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*Inventory*

**MSS 429 MURREY, Loretta (Martin), b. 1954**

2½ boxes. 37 folders. 67 items. 1996-2002. Typescripts and cassette tapes.

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**BIOGRAPHY**

Sylvia Joy (Field) Bale Boone, better known as Joy Bale Boone, was born 29 October 1912 in Chicago to William Sydney and Edith (Overington) Field. She attended the Chicago Latin School and the Roycemore School for Girls in Evanston, Illinois. In 1934 Boone married Shelby Garnett Bale, a physician, and they had six children. In 1975 she married George Street Boone of Elkton, Kentucky.

Boone began her literary career writing literary reviews for the Louisville *Courier-Journal* in 1945. She edited two collections of *Contemporary Kentucky Poets* in 1964 and 1967. In 1964 she founded the literary magazine *Approaches* and served as its editor for eleven years. She also served on the editorial board of *Kentucky Poetry Review*. Boone's long narrative poem *The Storm's Eye: A Narrative in Verse Celebrating Cassius Marcellus Clay, Man of Freedom, 1810-1903* was published in 1974 by the Kentucky Poetry Press, and was reprinted in the tenth anniversary issue of *Approaches*. Her *never less than love* was published in 1972. Individual poems have appeared in numerous poetry journals.

For several years, Boone served as president of Friends of Kentucky Libraries. For over a decade, she co-founded and chaired the Robert Penn Warren Committee at Western Kentucky University (WKU) for many years. She received the Distinguished Kentuckian Award from Kentucky Educational Television in 1974 and the Sullivan Award from the University of Kentucky in 1969. She received an honorary doctorate in humanities from WKU in May 1999. Boone was Kentucky's first Poet Laureate, 1997-1999, after the state legislature established criteria for the honor. She had a long involvement in charity work with mental health and medical associations. Boone died on 1 October 2002.

Loretta Martin Murrey, a native of Barren County, Kentucky, received her Ph.D. in English with an emphasis in the literature of the American South from the University of Kentucky in 1991. She began teaching English at WKU's Glasgow campus in 1983. She has edited over twenty volumes of the student oral history project publication titled *Broomsedge Chronicles: South Central Kentucky Living*. Her biography of Joy Bale Boone titled *A Guest on Earth: The Life and Poetry of Joy Bale Boone, Kentucky Poet Laureate, 1997-1999*, based on the oral interviews in this collection, was published in 2012 by the Jesse Stuart Foundation. She co-

produced and researched the documentary *A Woman Named Joy* with Jerry Barnaby for WKYU-TV in 1997.

## COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists of transcriptions, summaries and cassette tapes (32) of interviews conducted by Loretta (Martin) Murrey with Joy Bale Boone, her family and friends. The emphasis of the interviews was to collect biographical information and descriptions of Boone's influence as a poet and a literary activist. Transcriptions are not available for all the interviews. The interviews have been digitized and copies are in WKU's Sound Archives. Box 3 also includes administrative information about the oral history project, including the application (Folder 8) and quarterly reports and informant data sheets (Folder 10).

## SHELF LIST

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Transcription, Tape Summaries, Cassette tapes</b>	<b>1996-2002</b>	<b>43 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and data	1996-2002	3 items
Folder 2	Transcriptions for cassette tapes CT 1-CT 5	1998	5 items
Folder 3	Transcriptions for cassette tapes CT 6-CT 12	1998	7 items
Folder 4	Summaries for cassette tapes CT 13-CT 20	Aug. 8, 1998- April 1999	8 items
Folder 5	Summaries for cassette tapes CT 21-CT 32	Apr. 1999- July 19, 2001	12 items
Folder 6	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 1)	1998	1 item
Folder 7	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 2)	1998	1 item
Folder 8	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 3)	1998	1 item
Folder 9	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 4)	1998	1 item
Folder 10	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 5)	1998	1 item
Folder 11	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 6)	1998	1 item

Folder 12	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 7)	1998	1 item
Folder 13	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 8)	1998	1 item
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Cassette tapes</b>	<b>1998-2000; n.d.</b>	<b>17 items</b>
Folder 1	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 9)	1998	1 item
Folder 2	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 10)	1998	1 item
Folder 3	Interviews with Joy Bale Boone's daughter Barbara and grandchildren Taylor and Kristen (CT 11)	Aug. 5 & 21, 1998	1 item
Folder 4	Interviews with Ray Betts, Lindsey Bale, and Taylor Bale (CT 12)	1998	1 item
Folder 5	Interviews with Kristen Bale and Joy Bale Boone (CT 13)	1998	1 item
Folder 6	Interviews with Joy Bale Boone, granddaughter Whitney, son Shelby and friend Larry Pike (CT 14)	Oct. 1998	1 item
Folder 7	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 15)	Nov. 2, 1998	1 item
Folder 8	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 16)	n.d.	1 item
Folder 9	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 17)	n.d.	1 item
Folder 10	Interviews with Joy Bale Boone and son Bradley (CT 18)	Nov. 28, 1998	1 item
Folder 11	Interviews with Forrest Bale and Joy Bale Boone (CT 19)	n.d.	1 item
Folder 12	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 20)	Apr. 1999	1 item
Folder 13	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 21)	Apr. 1999	1 item
Folder 14	Interview with Joy Bale Boone (CT 22)	Apr. 3, 1999	1 item
Folder 15	Interviews with Joy Bale Boone and George Street Boone (CT 23)	Aug. 20 and Dec. 1, 1999	1 item

Folder 16	Interviews with Joy Bale Boone and George Street Boone (CT 24)	Dec. 1, 1999	1 item
Folder 17	Interviews with Joy Bale Boone and Joan Noel (CT 25)	Apr. 11, 2000	1 item
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Cassette tapes</b>	<b>2000-2001</b>	<b>7 items</b>
Folder 1	Interviews with Joy Bale Boone and Nancy Askew (CT 26)	Aug. 13, 2000	1 item
Folder 2	Interviews with Joan Noel, Richard Taylor, Mary Ellen Miller, and Nancy Askew (CT 27)	July 18, Aug. 4, 16 & 23, 2000	1 item
Folder 3	Interview with Wade Hall (CT 28)	Dec. 1, 2000	1 item
Folder 4	Interview with Gregg Swem (CT 29)	Dec. 1, 2000	1 item
Folder 5	Interview with Philip Bale, Daryll (Bale) Vann, and Garnett Bale (CT 30)	Feb. 16, 2001	1 item
Folder 6	Interview with Garnett Bale (CT 31)	Feb. 16, 2001	1 item
Folder 7	Interview with Richard Bale (CT 32)	July 19, 2001	1 item
Folder 8	Grant application for oral history project with Boone and information about a document titled "A Woman Named Joy"	1995-1998	3 items
Folder 9	Correspondence about oral history and book project	1998-2012	36 items
Folder 10	Informant data forms for interviewees and quarterly reports from oral history project	1999	18 items

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

MSS MURREY, Loretta (Martin), 1996-2002  
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Interviews conducted by Loretta (Martin) Murrey, professor of English at Western Kentucky University with poet Joy Bale Boone. Includes transcriptions, summaries, and cassette tapes (32). The interviews emphasize biographical information and descriptions of Boone's influence as a poet and literary activist.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Askew, Nancy Carolyn (Mains), b. 1933 (Informant) B3,F1-2  
Bale, Barbara O., b. 1939 (Informant) B2,F3  
Bale, Bradley F., b. 1948 (Informant) B2,F10  
Bale, Forrest, b. 1978 (Informant) B2,F11  
Bale, Garnett Wickenden, b. 1982 (Informant) B3,F5-6  
Bale Kristen (Informant) B2, F3,5  
Bale, Lindsey (Informant) B2,F4  
Bale, Philip Wickenden, b.1950 (Informant) B3,F5  
Bale, Richard Hotchkiss, b. 1942 (Informant) B3,F7  
Bale, Shelby G., Jr., b. 1936 (Informant) B2,F6  
Bale, Taylor (Informant) B2,F3-4  
Bale, Whitney (Informant) B2,F6  
Betts, Ray (Informant) B2,F4  
Boone George Street, 1918-2004 (Informant) B2,F15-16  
Boone, Joy (Field) Bale, 1912-2002 (Informant) B1,F6-13; B2,F1-2  
Boone, Joy (Field) Bale, 1912-2002 – Relating to B2,F3-17; B3,F1-7  
Hall, Wade, b. 1934 B3,F9  
Hall, Wade H., b. 1934 (Informant) B3,F3  
Miller, Mary Ellen (Informant) B3,F2  
Noel, Joan Ney, b. 1928 (Informant) B2,F17; B3,F2  
Pike, Lawrence "Larry" Edward, III, b. 1954 (Informant) B2,F6  
Poetry  
Poets – Kentucky  
Swem, Earl Gregg, III, b. 1946 B3,F9  
Swem, Earl Gregg, III, b. 1946 (Informant) B3,F4  
Vann, Daryl (Bale), b. 1941 (Informant) B3,F5

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