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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 as 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 WKUs 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).

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