

Alice Borden fonds

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Fonds Description

Alice Borden fonds. – 1932-1970.

2.5 m of textual records.

67 photographs.

4 audio reels.

1 film.

Biographical Sketch

Alice Borden (nee Witken) obtained her B.A. at the University of California in 1930. She married the noted archaeologist Charles Borden in 1931. Borden studied at the University of Heidelberg (1935-1936), taught at her private kindergarten for a time and later became the first Director of the University of British Columbia's Child Study Centre (1961-1963). Thereafter, she served as a professor in the Faculty of Education until 1970.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of records which document Borden's teaching career from Kindergarten instruction through university professor of early childhood education. The fonds is divided in eight series: biographical series, correspondence series, play school series, literary productions series, printed materials series, subject files series, Child Study Centre series and audiovisual series.

Notes

File List available. Photographs and audio recordings also listed separately.

Photographs are included in the UBC Historical Photograph Database in series [UBC 14.1](#).

Series Descriptions

Biographical Series. -- 1935-1969.

1 cm of textual records.

Series consists of biographical and autobiographical material about Alice Borden.

Correspondence Series. - 1932-1971.

4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of letters, greeting cards, telegram and memoranda.

Play School Series. - 1965-1966.

4 cm of textual records.

Series consists of legal documents, financial papers, notes and a diary related to Borden's home play school.

Literary Productions Series. - 1935-1969.

21 cm of textual records.

Series consists of manuscripts, student essays, student notes, speeches, teaching notes and lecture cards.

Printed material Series. - 1932-1970.

77 cm of textual records.

Series consists of reports, offprints, newsletters, minutes, portfolios, bulletins, pamphlets, clippings, magazines and miscellaneous printed materials.

Subject Files Series. - 194?-1970.

59 cm of textual records.

Series consists of three main files: general teaching background, kindergarten general background and Commission on the Future of the Faculty of Education (COFFE).

Child Study Centre Series. - 1960-1970.

12 cm of textual records.

Series consists of background material, correspondence, minutes, manuscripts and printed materials related to the UBC Child Study Centre.

Audiovisual Series. - 194?-196?.

67 photographs and other materials.

Series consists of photographs, negatives, audio tapes, 1 T.V. film and teaching posters.

Photographs are also listed in the UBC Archives [Historical Photograph Database](#) (catalogue numbers 14.1 and 14.2). Audio recordings are also listed in the [Sound and Moving Images database](#).

File List

BOX 1

1-1 Biographical, Autobiographical Material

Correspondence series

1-2 1932-1937

1-3 1968-1971

1-4 Memoranda

(continued)

Play School series

1-5 Diary

(continued)

Literary Productions series

1-6 Manuscripts

1-7 Manuscripts

1-8 Essays - written as a student

1-9 Essays - written as a student

1-10 Notes - taken as a student

1-11 Notes - taken as a student

1-12 Notes - taken as a student

1-13 Notes - taken as a student

1-14 Essays - by Borden's students

1-15 Essays - by Borden's students

1-16 Teaching Notes

1-17 Speeches

1-18 Speeches

(continued)

Play School series cont'd

1-19 Legal Documents

1-20 Financial Papers

Printed Materials series

1-21 Reports

BOX 2

2-1/4 Reports

2-5 Offprints

2-6 Offprints

2-7 Newsletters

2-8 Newsletters

2-9 Newsletters

2-10 Minutes

2-11/20 Miscellany

BOX 3

3-1/3 Miscellany

3-4 Portfolios

3-5 Portfolios

3-6 Bulletins

3-7/12 Pamphlets

3-13/19 Clippings

3-20/22 Magazines

BOX 4

4-1/5 Magazines

4-6/10 General Publications

Subject Files series

4-11/19 General Teaching Background

BOX 5

5-1/14 General Teaching Background

BOX 6

6-1/3 General Teaching Background

6-4/10 Kindergarten - General Background

6-11/13 Commission on the Future of the Faculty of Education (COFFE)

Child Study Centre UBC series

6-14 Background Material

6-15 Correspondence - letters

6-16 Correspondence - memoranda

6-17 Minutes

6-18/19 Manuscripts

6-20 Printed Materials - Reports

6-21/22 Printed Materials - Misc. Papers

6-23 Printed Materials - Publication, Clippings

6-24/25 Photographs

BOX 7

Correspondence series cont'd

7-1 Christmas Cards

Literary Productions series cont'd

7-2 Lecture Cards

7-3 Two Diplomas - University of California

Audiovisual series

7-4 Negatives

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4 tapes

UBC AT-1131 Workshop given by Alice Borden (2 parts)
UBC AT-1132 Kindergarten class supervised by Alice Borden
UBC AT-1133 Memorial service for Alice Borden - recording by Douglas Kenny

Film #99 CBC 7 O'Clock Show "Kindergarten", November 29,1961 (2 copies, also DVD copy at VT 2085)

Teaching Posters

UBC 14.1 Alice Borden Photographs

UBC 14.1/1 - 10 UBC related photographs

UBC 14.2

14.2/1 sp [Girls with fiddles]. - ca. 194-. - b&w prints ; 7 x 10 cm. - Two views.
14.2/2 sp [Students in costumes]. - ca. 194-. - b&w prints ; 6 x 7 cm. - Four views.
14.2/3 p [Children playing]. - 6 August 1948. - b&w prints ; 9 x 14 cm. - Three views.
14.2/4 p [Children playing]. - 27 August 1949. - b&w prints ; 15 x 9.5 cm. - Three views.
14.2/5 p,d [Field trip]. - ca. 195-. - b&w prints ; 16 x 21 cm. - Two views.
14.2/6 p,d [Play school filed trip in train]. - ca. 195-. - b&w prints ; 12 x 17 cm. - Six views.
14.2/7 sp [Alice Borden with students]. - ca. 195-. - b&w print ; 9 x 6 cm.
14.2/8 sp [Borden family photo?]. - ca. 195-. - b&w print ; 9 x 13 cm.
14.2/9 sp [Borden family photo?]. - ca. 195-. - b&w print ; 9.5 x 12.5 cm.
14.2/10 sp [Borden family photo?]. - ca. 195-. - b&w prints ; 6.5 x 9 cm. - Three views.
14.2/11 sp [Children weaving]. - ca. 195-. - b&w prints ; 2.5 x 3.5 cm. - Six views.
14.2/12 sp [Alice Borden's home play school]. - ca. 195-. - b&w prints ; 9 x 9 cm. - Two views.
14.2/13 sp [Charles Borden building a shed]. - ca. 195-. - b&w prints ; 11 x 8 cm.

14.2/14 sp [Children at play school]. - n.d. - b&w prints. - 11 x 8 cm. - Two views.

14.2/15 sp [Photos given by parents]. - n.d. - Two views.

14.2/16 sp [Play school students]. - n.d.

14.2/17 sp [Alice Borden with students]. - n.d.

14.2/18 p [Views at play school]. - n.d. - b&w prints. - 11 x 17 cm. - Five views.

14.2/19 sn [Family and friends]. - n.d. - b&w negatives. - Six views

14.2/20 sp,p [Unidentified children]. - n.d. - b&w prints. - Three views.

14.2/21 p [5-8 Balar Kalui Nilayam letter]. - n.d. - b&w print ; 15.5 x 10.5 cm.