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MSS 241 TEMPLE Family Papers

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ruth Hines Temple was born in Warren County, Kentucky on 29 December 1899 to Adalaska L. and Mary Camilla (Miller) Temple. The couple had one other daughter, Mary Hortense Temple (1885-1886), who died at 15 months of age from “congestion of the brain.” Mr. Temple operated a dry goods store called “The Busy Bee” at 136 Main Street in Bowling Green, and the family lived above the establishment.

From an early age, Ruth exhibited an artistic ability which was encouraged by her mother. She graduated as salutatorian from Bowling Green High School in 1919. In 1923 she received her A.B. degree from Virginia's Randolph-Macon Woman's College and her M.A. in Art Education from Peabody College in Nashville in 1938. During the interim between studies, Temple taught one year at Leitchfield High School, traveled abroad and attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts for one summer. She also toured the American South on a fellowship from Peabody.

After her father's death in 1929, Temple and her mother sold the store and had a house built at 639 East 13th Street which they called “Pine and Holly.” During the Depression, Ruth made some money as a free-lance graphic designer; she also worked for a period as a librarian at the Bowling Green Business University. In 1942 Temple accepted a position as art supervisor with the Western Kentucky State Teachers College Training School. In 1946 she was promoted to head of the college's art department and remained there until her retirement in 1966. During her tenure, the department's faculty grew from two to fourteen.

Temple was active in many civic organizations, particularly the XX Literary Club, the Landmark Association, the Players Guild, and the Arts Club of Louisville, as well as numerous professional organizations. In addition, Ruth was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green. She traveled extensively in Europe, which benefitted her art history lectures. Ruth Hines Temple died on 18 October 2001 in Bowling Green and is buried in Fairview Cemetery.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection was assembled by Ruth Hines Temple. The bulk of the collection documents her life and career as an art professor and administrator. It also includes information

about various members of the Temple family who hailed from Warren County, Kentucky, particularly the siblings of Ruth's father, Adalaska L. Temple.

Of particular interest is the correspondence between Ruth Hines Temple and her mother Mary Camilla (Miller) Temple, while Ruth attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia from 1919-1923. Ruth describes in detail the educational and social pursuits of a young woman attending a female college in the 1920s. She also records information about institutional events and local happenings in Lynchburg. The mother-daughter duo wrote each other weekly, and sometimes several times per week. On occasion, Ruth also writes her father and other Bowling Green friends. Most of the remaining correspondence is strictly family related. One exceptional letter, written to Mary Temple by her sister-in-law, Ellen (Temple) Parker, describes the Galveston Hurricane of 1900; it can be found amongst family correspondence in Box 1, Folder 2.

The collection also documents a woman's efforts to make a living during the Great Depression. Ruth had an endless number of money-making ideas but did not have the resources to implement them. She was able to make some money drawing graphic illustrations, chiefly for newspaper ads, before she was hired as an art instructor at Western's Training School. Because of her interest in art, Miss Temple's collection contains a number of drawings, cartoons and small watercolor paintings. Most of this work is found in Box 13. In the late 1930s, Temple was asked to serve on a committee to investigate implementation of municipal planning and zoning in Bowling Green. She investigated the subject thoroughly, resulting in extensive research notes and printed material found in Box 9.

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Folder 2	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1897-1903	11 items
Folder 3	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1905-1907	10 items
Folder 4	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1908	7 items
Folder 5	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1909	11 items
Folder 6	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1911-1919	31 items
Folder 7	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Jan. 1920	19 items
Folder 8	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Feb. 1920	16 items
Folder 9	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Mar.- May 1920	18 items
Folder 10	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Aug.-Oct. 1920	36 items

Folder 11	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Nov.- Dec. 1920	24 items
BOX 2	Temple Family Papers	1921-1922	185 items
Folder 1	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Jan.-Feb. 1921	21 items
Folder 2	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	March 1921	18 items
Folder 3	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	April-May 1921	24 items
Folder 4	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	June-July 1921	22 items
Folder 5	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Sept.-Oct. 1921	24 items
Folder 6	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Nov.-Dec. 1921	28 items
Folder 7	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Jan. 1922	20 items
Folder 8	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Feb. 1922	17 items
Folder 9	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	March 1922	11 items
BOX 3	Temple Family Papers	1922-1926	183 items
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Folder 2	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	May 1922	17 items
Folder 3	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Sept.-Oct. 1922	16 items
Folder 4	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Nov.-Dec. 1922	30 items
Folder 5	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Jan.-Feb. 1923	28 items
Folder 6	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	March 1923	16 items
Folder 7	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Apr. 1923	18 items
Folder 8	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	May-June 1923	20 items
Folder 9	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	Jan. 1924- Sept. 1926	21 items

BOX 4	Temple Family Papers	1920-1926	197 items
Folder 1	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Jan.-Feb. 1920 1920	32 items
Folder 2	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Mar.-May 1920 1920	40 items
Folder 3	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Jan. 1921- Dec. 1922	25 items
Folder 4	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Jan.-July 1923 1923	11 items
Folder 5	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Aug.-Dec. 1923	15 items
Folder 6	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Jan.-June 1924	17 items
Folder 7	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	July -Dec. 1924	15 items
Folder 8	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Jan.-Dec. 1925	18 items
Folder 9	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Jan.-Oct. 1926	24 items
BOX 5	Temple Family Papers	1909-1944	257 items
Folder 1	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1927-1929	24 items
Folder 2	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1930-1938	32 items
Folder 3	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1939	67 items
Folder 4	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	1940-1944	12 items
Folder 5	Letters to Mary (Miller) Temple	n.d.	13 items
Folder 6	Letters to Addie L. Temple	1909-1915	8 items
Folder 7	Letters to Addie L. Temple	1920	19 items
Folder 8	Letters to Addie L. Temple	1921-1929	28 items
Folder 9	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1902-1919	12 items

Folder 10	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Mar.-June 1919 1919	14 items
Folder 11	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	Oct.-Dec. 1919	29 items
BOX 6	Temple Family Papers	1927-1960	392 items
Folder 1	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1927-1931	31 items
Folder 2	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1932-1934	16 items
Folder 3	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1935-1938	33 items
Folder 4	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1939-1941	37 items
Folder 5	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1942	24 items
Folder 6	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1943	18 items
Folder 7	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1944-1945	37 items
Folder 8	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1946	24 items
Folder 9	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1947	43 items
Folder 10	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1949	31 items
Folder 11	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1950	26 items
Folder 12	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1951-1954	36 items
Folder 13	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1955-1960	36 items
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Folder 2	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1963-1964	45 items
Folder 3	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1965-1966	44 items
Folder 4	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1967-1968	49 items
Folder 5	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1969-1970	35 items

Folder 6	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1971-1972	40 items
Folder 7	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1973-1976	42 items
Folder 8	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	1977-1983	70 items
BOX 8	Temple Family Papers	1765-1985	403 items
Folder 1	Letters to Ruth Hines Temple	n.d.	35 items
Folder 2	Letters from Ruth Hines Temple	1908-1983	96 items
Folder 3	Miller family – Genealogy	1854-1966	15 items
Folder 4	Temple family – Genealogy charts and clippings	1885-1969	38 items
Folder 5	Temple family – Genealogy correspondence	1955-1978	39 items
Folder 6	Arts Club (Louisville) – Bulletins	1937-1942	12 items
Folder 7	Proposal for a cartoon feature entitled Colonel South Reports	n.d.	1 item
Folder 8	Proposal for pre-fabricated school buildings by Ruth Hines Temple	1955	40 items
Folder 9	Published articles	1921-1923	4 items
Folder 10	Rough draft and correspondence related to a series entitled "We've Been Places"	1956	14 items
Folder 11	Occasional writings of Ruth Hines Temple	n.d.	11 items
Folder 12	Short stories by Ruth Hines Temple	1938	11 items
Folder 13	Essays by Ruth Hines Temple	1923-1942	15 items
Folder 14	Rough draft and notes related to a children's book titled "We'll Keep America"	1941	9 items

Folder 15	“We’ll Keep America” – Mock up of a children’s book by Ruth Hines Temple	1941	1 item
Folder 16	Published advertising designed by Ruth Hines Temple	1936-1937	45 items
Folder 17	Certificates – Kappa Alpha Theta, Jamestowne Society and Randolph-Macon Woman’s College Alumnae Association	1922-1977	3 items
Folder 18	Various heritage society applications for Ruth Hines Temple and other family Members; includes DAR, SAR, UDC and Jamestowne Society	1904-1980	10 items
Folder 19	Genealogical records from family Bibles for the White, Brown, Ferrell families	1765-1921	3 items
Folder 20	“Peephole: Excerpts from the Journal of Ruth Hines Temple” – Manuscript	1982-1985	1 item
Folder 21	Pages from Randolph-Macon’s yearbook featuring photos of Ruth Hines Temple or drawings by her	1920-1923	4 items
BOX 9	Temple Family Papers	1909-1987	351 items
Folder 1	Mary C. (Miller) Temple - Estate	1929-1945	9 items
Folder 2	“Pine and Holly” – Specifications and deeds	1934-1938	8 items
Folder 3	“Pine and Holly” – Renovations	1956	80 items
Folder 4	Household accounts	1934-1940	1 item
Folder 5	Household accounts	1941-1943	1 item
Folder 6	Household accounts	1944	2 items
Folder 7	Household accounts	1945-1946	1 item
Folder 8	Household accounts	1966	1 item

Folder 9	Legal papers; estate planning and retirement; closing Busy B Store	1909-1987	31 items
Folder 10	Peabody College – Ruth Hines Temple records	1940-1942	16 items
Folder 11	Peabody College – Art tour	1939	29 items
Folder 12	Players Guild – Organizational papers	1936-1938	10 items
Folder 13	"City Planning for Every Town" – Research paper	1940	1 item
Folder 14	City planning – Research notes	n.d.	95 items
Folder 15	City planning – Research notes	1939-1951	66 items
Folder 16	City planning – Research notes	n.d.	20 items
Folder 17	"Status of City and County Planning in the United States"	1937	1 item
Folder 18	City planning – Pamphlets	1928-1938	12 items
Folder 19	City planning – Correspondence	1938-1939	13 items
Folder 20	"Planning and Zoning in Kentucky Cities" and local newsclippings	1938-1939	3 items
Folder 21	Information about Radburn, New Jersey, 1930 a planned city		5 items
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Folder 1	School themes by Ruth Hines Temple	1915-1960	13 items
Folder 2	Narrative done by Addie L. Temple about a trip to Missouri and Texas	Aug. 1921	1 item
Folder 3	Notes for speeches on art, the South, Lincoln, etc.	1924-1963	27 items
Folder 4	Randolph-Macon Woman's College – Miscellaneous	1929	5 items

Folder 5	Correspondence and artwork related to a pencil sharpener designed by Ruth Hines Temple	1929-1933	14 items
Folder 6	Published drawings	April 1939	2 items
Folder 7	Research notes and outlines related to art	1941-1961	14 items
Folder 8	Outlines of speeches presented by Ruth Hines Temple	1941-1982	9 items
Folder 9	Poetry by Ruth Hines Temple	1909-1942	42 items
Folder 10	Research notes and outlines related to the South	1946	6 items
Folder 11	Research notes about a trip to the South	1946	6 items
Folder 12	Research notes about a trip to the South	[1946]	3 items
Folder 13	XX Club – Minutes and research notes for programs	1952-1988	11 items
Folder 14	"Diggy the Dog" – Sketches and notes for an unpublished children's book	n.d.	30 items
Folder 15	Childhood scrapbook (disassembled) – Chiefly report cards and items from Ruth Hines Temple's senior year at Bowling Green High School (1918)	1903-1918	57 items
BOX 11	Temple Family Papers	1937-1989	514 items
Folder 1	Players Guild – Set design	1937	32 items
Folder 2	Mockups for a series, "Know Your South"	1949	4 items
Folder 3	Pennyroyal Enterprises – Proposed company for selling latched hook rug patterns	1949	29 items

Folder 4	Occasional writings	1981-1984	100 items
Folder 5	Occasional writings	1985-1987	134 items
Folder 6	Occasional writings	1988	90 items
Folder 7	Occasional writings	1989	109 items
Folder 8	Mockup of a booklet entitled "Romanesque Art"	n.d.	6 items
Folder 9	Essays on various topics	1957	10 items
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Folder 1	Diary	1920	1 item
Folder 2	Itinerary and notes taken while on a European trip	1926	2 items
Folder 3	Travel journal of a trip to Europe	1951	1 item
Folder 4	Travel journal of a trip to Europe	1952	1 item
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Folder 8	Travel journal of a trip to the U.S. east coast	1957	1 item
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Folder 12	Travel journal of a trip to Europe	1962	1 item

Folder 13	Travel journal of a trip to Europe	1963	1 item
Folder 14	Travel journal of trips to Virginia and Texas	1963-1964	1 item
Folder 15	Travel journal of a trip to Europe	1965-1966	1 item
Folder 16	Travel journal of a trip to Europe	1974	1 item
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Folder 3	Drawings by Ruth Hines Temple	n.d.	52 items
Folder 4	Drawings by Ruth Hines Temple for series "Main Drag"	n.d.	16 items
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Folder 5	Drawings by Ruth Hines Temple	n.d.	37 items
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Folder 12	Drawings by Ruth Hines Temple related to the South	n.d.	16 items
Folder 13	Drawings by Ruth Hines Temple related to Franklin's Department Store	n.d.	5 items
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Folder 15	Novelty items created by Ruth Hines Temple	n.d.	13 items
Folder 16	Portfolio of female apparel drawings by Ruth Hines Temple and a drawing of a female Native American in costume – Oversized items stored in C1-D8,5	n.d.	10 items
Folder 17	Sketch book with drawings related to Ruth Hines Temple's St. Thomas Hospital visit; includes list of people who sent cards or flowers	Sept. 1947	1 item
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Folder 6	Travel journal kept by Ruth Hines Temple on a trip to Sarasota, FL	1973	1 item
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Folder 12	Travel journal kept by Ruth Hines Temple on a trip to Lynchburg, VA	1978	1 item
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Folder 14	Copyright/patent applications and associated material	1920-1947	19 items
Folder 15	Promotional ideas for Parker's Star Lotion	1936	1 item
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Folder 17	"A Portfolio of Ideas...Proposed as Money-Making Enterprises"	n.d.	5 items

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