Ms Coll\Korzybska

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 The collection includes her correspondence with friends and clients; manuscripts of her articles, lectures, and many unpublished autobiographical drafts; pencil sketches, watercolor drafts, and photoprints of her portraits on ivory; photographs of her family and travels; clippings and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


Finding aids: Contents list, 6p.


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.


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Scrapbook 1926-1941 Flat Box 312

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MIRA EDGERLY KORZYSKA
Papers

Box 1. Cataloged correspondence, manuscript, & photographs.
    Arnold Genthe (also photographs) Hayakawa, Samuel I.
    Karen Horney
    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, &nd 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.
    Box 7. Articles & lectures
    Box 8. Diaries, Address books, Appointment books, & Memorandum books.

Box 9. Miscellany.
    Subject folders, lists, memoranda, notes, etc.

    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.

    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)

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 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.

Flat Box 312. Scrapbooks 1926 - 1941
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
Coultar, 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

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, Sheila 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)
Mundinger, 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
Plowden, 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)

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 Charmaud 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.
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.)