kimball, Benjamin
 Korzybska, Mira Edgerly (See: SELF portraits.)
 Korzybski, Alfred
 Lawrence, Shiela Burden (Mrs Blake L.)
 Leiter, Juliette Williams (Mrs Joseph), & children
 Livermore, Philip W.
 Logan, Edward Townshend
 Louisa Margaret, Duchess of Connaught, Princess
 McLean, Evelyn Walsh (Mrs Edward B.), & children
 Magee, Florence Seeley (Mrs John)

Box 11. M - Z:

Manice, Harriet Ferry (Mrs William DeF.), & children
 Manners, Mildred Mary Buckworth Buchanan-Riddell
 (Lady Robert), & daughter
 Martinez de Udaonda, Guillermo & Elvira de
 Maynard, Walter, Jr.
 Merrill, Keith, children (See also oversize)
 Milbank, Katharine Schulze (Mrs Jeremiah) (Oversize
 only)
 Millington-Drake children (Oversize only)
 Munding, Mrs Robert R.
 Nicholas Nicholaevitch, Grand Duke of Russia
 Oglebay, Kate
 Osborn, H. Fairfield, & family
 Patton, Beatrice Ayer (Mrs George S.)
 Patton, George Smith (?)
 Pereyra, Eugenio
 Pereyra Iraola, Helena Udoando de
 Perkins, Constance
 Pless, Mary Theresa Olivia Cornwallis-West von
 Hochberg, Princess of
 Flowden, Pamela
 Plummer, Mrs Richard W., & children
 Prescott, Marjorie Wiggin (Mrs Sherburne)
 Ramsay, Lady Ida Mary [Lady Ida Johnson]
 Ramsay, Lady Patricia [Princess Patricia of Connaught]
 Reading, Stella Charnaud Isaacs, Marchioness of
 (See also oversize)
 Renchard, Stellita Stapleton (Mrs George W.)
 Rogers, John Middleton, & family
 Rosseter, Alice Gertrude May (Mrs John H.)
 Russell, Elizabeth Sherley Shevlin (Mrs Marshall)
 Ryan, Diana Dodge Davies
 Sackville-West, Vita (Lady Nicolson)

Boxes 10 - 12. Portraits by M.E.K. - Drafts.

Box 11. M - Z (cont.):

Sands, Mrs George Winthrop
 Sanford, John, & family
 Santamarina, Lola Acosta de
 Satterlee, Louise Pierpont Morgan (Mrs Herbert L.)
 Scherlin, Betty
 Selden, Muriel Wiggin (Mrs Lynde), & estate
 Sheridan, Clare Consuelo Frewen
 Smith, Virginia C. & Iris A. (See also oversize)
 Spreckels, Alma de Bretteville (Mrs Adolph B.)
 Stevens, Clara Sherwood Rollins (Mrs J. Sampson)
 Strafford, Robert Cecil Byng, 7th Earl of, & George
 Arthur Francis Byng
 Strawn, Margaret Stewart (Mrs Silas H.)
 Strong, Mrs James A.
 Sutton, Sir Richard Vincent
 Thomson, Louise Schermerhorn Little
 Villiers, Katherine
 Walker, Sophie Florence Lothrop Sheridan (Mrs William H.)
 Ward, Mary Van Etten (Mrs John H.), & son
 Webb, Mr & Mrs Vanderbilt
 Weddell, Virginia Chase Steedman (Mrs Alexander W.)
 (See also oversize)
 Weinberg, Frau von, & Vera
 West, Ann Sheldon
 Willoughby, Lady Florence Conyngham Heathcote-Drummond-
 Wilson, Mary Emma Smith (Mrs Arthur)
 Winston, Mary Dowling (Mrs Ralph T.)
 Wood family (Oversize only)

Box 12. Unidentified (See also oversize)

Misc. drawings
 Scraps & ivory fragments
 Empty frame designed by M.E.K. (See also oversize)

Oversize portraits by M.E.K. - Drafts.

Everett, Edward H., & family
 Gambrill, Anna & Diana
 Gould, Guinevere Jeanne Sinclair (Mrs George)
 Grosvenor, Pamela, Rose, & Anita
 Hill, Mr & Mrs Nathaniel P., & daughter
 James, Harriet Eddy Parsons (Mrs Arthur C.)
 Merrill, Keith, children
 Milbank, Katharine Schulze (Mrs Jeremiah)
 Millington-Drake children
 Reading, Stella Charnaud Isaacs, Marchioness of
 Smith, Virginia C. & Iris A.
 Weddell, Virginia Chase Steedman (Mrs Alexander W.)
 Wood family
 Unidentified
 Empty frames designed by M.E.K.

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Among the paintings on ivory cataloged for the Art Collection are portraits of:

Besselievre, Jean
 Coogan, Josephine Osborn
 Crespi, Vivian Stokes Taylor, Countess
 Drogheda, Kathleen Pelham-Burn Moore, Countess of
 Edgerly, Rose Haskell (Mrs Samuel H.)
 Elliott, Maxine
 Fahnestock, Helen Moran (Mrs Snowden A.)
 Fahnestock, Snowden A.
 James, Harriet Eddy Parsons (Mrs Arthur C.)
 Keyser, Cassius Jackson
 Kimball, Benjamin
 Korzybska, Mira Edgerly
 Leiter, Juliette Williams (Mrs Joseph)
 Livermore, Philip W.
 Oglebay, Kate
 Pereyra, Iraola, Helena Udoando de
 Pless, Mary Theresa Olivia Cornwallis-West von Hochberg, Princess of
 Plowden, Pamela
 Plummer, Mrs Richard W.
 Rembrandt van Rijn
 Rogers, Lily Eleanor Arnott (Mrs Arthur E.)
 Sands, Mrs George Winthrop
 Santamarina, Lola Acosta de
 Sheridan, Clare Consuelo Frewen
 Strawn, Margaret Stewart (Mrs Silas H.)
 Strong, Mrs James A.
 Ward, Mary Van Etten (Mrs John H.)
 Webb, Aileen Osborn (Mrs Vanderbilt)
 Weddell, Virginia Chase Steedman (Mrs Alexander W.)