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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Bruner, Margaret E., 1886-1971
Creator - Author	Ehrmann, Max, 1872-1945
Title	Margaret E. Bruner papers
Date	1965-1971
Extent	3.3 Cubic feet 11 manuscript boxes
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Margaret "Maggie" Elizabeth Bruner was an Indiana poet and columnist. Bruner was born on September 25, 1886 in West Fork, Crawford County, Indiana. Her parents were Vardamon [Vardimon] David and Henrietta Shannon (Saunders) Baggerly, and her mother's family migrated to North America in 1748. She was the youngest of seven children, including David H., Robin F., James H., Queen Anna, Lela F., and Eugene. Bruner and Irvin S. Cobb, the American humorist and author, were cousins, being related through their mothers. She married Vate Bruner on October 7, 1916 in Henry County, Indiana and spent most of her life there in the city of New Castle.

In addition to her writing career, Bruner worked as a teacher and stenographer. She wrote twelve books of poetry, lyrics for several songs, and a weekly column, "In Thoughtful Mood," for the local newspaper, *News Republican*, from 1946 to 1970. She received many awards, including an Honor Certificate from Freedoms Foundation in 1960 and the National League of American Pen Women's Outstanding Author of the Great Lakes Area in 1964. She was also a member of many organizations, including the National League of America Pen Women and animal rights organizations.

She died on April 28, 1971 and was buried in South Mound Cemetery, New Castle, Indiana with her late husband, who had died on January 10, 1947.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes business papers, family materials and photographs, personal and business correspondence, poetry published in newspapers and magazines, and other materials from Margaret E. Bruner, her family, and other writers, in Indiana and New York ranging from 1865 to 1971, regarding women authors, family matters, poetry, writing, religion, friendship, and the publishing industry.

Arrangement

Arranged in the following series:

Series 1: General papers

Series 2: Personal writing and works

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as donations from Margaret E. Bruner on 1964/01/05 and Rabbi Sidney Greenburg on 1971/06/11.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2009/08 by Brent Abercrombie. EAD finding aid created 2015/08/19 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid revised 2015/08/27 by Brittany Kropf.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- National League of American Pen Women.

Genre(s)

- Programs

Personal Name(s)

- Cobb, Irvin S. (Irvin Shrewsbury), 1876-1944
- Greenberg, Sidney, 1917-
- Trueblood, Elton, 1900-1994

Subject(s)

- Advertisements
- American poetry--20th century
- American poets
- Authors and publishers
- Authors--American--Indiana--20th century

- Awards
- Correspondence
- Diaries
- Essays
- Greeting cards
- Lyrics
- Newsletters
- Newspaper articles
- Newspapers--Sections, columns, etc.
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Societies and clubs
- Songs
- Women authors

Series 1: General papers

Collection Inventory

Series 1: General papers		
	Box	Folder
Business papers, 1912-1970	1	1
Business papers from publisher, 1952-1971	1	2
Family documents, 1865-1947 and undated	1	3
Photographs and prints, 1946-1970 and undated	1	4
Awards for poetry, 1928-1970 and undated	1	5
Miscellaneous sermons, newsletters and papers, 1931-1970, undated	1	6
National League of American Pen Women newsletter, 1944-1966	1	7
Programs of Unitarian Fellowship, Rushville, Indiana, 1954	1	8
Handwritten papers, undated	2	1
Diaries, 1941-1953	2	2
Club membership cards, programs, and invitations, 1921-1971, undated	2	3

Series 1: General papers

Correspondence: 1919-1936	4	1
Correspondence, 1937-1942	4	2
Correspondence, 1943-1949	4	3
Correspondence, 1950-1954	4	4
Correspondence, 1955-1959	4	5
Correspondence, 1960-1961	4	6
Correspondence, 1962-1963	5	1
Correspondence, 1964-1965	5	2
Correspondence, 1966-1968	5	3
Correspondence, 1969-1971	5	4
Correspondence, undated	5	5
Correspondence with Christopher Publishing House, 1952-1961	6	1
Correspondence with Christopher Publishing House, 1962-1971	6	2
Correspondence with Rabbi Sidney Greenburg, 1953-1969, undated	6	3

Series 2: Personal writing and works

Greeting cards and notes, 1916-1970, undated	6	4
Advertisement and announcements, 1934-1968, undated	6	5
Mailing lists for circulars, 1957-1963, undated	6	6
Poetry by other poets, 1967	6	9
"Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann (signed)	11	7
Story by Shannon Baggerly	11	8
Series 2: Personal writing and works		
	Box	Folder
"The Ave Maria," 1934-1951	2	4
"The Magnificat," 1948-1956	2	5
"The Circle," 1927-1936	3	1
<i>Indiana Poetry Magazine</i> , 1929-1938	3	2
Poetry magazines containing poems by Bruner (A-P), 1927-1944	3	3
Poetry magazines containing poems by Bruner (S-W), 1927-1962	3	4

Series 2: Personal writing and works

"Howes Christmas Album," 1960-1967	3	5
Incomplete, unbound portions of books: <i>The Hill Road</i> (1932) and <i>In Thoughtful Mood</i> (1937)	3	6
Biographical sketches and lists of published poetry, 1933-1971, undated	6	7
Reviews of poetry, 1933-1969, undated	6	8
Poems in newspapers, undated	7	1
Acknowledgements, dedications and tables of contents, 1955-1968, undated	7	2
Multiple poems, undated	7	3
Poems, A-B	7	4
Poems, C-D	7	5
Poems, E-H	7	6
Poems, I-L	7	7
Poems, M-O	8	1
Poems, P-R	8	2

Series 2: Personal writing and works

Poems, S-T	8	3
Poems, U-Z	8	4
<i>In Thoughtful Mood</i> , part 1, typed	8	5
<i>In Thoughtful Mood</i> , part 2, typed	8	6
<i>In Thoughtful Mood</i> , part 3, typed	9	1
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1946-1948	9	2
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1948-1949	9	3
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1950-1951	9	4
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1952-1953	9	5
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1953-1956	10	1
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1957-1958	10	2
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1958-1959	10	3
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1959-1961	10	4
"In Thoughtful Mood," 1960-1961	10	5

Series 2: Personal writing and works

"In Thoughtful Mood," 1964-1970	10	6
Typed news articles. 1952-1971, undated	11	1
Essays, undated	11	2
Newspaper clippings, 1938-1971	11	3
Newspaper clippings, 1932-1971	11	4
Music lyrics, 1948-1957, undated	11	5
Scrapbook, undated	11	6