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Descriptive Inventory

MSS 338 ARNOLD, Grace S., 1893-1983

½ box. 6 folders. 77 items. 1905-1976. Originals, photocopies.

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COLLECTION NOTE

This collection contains correspondence, clippings and printed materials collected by Grace S. Arnold during and after her term as curator of Federal Hill in Bardstown, Kentucky. Federal Hill was begun in 1795 by John Rowan (1773-1843), a judge, congressman, senator and state legislator. It became known as "My Old Kentucky Home" after it was believed to have inspired the song of the same name by Stephen Collins Foster. Federal Hill was occupied by four generations of the Rowan family until it was sold in 1922 to become part of what is now My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Arnold's involvement with Federal Hill began soon after its dedication as "My Old Kentucky Home" in 1923 and continued through the 1940s.

Box 1, Folder 2 contains letters to Grace Arnold concerning Federal Hill and the Rowan and Foster families. Included is a copy of an 1828 letter from Charlotte Susannah Foster giving her impressions of Federal Hill. Other letters are from Edyth Howry, the great-granddaughter of John Rowan, and Evelyn (Foster) Morneweck, the niece of Stephen Foster. When Paul Green's symphonic outdoor drama, "The Stephen Foster Story," debuted in 1959, Mrs. Morneweck was unhappy with the portrayal of the Foster family and sent Mrs. Arnold a copy of her complaint to the theater company. Also in Folder 2 are letters to Arnold from the curator of the Foster Hall Collection at the University of Pittsburgh, and the Florida Federation of Music Clubs, sponsor of the Florida Stephen Foster Memorial.

Box 1, Folder 3 contains miscellaneous newspaper and magazine clippings relating to the Rowan family, Stephen Foster, and Federal Hill. The newspaper clippings have been photocopied on acid-free paper and the originals discarded.

Box 1, Folder 4 contains extracts from "John Rowan," a master's thesis written in 1930 by Frances Richards at Indiana University. The extracts relate primarily to John Rowan, his family, and Federal Hill.

Box 1, Folder 5 contains various printed materials relating to Stephen Foster and Federal Hill ("My Old Kentucky Home") including speeches by Grace Arnold, Stephen Foster memorial programs and information, poetry, clippings, brochures, postcards, and sheet music for "My Old Kentucky Home Good Night."

Folder 6 is an oversized folder containing newspaper pages and magazine articles relating primarily to Stephen Foster and to a 1926 visit to Federal Hill by Queen Marie of Romania.

SHELF LIST

BOX 1	Arnold, Grace S.	1905-1976	77 items
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Grace S. Arnold – Incoming letters	1935-1976	22 items
Folder 3	Miscellaneous clippings	1905-1972, n.d.	20 items
Folder 4	Extracts from “John Rowan,” a master’s thesis by Frances Richards (Indiana University)	1930	3 items
Folder 5	Speeches, invitations, printed materials	1923-1958	23 items
Folder 6 (C1, D2b)	Articles relating to Nelson County history, Stephen Foster, and Queen Marie of Romania’s visit to “My Old Kentucky Home,” published in (Bardstown) <i>Kentucky Standard</i> , <i>Louisville Times</i> , (Louisville) <i>Herald-Post</i> , <i>Musical Courier</i> and <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> (oversized)	1923-1954	8 items

BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD

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Correspondence, clippings and programs of Grace S. Arnold, curator of Federal Hill in Bardstown, Kentucky. Includes information and correspondence about Stephen Collins Foster and Federal Hill, said to have inspired Foster’s song “My Old Kentucky Home.” Also includes correspondence and information about the Rowan family, owners of Federal Hill.

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SEE or SEE ALSO

My Old Kentucky Home

See also:

Federal Hill

Stephen Foster Story, The

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