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A Finding Aid to the Winnie Dodge
Papers, circa 1913-1931, 2010-2012,
in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

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| Repository: | Archives of American Art |
| Title: | Winnie Dodge papers |
| Identifier: | AAA.dodgwinn |
| Date: | circa 1913-1931 2010-2012 |
| Extent: | 0.4 Linear feet 0.572 Gigabytes |
| Creator: | Dodge, Winnie K. (Winnefred Kies), 1868-1939 |
| Language: | English |
| Summary: | The papers of Winnie Dodge measure 0.4 linear feet and 0.572 GB and date from circa 1913 to 1931 and 2010 to 2012. The collection contains photographs of the Walter L. Dodge House in West Hollywood, CA and documents Winnie Dodge's life through travel journals, diaries, photographs, and digital materials. |

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated in 2012 by Roger Humphries, who inherited the papers from an unknown relative who had ties to the Dodge family.

Related Materials

The Archives of American Art also has material relating to the Walter L. Dodge house in the papers of architectural historian Esther McCoy, including a 1965 film created by McCoy as a part of her effort to save Dodge House from destruction.

Processing Information

The collection was processed to a minimal level and a finding aid prepared by Sarah Mundy in 2014. The collection has been minimally rearranged and retains the existing/original folder titles when possible. All materials have been rehoused in archival folders and boxes for long-term stability, but often staples and other fasteners have not been removed. Materials within folders have not been rearranged. Born-digital materials were processed by Kirsi Ritosalmi-Kisner in 2019 with funding provided by Smithsonian Collections Care and Preservation Fund.

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Biographical / Historical

Winnie K. Dodge (1868-1939) was married to Walter L. Dodge, who patented "Tiz", a medicine for tired feet. They had a son, Don, in 1903. The Dodge House, designed by architect Irving Gill, was built for the Dodges in 1916. Winnie and Walter eventually separated and sold the Dodge House in 1924. Winnie moved to 455 North Sycamore Avenue in Los Angeles. She traveled extensively to South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia, often traveling with friend Luna Kies Steiner.

Scope and Contents

The papers of Winnie Dodge measure 0.4 linear feet and 0.572 GB and date from circa 1913 to 1931 and 2010 to 2012. The collection contains photographs of the Walter L. Dodge House in West Hollywood, California and documents Winnie Dodge's life through travel journals, diaries, and photographs.

The photographs of the Walter L. Dodge House include views of the exterior and interior of the house as well as the grounds. Winnie Dodge's travel journals document the Second Great African Cruise taken in 1927 and the Round the World Cruise taken from 1929 to 1930. Dodge's diaries document her life from 1922 to 1930. One passport belonged to Luna Kies Steiner, Dodge's friend and travel companion. Photographs consist of three portraits, one art photograph, and a photograph of Dodge's son, Don, at age ten in 1913. Also included are digital photographs included in this collection, images from web sites, and historical information about the Dodge House.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged as 1 series.

- Series 1: Winnie Dodge Papers, circa 1913-1931, 2010-2012 (Box 1; 0.4 linear feet, ER01-ER02; 0.572 GB)

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Walter L. Dodge House (Los Angeles, Calif.)

Types of Materials:

Diaries
Photographs
Travel diaries

Names:

Steiner, Luna Kies

Container Listing

Series 1: Winnie Dodge Papers, 2010-2012, circa 1913-1931

0.4 Linear feet (Box 1)

0.572 Gigabytes (ER01-ER02)

This series documents Winnie Dodge's life, primarily during the 1920s, and the Dodge House. Two diaries that log Dodge's daily activities are included. Also found are two travel journals which describes Dodge's Second Great African Cruise which lasted over three months and her Round the World Cruise which lasted over four months. A passenger list and appraisal letter regarding Dodge's apartment on 455 North Sycamore Avenue in Los Angeles were originally inside the Round the World Cruise travel journal. Also included is the passport of Luna Kies Steiner, who was Dodge's friend and travel companion. The passport originally contained the calling card, postcard, and three locket-size photographs of a young girl. Personal photographs of Dodge's include a photograph of her son Don at the age of 10 and three portraits of unidentified women. Photographs of the Dodge House show the interior and exterior of the house, the garden, and grounds. Many of the photographs are also in digital format.

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| Box 1, Folder 1 | Diary, 1922-1925 |
| Box 1, Folder 2 | Diary, 1926-1930 |
| Box 1, Folder 3 | Travel Journal, Second Great African Cruise, 1927 |
| Box 1, Folder 4 | Travel Journal, Maps from Inside Second Great African Cruise Travel Journal, 1927 |
| Box 1, Folder 5 | Travel Journal, Round the World Cruise, 1929-1930 |
| Box 1, Folder 6 | Passenger List, Round the World Cruise, 1929 |
| Box 1, Folder 7 | Passport of Luna Kies Steiner, 1929-1931 |
| Box 1, Folder 8 | Items from Inside Steiner Passport, circa 1913-1920 |
| Box 1, Folder 9 | Photographs, Personal, undated |
| Box 1, Folder 10 | Photographs, Unidentified House Exterior, undated |
| Box 1, Folder 11 | Photograph, Don Dodge, 1913 |
| Box 1, Folder 12 | Photographs, Dodge House Exterior and Grounds, circa 1920s |
| Box 1, Folder 13 | Photographs, Interior of the Dodge House, circa 1920s |

Folder ER01 Dodge House Images, Digital Photographs, 2010
0.363 Gigabytes (107 computer files)

Folder ER02 Dodge House Information, Digital Documents, 2010-2012
0.21 Gigabytes (72 computer files)
Includes architectural plans, newspaper articles and other information related to
Dodge House and its neighborhood.

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