

COLLECTIONS OF CORRESPONDENCE AND MANUSCRIPT DOCUMENTS

NAME OF COLLECTION: Helen WESSELLS Papers

SOURCE: Gift of Mrs. Helen Wessells, 1984

SUBJECT: U.S. Office of War Information; U.S. Information Service; Libraries-Australia;
Libraries-Asia

DATES COVERED: 1921-1978 NUMBER OF ITEMS: ca. 4,000

STATUS: (check appropriate description)
Cataloged: x Listed: x Arranged: x Not organized:

CONDITION: (give number of vols., boxes, or shelves):
Bound: Boxed: 11 Stored:

LOCATION: (Library) Rare Book and Manuscript CALL-NUMBER Ms Coll/Wessells

RESTRICTIONS ON USE None Pearl S. Buck letter is on MICROFILM

DESCRIPTION: Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, subject files, photographs and memorabilia of Helen Wessells (Helen Elizabeth Pierson Wessells Hettinger) 1903- (SLS, 1926), librarian. The collection deals chiefly with Wessell's service as a library consultant and cultural officer in Australia for the U.S. Office of War Information during World War II, 1943-1947; and as a director of Asian libraries for the U.S. Information Service, 1948-1951. Wessells was one of a number of librarians whose mission was to foster domestic understanding for America's war effort in allied and neutral nations. She contributed to library development in Australia and later was a planner and spokeswoman for the American model of library service in Asia. There is correspondence with Australian librarians and government officials, OWI and USIS officers; manuscripts of her articles, addresses, reports and procedural manuals, as well as printed materials on Australian libraries and Australian library publications. In addition there are some general correspondence files and other incomplete files relating to Wessells' career in the United States, including the New York Public Library, the Victory Book Campaign (1943), the American Library Association and its International Relations Round Table. The cataloged correspondence consists of one letter each from Louis Adamic, Pearl S. Buck, Henry Seidel Canby, Mrs. S. R. Cancy and Daniel A. Poling.

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For a list of the collection see following pages.

MEMORABILIA

Box 1-7 Cataloged Correspondence; Subject Files

1. Cataloged Correspondence: Adamic, Louis; Buck, Pearl S.; Canby, Henry S.; Canby, Mrs. Henry S.; Poling, Daniel A.
 - American Library Association - A.L.A. Bulletin 1959
 - American Library Association - Awards Board and Committee
 - American Library Association - International Relations Round Table (5)
2. American Library Association - Miscellaneous
 - American Library Association - Public Relation Section
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Correspondence-No Date
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Correspondence-1943
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Correspondence-1944
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Correspondence-1945
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Correspondence-1946
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Correspondence-1947
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Manuscripts by Wessells
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Personal Correspondence and Documents
3. Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Reports 1943-1947 (2)
 - Australian Libraries-Office of War Information-Riverina Report 1947
 - Australian Libraries-Prison Libraries 1963
 - Council of National Library Association-Visting Foreign Librarians (2)
 - Columbia University-School of Library Service-Alumni Advisory Committee
 - Connecticut Survey
4. Correspondence-No Date and 1921-1946
 - Correspondence- 1947-1949
 - Correspondence - 1950-1959
 - Correspondence - 1960-1978
 - International Library Information Center
 - International Library Information Center-Visting Foreign Librarians
 - Library Journal Editorship-Correspondence
 - Libraries-Overseas
 - Manuscripts by Wessells-Librarianship-Aspect
 - Manuscripts by Wessells-Milam's Idea
5. Memorabilia
 - New Books Preview 1967-1969
 - New York Public Library-Port Reichmond Branch-Workbook 1941
 - United States Information Service-Correspondence-1948,1950-1951
 - United States Information Service-Libraries-Afghanistan, Kabul
 - " " " " " -Belgium, Brussels
 - " " " " " -Burma, Rangoon
6. United States Information Service-Libraries-Ceylon, Colombo
 - " " " " " -England, London
 - " " " " " -France, Paris
 - " " " " " -Hong Kong
 - " " " " " -India, Bombay
 - " " " " " -India, Calcutta
 - " " " " " -India, Madras
 - " " " " " -India, New Delhi
 - " " " " " -Indochina, Saigon
 - " " " " " -Indonesia, Djakarta

Helen E. Wessells Papers Box List (Cont.)

United States Information Service-Libraries-Iraq, Baghdad

"	"	"	"	"	"	-Lebanon, Beirut
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Pakistan, Karachi
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Pakistan, Lahore
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Singapore
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Syria, Damacus
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Thailand, Bangkok
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Turkey, Ankara
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Turkey, Istanbul

United States Information Service-Manual of Operations, 1950

"	"	"	"	"	"	-Manuscript 1947
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Manuscript by Wessells 1950
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Manuscript by Wessells -An Introduction to American Viewpoint 1951
"	"	"	"	"	"	-Memoranda

7. United States Information Service-Reports (2)
 " " " " -25th Planning

Victory Books Campaign 1943
 Wessells, Helen E.-Biographical Materials

Box 8-10 Printed Materials

8. Australian Libraries-Printed Materials-Articles About Wessells (2)
 " " " " " -Articles by Wessells (2)
9. Australian Libraries-Printed Materials-Australia and Libraries
 " " " " " -Government Documents
 " " " " " -Office of War Information
10. Printed Materials-Lead Magazine Bound Vols. 1-11
 " " " " " Vols. 12-18
 " " " " " Vols. 19-25
 " " -Library-About Wessells
 " " - " -By Wessells

Box 11 Photographs

11. Photographs-Burma, Rangoon Libraries
 " -United States Information Library
 " -Williamstown