

Finding Aid for Anne Russell Smock Collection

Date range: 1929-2002

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Extent: 0.4 linear feet

Abstract:

The Anne Russell Smock Collection consists of newspaper clippings, correspondence, newsletters, and other materials related to Smock's life in Arden, Delaware.

Accession number: 2017.00.017

Language: Materials entirely in English

Acquisition Information: Gift of Anne Russell Smock

Access Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note:

Anne Elizabeth Russell was born on November 19, 1917 to Lewis J. Russell and Bertha Whiteside Russell Brooks. She was raised in Arden, Delaware and graduated from the George School in Newtown, Pennsylvania. Following her first marriage to Jack Collingwood in the late 1930s, Russell married Robert Smock in Arden on November 18, 1944.

Anne Russell Smock spent the majority of her life in Arden, Delaware. She became involved in Arden's Shakespeare productions at an early age and continued to act throughout her life. Smock was a devoted member of the Arden Folk Gild and taught international folk dancing. She was a member of Ardensingers, the Dover English Country Dancers, the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, and the First State Squares, a Delaware square dancing group. Anne Russell Smock died on December 3,

2008.

Scope and Content:

The Anne Russell Smock Collection consists of newspaper clippings, correspondence, newsletters, and other materials related to Smock's life in Arden, Delaware.

The majority of the Anne Russell Smock Collection consists of newspaper clippings and programs relating to theatrical productions, folk dancing, and Arden events and residents. Smock's collection of theater programs and clippings contains materials regarding the Arden Players Guild, Shakespeare Guild, Robin Hood Theatre, Moonlight Theatre, and Ardensingers. The folk dancing materials include an Arden Folk Guild newsletter as well as several newspaper clippings. Smock also collected a wide variety of newspaper clippings about Arden residents and the Ardens as utopian communities.

The Anne Russell Smock Collection also contains materials related to the Arden Club, Arden Fair, Over 80s Parties, ACRA, the Arden Centennial Arts & Crafts exhibit, and several community newsletters. Arden Club items include the club's by-laws for 1954, membership materials, and Arden Club calendars dating from the 1970s to 2000s. In addition to several issues of the Arden Page, the collection also includes one issue of the Warehouse Organ from 1967.

The collection contains a small amount of correspondence and several dozen obituaries of Arden residents. Several letters are directed to Smock's mother, Bertie Russell Brooks, including correspondence from Russell W. Peterson, former governor of Delaware. In their correspondence with Anne and Bob Smock from 1961, Bill Woodman and Pirie MacDonald discussed changing leadership of the Robin Hood Theatre.

Subjects:

- Smock, Anne Russell (1917-2008)
- Arden (Del.)
- Theater
- Folk dancing
- Arden Club
- Robin Hood Theatre

Separated Materials: One Arden fabric pattern and two Arden designs on boards have been cataloged as objects in the Anne Russell Smock Collection. Two photographs have been removed and housed separately as part of the Anne Russell Smock Collection.

Container List:

	Anne Russell Smock Collection
F1	Arden clippings, 1947-2002
F2	Theater clippings and programs, 1935-2001
F3	Folk Gild, 1984-2000
F4	Arden Club, 1954-2002
F5	Arden events, 1929-2002
F6	Community newsletters, 1967-1988
F7	Correspondence and invitations, 1961-1985
F8	Obituaries and memorials, 1947-2002
F9	Arden Fair, 1992-2001 and undated
F10	Miscellaneous, 1966-1989