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1862-1953

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Creator

Gillette, Frances R., 1871-

Creator

Williamsburg Garden Club (Va.)

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1.00 Linear Feet

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Biographical Information:

Frances R. Gillette was originally from Emporia, Kansas, but also lived in Williamsburg, Virginia during the late 1940's to 1950's. Her parents were Almerin and Chloe Eugenia Gillette. She had a twin sister, Katherine M. Gillette. Further information about this individual or organization may be available in the Special Collections Research Center Wiki: http://scdbwiki.swem.wm.edu/wiki/index.php/Frances_R._Gillette.

Scope and Contents

Papers of Frances R. Gillette. Early Gillette Family material, particularly poetry, and material about the Williamsburg Garden Club.

Keywords

Williamsburg Garden Club (Williamsburg, Va.)

Gillette family

Arrangement of Materials:

Collection arranged alphabetically by subject.

Description of Subordinate Components

Personal Papers

Unit ID id86181

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111889

Address Books and Correspondence

Unit ID id85083

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111893

Unit Date 1946, 1947 and Undated.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Two address books with addresses and notes. Invitations for events from John Stewart Bryan in 1947 and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cheek, Jr. (Undated). Application for membership in The Colony Club in Richmond,

Virginia.

Gillette Family - Poetry, Notes, Obituaries

Unit ID id85094

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111894

Unit Date 1862-unknown

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Notebook with handwritten and printed poems by members of the Gillette Family and others. Includes an 1862 poem written by Frances R. Gillette's mother. Also includes two obituaries of Eugenia Gillette, the mother of Frances and an 1883 Christmas card to her "Mamma." Items removed from notebook.

Grammar Practice Notebook

Unit ID id85098

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111895

Unit Date 1889

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Notebook with practice letters, probably by Frances R. Gillette.

Notepads

Unit ID id85101

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111896

Unit Date 1940-43 and Undated.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Three small notepads which include historical notes, poems, addresses and observations.

Photograph Album of Robin's Nest and Loose Photographs

Unit ID id85104

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111897

Unit Date 1903 and Undated.

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 5 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Series of photographs of a robin on her nest, the eggs and finally the mother feeding the babies. Photographed by Eugenia C. Gillette, the mother of Frances R. Gillette. Photograph of boxwood in snow and a field of flowers.

Plant Notes

Unit ID id85106

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111898

Unit Date 1934-1947

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 6 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Notes that tell when a plant or bulb was first planted and following its history. Appear to concern plantings at different locations, such as Berkeley's Plantation. Other handwritten gardening notes.

Poetry**Unit ID** id85109**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/111899**Unit Date** 1943 and Undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Handwritten and printed poetry, some signed by Frances R. Gillette. Includes notes on plants and a photocopy of a score of "Mount Vernon Bells."

Poetry**Unit ID** id85114**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/111900**Unit Date** 1891, 1899 and Undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 8 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Small notebook of handwritten and published poetry and a larger notebook with handwritten and published poetry. The larger notebook includes an 1889 note from Mrs. E. Warner about a study group. Some of the poems are by Eugenia Chapman Gillett, the mother of Frances.

Publications about Flowers and Plants**Unit ID** id85121**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/111901**Unit Date** 1926-1944 and Undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 9 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Includes Ferns of Florida by John Kenkel Small, Ville Toscane guidebook to gardens, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University Bulletin (1936), Notes on the Restoration of Williamsburg Gardens (1933), Our Wild Flowers, A Plea for Protection by Frank Morris (1939), Bulletin of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute - The Willows of Virginia (1944), Man's Attitude to Nature by Frank Morris, Lily Year-Book 1938 of the Royal Horticultural Society, Wisconsin Horticulture (1926), Virginia State Commission on Conservation and Development - Perennials and Evergreens, European pamphlets and Golden Anniversary Horticulture Magazine (October 1954).

Williamsburg Garden Club - Finances, Programs and Correspondence**Unit ID** id85123**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/111902**Unit Date** 1935-1940's**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)**Container** 10 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

1935 letter from Frances R. Gillette about expenses, 1936 letter to Mrs. C.G. Milhum from Donald Wyman of the Arnold Arboretum, Undated letter from Emma G. Gourd (written in French) about Narcissa, beginning of a notebook about a Williamsburg Garden Club Study Group with list of programs for 1939-1940, small notebook with expenses for the 1940's with notes and a list of plants for a nature trail.

Williamsburg Garden Club - Printed Material**Unit ID** id85126**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival_objects/111903**Unit Date** Undated**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

Container 11 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Clipping from a column, Books to Own, with a review of A Williamsburg Scrapbook compiled by the Williamsburg Garden Club and other newspaper clippings about Williamsburg Garden Club events.

Williamsburg Garden Club - Williamsburg Narcissus Show Ribbons

Unit ID id85128

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111904

Unit Date 1936

Mixed Materials 1 (Box)

Container 12 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Folder with Place Ribbons cards with ribbons for the 1936 Second Narcissus Show sponsored by The Garden Club of Williamsburg.

Gardening Printed Material

Unit ID id86215

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111890

Unit Date 1930-1959 and Undated

Scope and Contents

Gardening brochures, invitations and other publications of garden clubs around Virginia. Programs from Norfolk, Nansemond River, Williamsburg, Franklin, Hampton Roads, Augusta, Virginia Beach, Petersburg, Huntington, Princess Anne, Alexandria and Gloucester from 1938 to 1959. Programs for Historic Garden Week in Virginia (1932-59), Register of The Garden Club in Virginia (1947-1959), pamphlets for annual Daffodil, Camellia, Narcissus, Dahlia and Rose Shows in Virginia (1935-1953), Williamsburg Yearbook (1954-1958), Historic Garden Week in Williamsburg pamphlets (1932-1959), home and garden tour brochures for Maryland, Florida, West Virginia, California, Woodstock and Westmoreland County, tourist brochure "Carry me back to Old Virginia" and a 1930 map of Virginia with places of interest marked. Includes a program Live Better Electrically Kitchen Tour, a tour in Williamsburg at the homes of Keilocker, Davis, Carr, Richardson, Thomas and Hickman families (Undated).

Box 2

Unit ID id86261

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/111892

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)