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**SUSANAH JAMESON MAYBERRY**  
**COLLECTION CA. 1970–1989**

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## COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 3 manuscripts boxes, 7 color photograph folders

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1970–1989

PROVENANCE: Susanah M. Mead, Indianapolis, Indiana, April 2004

RESTRICTIONS: None

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Susanah Jameson Mayberry (1921–1999) was born in Indianapolis, the daughter of John T. and Florence Jameson. She was the great-niece of Booth Tarkington, one of Indiana's most famous authors of the early twentieth century. She is the author of *My Amiable Uncle*, a book about Booth Tarkington.

Susanah attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts from 1938 to 1942. During her education, Mayberry and Booth Tarkington exchanged numerous letters; these letters later served as the foundation for her book. Susanah married her husband, Francis (Frank) T. Mayberry (1914–1997), on 3 January 1944. She lived in Indianapolis. Both Susanah and Frank are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery.

In the 1980s, Susanah began corresponding frequently with two retired professors, Paul L. Fatout from 1980 to 1982 and Dr. Henry Redford Hope from 1984 to 1989.

Paul Fatout (1897–1982) was a professor emeritus of English at Purdue University best known for his books on American literature. Born and raised in Indianapolis, Fatout graduated from Purdue University in 1920 and received his master's degree from Pennsylvania State College and Columbia University. Fatout taught at Washington State University and Penn State College before returning to Indiana to teach English at Purdue University in 1927. He remained at Purdue University for thirty-eight years, retiring in 1965 as professor emeritus. Paul Fatout married his wife, Roberta Smith, in 1933.

Dr. Henry Radford Hope (1905–1989) was a professor emeritus of the fine arts department at Indiana University. Born in Massachusetts, Hope worked as a vice president of a small cosmetics company in the 1920s. In 1931, Hope was diagnosed with tuberculosis, and he moved to Europe, where he subsequently studied at Sorbonne in Paris. In 1938, he entered a doctoral program at Harvard University. Hope was chairman of the fine-arts department at Indiana University from 1941 to 1968. He founded Indiana University's Art Museum and served as its director from 1961 until 1971. Hope retired in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he was a trustee for the city's Museum of Art. His wife was Dr. Sarahanne "Sally" Hope.

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## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Susanah Jameson Mayberry collection consists of over 240 pieces of correspondence and other papers and 81 color photographs.

Almost all of the letters were still folded within their original transmittal envelopes. A few transmittal envelopes that had written notes from Susanah Jameson Mayberry were retained in the collection—all other envelopes were disposed of once the processor had verified the letter dates against the postmark dates. In cases where the dates of the letters were absent or difficult to read, the processor used the postmark to date the letter and wrote the date on the letter in pencil. The processor also indicated which letters were incomplete.

At the time of donation, a portion of the letters, greeting cards, and other correspondence from the early 1980s were separated into an envelope marked "Letters from Dr. Paul Fatout and Special Letters." The "special" papers were divided into Series 1 (letters and papers relating to Paul L. Fatout) and Series 2 (all other "special" papers).

**Series 1:** Contains twenty letters written by Paul L. Fatout, professor emeritus at Purdue University. A note included in the collection reads: "Paul's letters [...] Best correspondence in my life! I wish he had heirs I could Xerox them for—I loved him." This note is included in the folder containing his correspondence from 1980.

Fatout's letters appear to have been included with edits and suggestions to drafts of *My Amiable Uncle*, Mayberry's book about Booth Tarkington (which was eventually published by Purdue University Press). Fatout and Mayberry often discussed and recommended other literary works for each other. His later correspondence is of a more personal nature and contain stories from his life. The letters in the series were organized chronologically.

The last folder in this series contains papers pertaining to Paul L. Fatout's death: one memorial card, two obituaries, and one letter from Fatout's widow to Susanah Mayberry.

**Series 2:** Contains all remaining papers, letters, greeting cards, and other correspondence from the early 1980s that were designated as "special" at the time of donation. They were given their own series and subdivided and organized by author and date where possible. Correspondence from known relatives is identified in the collection guide. Two letters and one card from Dr. Henry Hope were designated as "special"—to preserve their importance, these letters were placed in this series rather than Series 3.

**Series 3:** Contains 180 letters from Dr. Henry Hope, a retired professor of fine arts at Indiana University. The letters are arranged chronologically; the correspondence began March 1984 and continued regularly until his death in April 1989. The majority of the letters is very long and spans several days of writing. Hope's letters typically relate detailed accounts of his family life and his travels, which were extensive: Hope and his wife, Dr. Sarahanne "Sally" Hope, sailed their yacht, *The Helen and Sarah*, to summer homes in Cape Cod, Massachusetts or South Bristol, Maine. Hope also traveled to Europe twice a year.

Hope's letters also contain his musings on religion and other contemporary issues. A few letters included materials such as newspaper clippings or postcards.

In the letter dated 8 October 1986, Dr. Henry Hope returned a letter written by Susanah Jameson Mayberry on 21 February 1985; both letters were placed in the same folder. Mayberry's letter relates her strained dealings with the St. Margaret's Hospital Guild, when the Guild featured the Booth Tarkington home as one of its "Decorator's Showcase Homes." Each year, the Guild selected decorators to decorate individual rooms, and the house was then opened to the public for tours, with proceeds from ticket sales donated to Wishard Memorial (now Eskenazi) Hospital. Mayberry was irritated by the demands of the Guild for her family to loan family photographs of the house and other Booth Tarkington family heirlooms, such as portraits and snuffboxes.

**Series 4:** Contains 81 color photographs of family members. Where possible, the photographs have been arranged by date and event into seven folders. The bulk of the photographs are circa 1970s and feature Susanah Mayberry's granddaughters, Holly and Edie.

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Letters from Paul L. Fatout, 2 Mar.–18 May 1981 [2 letters]	Box 1, Folder 3
Letters from Paul L. Fatout, 27 Aug.–5 Oct. 1981 [2 letters]	Box 1, Folder 4
Letters from Paul L. Fatout, 13–25 May 1981 [2 letters]	Box 1, Folder 5
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, 22 June 1982 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 6
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, 15 July 1982 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 7
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, 5 Aug. 1982 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 8
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, 10 June [no year] [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 9
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, 24 June [no year] [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 10
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, 10 Nov. [no year] [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 11
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, 19 Dec. [no year] [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 12
Letter from Paul L. Fatout, n.d. [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 13
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Letters from Carolyn (Mrs. Geo F.) Brooks, 1980–81 [2 letters]	Box 1, Folder 18
Letter from Starkey Flythe, 12 Sept. 1981 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 19
Letter from Elizabeth M. Johnson, July 1982 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 20
Letter from Timmie Witz (?), 2 Sept. 1982 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 21
Letter from Charlotte, 14 Sept. 1982 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 22
Letter from Barba(?), 16 Sept. 1982 [1 letter]	Box 1, Folder 23
Letters from Louda (Mrs. Alan C.) Appel, Sept.–Oct. 1982 [2 letters]	Box 1, Folder 24
Letters from Katie (Mrs. John) Gilligan, Sept.–Oct. 1982 [2 letters]	Box , Folder 25
Letters from Evie, 2–20 Jan. 1983 [2 letters]	Box , Folder 26
Letters from "AYO" [niece], 10 June 1983–20 Dec. 1984 [2 letters]	Box , Folder 27
Letter from Barbara Werbe, Nov. 1983 [1 letter]	Box , Folder 28
Letter from Mrs. Wilbur C. Munnecke, 16 May 1984 [1 letter]	Box , Folder 29
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Card from Dr. Henry Hope, 21 Dec. 1984 [1 letter]	Box , Folder 31
Letter from Dr. Henry Hope 7 Dec. 1986 [1 letter]	Box , Folder 32
Letter from Mary, Aug. [no year, 1 letter]	Box , Folder 33
Letter from Kingsley, 11 Sept. [no year, 1 letter]	Box , Folder 34
Letter from William John Mead [son-in-law] [n.d., 1 letter]	Box , Folder 35
Correspondence from Edie [granddaughter], [n.d., 1 card, 2 letters]	Box , Folder 36



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### **Series 3: Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, 1984–89**

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Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Aug.–Sept. 1984 [3 letters]	Box 1, Folder 45
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Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Dec. 1984 [2 letters]	Box 1, Folder 47
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Jan. 1985 [4 letters]	Box 2, Folder 1
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Feb. 1985 [4 letters]	Box 2, Folder 2
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Mar. 1985 [2 letters]	Box 2, Folder 3
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Apr. 1985 [5 letters]	Box 2, Folder 4
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, May 1985 [2 letters]	Box 2, Folder 5
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, June 1985 [3 letters]	Box 2, Folder 6
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, July 1985 [5 letters]	Box 2, Folder 7
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Aug. 1985 [4 letters]	Box 2, Folder 8
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Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, 3–15 May 1986 [3 letters]	Box 2, Folder 17
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, 22–26 May 1986 [2 letters]	Box 2, Folder 18
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Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Sept. 1986 [5 letters]	Box 2, Folder 23
Letter from Dr. Henry Hope, 8 Oct. 1986 [2 letters, includes returned letter written by Susanah Jameson Mayberry on 21 Feb. 1986]	Box 2, Folder 24
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, 15 Oct.–26 Oct. 1986 [4 letters]	Box 2, Folder 25
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Nov.–Dec. 1986 [3 letters]	Box 2, Folder 26
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Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, Feb. 1987 [2 letters]	Box 3, Folder 2
Letters from Dr. Henry Hope, 1 Mar.–13 Mar. 1987 [3 letters]	Box 3, Folder 3
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## Series 4: Family Photographs

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[6 photographs of unidentified family members; five of the six photographs are dated]

Holly's First Birthday, Mar. 1971

[13 photographs featuring granddaughter Holly. A few photographs are labeled "Mar 71"]

Holly's Second Birthday, Mar. 1972

[11 photographs featuring granddaughter Holly. Date extrapolated from dates on Holly's First Birthday photographs]

Family Photographs, Apr.–June 1973

[9 photographs of various unidentified family members and friends. One photograph is labeled "Edie June 1973"]

Family Photographs, Holly and Edie, ca.1973–74

[19 photographs of granddaughters Holly and Edie and other unidentified family members and friends. A few photographs are labeled "Oct–Xmas 73"]

Family Photographs, Christmas Card 1978

[One photograph of three girls sitting in a row in the summertime. Labeled "'78 Xmas Card"]

Family Photographs, n.d.

[22 photographs of various unidentified family members. One photograph labeled "Edie at 1-Fla."]

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