

WINIFRED SACKVILLE STONER & WINIFRED SACKVILLE STONER JR.: A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1994

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Winifred Sackville Stoner (ca 1870-1931) and her daughter Winifred Sackville Stoner Jr. (born 1902) lived in Evansville from 1905 to 1910. The younger Stoner was a child prodigy, who at six was speaking six languages and

using the typewriter. A good deal of her prowess seemed to be due to the way she was trained by her mother. A major tenet of the elder Stoner's system was that learning should be fun and exciting and should appeal to all the senses. At this time Mrs. Stoner was publishing books of verse and local histories. She was an advocate of Esperanto, the universal language that had been developed in 1897; in 1910 at the age of eight the daughter produced a translation of Mother Goose into Esperanto.

Michael V. O'Shea, a professor of education at the University of Wisconsin, became interested in Mrs. Stoner's methods. After she had deluged him with letters of explanation, he urged her to write down and publish her games and techniques. He submitted her work to the Bobbs-Merrill Company in Indianapolis, which brought out her *Manual of Natural Education* in 1916. Mother and daughter continued to publish works during the 1920s, including a monthly pamphlet, *Mother Stoner's Bulletin*, which discussed the Stoner philosophy of education. Both women were clearly very bright, and the mother was an adept practitioner of publicity.

After her mother's death Winifred Jr. faded from the limelight. She had two unsuccessful marriages.

Sources: Materials in collection

Indianapolis Star Magazine, 29 February 1976, pp.20-21

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of one item, a photocopy of "Winifred Sackville Stoner and Winifred Sackville Stoner Junior: A Selected Bibliography," by Maria (Koens) Nix. The 26-page work is the product of a CLIO grant from Indiana Historical Society in 1993-1994. It includes a short essay about the Stoners, short comments on a number of their books, and a list of eleven others.

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