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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 555 HOCHSTRASSER, Maud Adelaide, 1900-1994

1 box. 11 folders. 220 items. 1938-1992. Originals, photocopies, photographs.

1970.51.1; 1982.62.2

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Maud Adelaide "Addie" Hochstrasser, the daughter of Andrew Martin Hochstrasser and Susan Emaline Hochstrasser, was born in Wyoming, Illinois on 13 May 1900. She received A.B. and M.A. degrees from the University of Illinois in 1925 and 1941, respectively. After many years of teaching high school in Illinois, in September 1965 she joined the faculty of Western Kentucky State College (now WKU) as an English instructor. Miss Hochstrasser retired from WKU in 1970, and died on 28 May 1994 in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

COLLECTION NOTE

This collection consists almost exclusively of correspondence, printed materials and photographs reflecting Addie Hochstrasser's interest in and long friendship with author Jesse Stuart, who she first met in 1949. Stuart, a native and lifelong resident of Greenup County, Kentucky, taught high school and college, lectured worldwide, and published novels and autobiographical works as well as poems and hundreds of short stories. In 1954, he was named Poet Laureate of Kentucky. Among his numerous awards and honors was a Pulitzer Prize nomination in 1975 for *The World of Jesse Stuart: Selected Poems*.

A collection inventory is in Folder 1. Folder 2 contains photocopies of newspaper and magazine articles about Stuart, as well as book reviews and obituaries. Folder 3 contains letters and cards from Stuart to Hochstrasser in which he writes of his publications and lecturing, his love of teaching (including a year spent the American University in Cairo, Egypt), his recovery from a severe heart attack in 1954, and his family. He also praises Hochstrasser's personal and professional qualities, thanks her for sending him clippings and other materials of interest, offers to sign books for her and her friends, and endorses her pursuit of travel after retirement. Of interest are Stuart's 1975 comments about the forthcoming release of *The World of Jesse Stuart*, which he did not believe would be well received because of its anti-war content.

Folder 4 contains materials relating to Jesse Stuart's 1949 speech to the Illinois Association of Teachers of English, arranged by Hochstrasser as the Association's program chairman. Included are programs and clippings, a biography of Stuart, and the lyrics to a song performed at the event in Stuart's honor. Folder 5 contains printed matter relating to Stuart and

his work, including the 1958 “Jesse Stuart number” of *The American Book Collector*; an issue of *W-Hollow Harvest*, a newsletter for Stuart’s readers; bibliographic material; and published stories. Some of the material is inscribed by Stuart. Folder 6 contains a handwritten copy of Stuart’s poem “To Three Low Grades: Vanderbilt” (where he attended graduate school). Folder 7 contains Stuart’s funeral program as well as WKU professor Jim Wayne Miller’s handwritten poem commemorating Stuart’s death.

Folder 8 contains personal and professional correspondence of Addie Hochstrasser. Included are notes from students, letters regarding book donations, letters from former WKU colleague Mary (Washington) Clarke, and a speech offering Hochstrasser’s reflections on aging and on life as an English teacher. Items related to Jesse Stuart include notes from Stuart’s wife Naomi Deane, Hochstrasser’s memorial to Stuart written after his death, correspondence regarding Hochstrasser’s contributions in his honor to WKU’s College Heights Foundation, and correspondence reflecting her interest in the Jesse Stuart Foundation, established in 1979 to preserve Stuart’s literary legacy and his Greenup County homestead, W-Hollow.

The remainder of the collection consists of book jackets from two Stuart books (Folder 9), and photographs. Photographs in Folder 10 are mostly of Stuart and Hochstrasser during visits to WKU’s Kentucky Building. Photographs in Folder 11 were taken during Stuart’s visits to WKU and at gatherings held at his Greenup County home.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Hochstrasser, Maud Adelaide	1938-1992	220 items
Folder 1	Inventory		5 items
Folder 2	Jesse Stuart – Biography and obituary articles	1956-1984	18 items
Folder 3	Letters and cards from Jesse Stuart to Addie Hochstrasser	1949-1980	38 items
Folder 4	Materials relating to Jesse Stuart speech at Illinois Association of Teachers of English	1949-1952	13 items
Folder 5	Programs, printed material relating to Jesse Stuart	1953-1970	16 items
Folder 6	Holograph copy of poem, “To Three Low Grades: Vanderbilt,” by Jesse Stuart	n.d.	1 item
Folder 7	Jesse Stuart funeral program; letter and poem of Jim Wayne Miller regarding Stuart’s death	1984	3 items
Folder 8	Personal and professional correspondence of Addie Hochstrasser (some related to Jesse Stuart)	1951-1992, n.d.	33 items

Folder 9	Book jackets – <i>Beyond Dark Hills</i> and <i>The Thread That Runs So True</i> by Jesse Stuart	1938, 1949	2 items
Folder 10	Photographs – Addie Hochstrasser, Jesse Stuart, WKU staff	1967-1970	7 items
Folder 11	Photographs – Addie Hochstrasser, Jesse Stuart, W-Hollow (Stuart home), etc. (includes negatives)	1974, 1984	84 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Correspondence, clippings, photographs and other papers of WKU English instructor "Addie" Hochstrasser, relating almost exclusively to her friendship with and interest in author Jesse Stuart. Includes letters, cards and a holographic poem by Stuart, as well as photographs of Stuart and his home in Greenup, Kentucky.

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