ADAH JACKSON

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:
36 manuscript boxes, 1 half manuscript box
1 half color photograph box
1 oversize folder
7 printed items
12 artifacts

COLLECTION DATES:
1909-2000 (Bulk 1930-1987)

PROVENANCE:
JoanCarole Fainelli, Strongsville, OH

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NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Adah Jane Yeager was born on 14 October 1900 in Somerville, Gibson County Indiana. She lived most of her life in Indiana, with a couple years sojourn to Denver, Colorado in 1922 and 1923. There she married William George Jackson on 22 April 1922 and gave birth to Mary Jean Jackson a year later (17 June 1923). The Jackson family then moved back to Indiana, living in Evansville during the 1930s before moving to Newburgh around 1942. Adah Jackson lived in Newburgh, Warrick County, Indiana until 12 February 1987, when she died at the age of 86.

Adah Jackson was a prolific, locally-known writer. Her only published book, The Mystery of the Fifteenth Cypress, is a Civil War mystery for juvenile readers. It was published by the Bobbs-Merrill Company in 1937. She found her niche in supporting the Historic Newburgh organization and selling antiques at her Antiquarian Shop. Many of her writings and poems have historical themes: the development of the Ohio River, Daniel Boone, Evansville history, New Harmony history, etc.

Parents: Parry B M Yeager, Mary Della Smith
Sister: Flora Hobson; Brother-in-Law: Ross Jackson
Spouse: William George Jackson (died 17 August 1973)
Children: Mary Jean (Jackson) Doerr (married to Richard Doerr; son Doug Doerr)
Joan Carole (Jackson) (Taylor) (McDaniel) Fainelli (married at separate times to Joseph Taylor, Ralph McDaniel, and Edward Fainelli; son Jeffrey Taylor)

Sources:
Collection material
Ancestry.com
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series 1: The Mystery of the Fifteenth Cypress
This series contains correspondence, manuscripts, and other material related to Adah Jackson’s published work The Mystery of the Fifteenth Cypress. It is ordered alphabetically.

Series 2: Poems
The poems are all written by Adah Jackson. They are organized by the numbers assigned by her daughter JoanCarole Fainelli.

Series 3: Short Stories and Other Writings
This series includes writings by Adah Jackson that are not identified as poems. The folders are ordered alphabetically by the title or subject.

Series 4: Professional Correspondence
The professional correspondence includes letters concerning Adah Jackson’s submissions to publishers and other professional activities. They are ordered alphabetically.

Series 5: Personal Correspondence
This series contains letters primarily written between the members of Adah Jackson’s family, and other personal correspondence between Adah and others. There are a few letters from members of the White House. It is ordered chronologically by the earliest date, then alphabetically by the letter writer, with undated correspondence at the end. The maiden names of Mary Jean Jackson and Joan Jackson are used for clarity.

Series 6: Journals
These journals were kept by Adah Jackson from 1932 to 1966 and transcribed by her daughter JoanCarole Fainelli. They are ordered chronologically.

Series 7: Daily Diaries and Calendars
This chronological series includes Adah Jackson’s diary books with short entries and calendars with appointments from 1943 to 1979.

Series 8: Personal Material
This series contains material from Adah Jackson that is not related to the other series, for example: material relating to her antique shop, family, clippings, notebooks, research, etc. Most of the photographs are in this series.

Series 9: Print Material and Artifacts
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*English Prose and Poetry*, Manly, ca. 1916

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*The Greek Way*, Edith Hamilton, 1942

*The Inward Journey*, Howard Thurman, 1961

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