

# **Ruth Bryant Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	St. Louis Mercantile Library Special Collections
<b>Title</b>	Ruth Bryant Collection
<b>Date</b>	1980-2014
<b>Extent</b>	7.0 Linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	The Ruth Bryant Collection is a collection of books, ephemera, art, and correspondence from Ruth's time as the on the Library Award Committee of the Saint Louis Literary Award, as well as materials from Ruth's personal collections.

### Preferred Citation note

The preferred citation for this collection is "From the collections of the St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri - St. Louis."

## Scope and Contents note

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The Ruth Bryant Collection consists of three series. Series One is books that were donated as part of the collection. These books were largely acquired during Ruth's time on the Literary Award Committee of the Saint Louis Literary Award, and are often inscribed to Ruth and/or signed by the author.

Series Two is archival material related to the Saint Louis Literary Award and Ruth's collecting passions.

Series Three consists of art collected by Ruth.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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### Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use note

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**Fee Services:** Fees associated with staff research time, cost recovery in reproductions processing time and materials, and licensing may apply.

### Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Donation by Ruth Bryant to the Mercantile Library in 2015.

## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials note

Books, though listed here, have also been cataloged and are available via the University of Missouri online public access catalog.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Personal Name(s)

- Bryant, Ruth
- Didion, Joan
- Drabble, Margaret, 1939-
- Elizabeth II, Queen of Great Britain, 1926-
- Levitte, Jean-David
- Naipaul, V. S. (Vidiahar Surajprasad), 1932-
- Prince Andrew, Duke of York, 1960-
- Thatcher, Margaret
- Wolfe, Tom

### Subject(s)

- St. Louis Mercantile Library Association
- St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri -- St. Louis

## Collection Inventory

### Books

A century of Kate Greenaway / Anne Carroll Moore

A Christmas carol : in prose, being a ghost story of Christmas / Charles Dickens

#### General note

"Cedric Charles Dickens Bless You"

A thread in the tapestry / Sarah Churchill.

#### General note

Inscribed "For Mary With best birthday wishes from Mary Soames. London. 11 June 1999."

America : sonnets / Glen Levin Siggett; with introduction by Fleix Morley.

Catalogue 25 : Literature / The Captain's Bookshelf, Inc.

Churchill : a biography / Roy Jenkins

#### General note

"Inscribed for Ruth Bryant, 16:ii:02, [signature]"

Books

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Includes programs from Kemper Lecture, 2002-03-16, and postcards of Churchill speaking at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, 1946-03-05, both items removed to archival materials series.

Churchill : a life / Martin Gilbert

**General note**

Signed by author. Includes program for Kemper lecture featuring Sir Martin Gilbert, 2007-03-25, removed to archival materials series.

Cuba in war time / Richard Harding Davis; Frederic Remington

Faith and treason : the story of the Gunpowder Plot / Antonia Fraser

**General note**

"To Ruth, Best wishes & thank you. Antonia Fraser"

Gladstone : a biography / Roy Jenkins

**General note**

"Inscribed to Ruth Bryant with the best wishes of 8:xi:97 [signature]"

HRH the Prince of Wales watercolours / Charles, Prince of Wales.

Hugo Black and the judicial revolution / Gerald T Dunne

**General note**

"For Ruth Bryant with esteem and regards, Gerald T. Dunne St. Louis, Mo. July 2, 1971"

Books

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John Quincy Adams : "Old man eloquent" / by Bennett Champ Clark.

**General note**

Inscribed "yours very sincerely, Bennett Champ Clark. St. Louis, Mo. Dec. 20, 1932."

John Steuart Curry : inventing the Middle West / Patricia Junker ; with contributions by Henry Adams [and others].

Justice Joseph Story and the rise of the Supreme Court / [by] Gerald T. Dunne.

**General note**

Inscribed "For Ruth Bryant, Friend and co-worker, Who honors this book by placing it among her own. Gerald T. Dunne, St. Louis, Mo. June 15, 1971."

Kate Greenaway, a biography / Rodney Engen.

Kate Greenaway's almanack for 1891 / Kate Greenaway

Kate Greenaway's alphabet / Kate Greenaway

Language of flowers / Kate Greenaway

My dog Skip / Willie Morris

**General note**

Signed by author.



Books

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New and collected poems / Richard Wilbur.

**General note**

Inscribed "For Ruth Bryant, Richard Wilbur 1989." Included with book and removed to archival materials: *St. Louis Literary Award Citation and Presentation*.

No certain rest : a novel / James Lehrer

**General note**

"To Ruth Bryant - [signature]"

Political fictions / Joan Didion.

**General note**

Inscribed "For Ruth - with thanks for giving me the political fiction I'll ---- [signature] October 1 02"

Saint Joan: a chronicle play in six scenes and an epilogue / by Bernard Shaw.

The Art Deco Murals of Hildreth Meière / Catherine Coleman Brawer and Kathleen Murphy Skolnik ; principal photography by Hildreth Meière Dunn.

The bonfire of the vanities / Tom Wolfe.

**General note**

Signed by author. Included with book and removed to archival materials is St. Louis Literary Award Citation and Presentation ephemera.

Books

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The Downing Street years / Margaret Thatcher.

**General note**

Signed by the author. Included with book and removed to archival materials series are ephemera and photos related to the English-Speaking Union luncheon and discussion of Thatcher's book at The Drake Hotel, New York City.

The geography / Claudius Ptolemaeus ; translated and edited by Edward Luther Stevenson ; with an introd. by Joseph Fischer

The intelligent woman's guide to socialism and capitalism / Bernard Shaw

The literary Churchill : author, reader, actor / Jonathan Rose.

**General note**

"To Ruth - with gratitude and warmest admiration."

The making of a maverick monetary policymaker / Thomas C. Melzer

The Nagle journal : a diary of the life of Jacob Nagle, sailor, from the year 1775 to 1841 / Jacob Nagle; John C Dann

**General note**

Inscribed "To Ruth Bryant With best wishes, John C. Dann May 28, 1994"

The piano lesson / by August Wilson.

**General note**

Books

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"To Ruth - many thanks. With all the best wishes August Wilson."

The picture of Dorian Gray / Oscar Wilde; Osbert Burdett; Henry Keen

The Sinews of peace / by Winston S. Churchill

The spirit level / Seamus Heaney.

**General note**

"for Ruth Bryant with great affection and gratitude for your welcome to St. Louis. Seamus Heaney, 7 October 1998."

The White House; an historic guide / White House Historical Association.

The young Churchill : The early years of Winston Churchill / Celia Sandys.

**General note**

Inscribed "For Ruth Bryant with best wishes Celia Sandys. Fulton 9 March 1996"

Included ephemera moved to archival materials series.

Undaunted courage : Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West / Stephen E Ambrose

**General note**

"For Ruth With heartfelt thanks for a grand day in St. Louis October 8, 1997. Happy Trails S. E. Ambrose."

Includes photographs of Ruth and Stephen Ambrose, removed to archival file.

Books

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Winston and Clementine : the personal letters of the Churchills / edited by their daughter Mary Soames.

**General note**

"For Ruth Bryant, Mary Soames"

Includes program for Racquet Club dinner, 1999-03-19, removed to archival materials series.

Winston Churchill : his life as a painter : a memoir by his daughter / Mary Soames ; with a foreword by Derek Hill.

**General note**

Inscribed "For Ruth Bryant, Mary Soames"

Winston Churchill : resolution, defiance, magnanimity, good will / R Crosby Kemper, III.

**General note**

"For my friend and cultural mentor Ruth Bryant. Crosby Kemper"

Winston's war : Churchill, 1940-1945 / Max Hastings.

**General note**

Inscribed from the author.

(Woman) writer : occasions and opportunities / Joyce Carol Oates.

**General note**

Signed by author.

Archival Materials

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Vita and Harold : the letters of Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson / edited by Nigel Nicolson.

**General note**

"Inscribed for Ruth by Nigel Nicolson. Sissinghurst 22 July 1992."

White columns in Georgia. / Medora Field Perkerson

**General note**

Signed by author.

**Box 1 Archival Materials 1990-2007 1.5 Linear feet**

**St. Louis Mercantile Library Records**

1 Affiliation

2 Affiliation - correspondence

3 Affiliation documents - UMSL

4 Affiliation - president's plan

5 Affiliation - implementation plan

6 Affiliation - potential partners

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7 Affiliation - presentations

8 Affiliation - publicity

9 Affiliation - proxy votes

10 Affiliation - UMSL agreement

11 Affiliation - UMSL documents

12 Analysis of Mercantile Library. 1995-04-03.

13 Annual elections. 1994.

14 Barriger Library

15 Bixby Book Club

16 Board of Direction. Minutes. 1989-05-08. 1989-11-13. 1991-01-23. 1992-02-10. 1992-03-09. 1993-05-10. 1996-01-08. 1996-03-25. 1996-11-07.

17 Board of Governance and overview.

18 Board of Direction. Special board meeting. 1996-11-07.

19 Board of Direction and voting members. Special meeting for voting members. 1996-12-04.

Ruth Bryant-related records

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20 Collections

21 Committees. Friends committee. Nominating committee. Planning committee. Steering committee.

22 Constitution

23 Financials

24 Loans (art)

25 Perpetual memberships

26 Rededication and opening

27 Ruth Bryant - correspondence

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28 Alliances Francais. Convention and Annual Meeting (2006-10-25). Alliances Francais, Le Magazine (Fall 2005, Summer 2006).

29 Alliances Francais Saint Louis. A History.

30 Aliances Francais. 1999 Gala.

31 Levitte, Jean-David (Ambassador of France)

Ruth Bryant-related records

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32 Campbell, Robert. Images of the West 1830-1851.

33 Bourbon, Louis de. Alliances Francais.

34 Center for French Colonial Studies. Annual conference 2014-10-12.

35 Painting of a Pastime: The paintings of Winston Churchill / text by Edwina Sandys.

36 Churchill, Winston - clippings, first day issue stamps, 'The Sinews of Peace' speech.

37 Churchill Memorial Kemper Lecture - 2011-03.

38 English-Speaking Union - visit of Prince Andrew

39 English-Speaking Union. Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Dinner. 2012-04-28.

40 English-Speaking Union. Queen Elizabeth II. Golden Jubilee.

41 English-Speaking Union. Margaret Thatcher. 1993-11-09.

42 English-Speaking Union. Prince Andrew, Duke of York. Speaking engagement, 2003-10-22.

43 75th Anniversary Federal Reserve System: Working at the Board 1930s - 1970s.

44 Ces pionniers meconnus du Mississippi / Ericka Larsen. Geo Histoire.

45 Kemper Lecture. Roy Jenkins, 2002-03-16. Martin Gilbert, 2007-03-25.



**Art and Oversize**

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46 St. Louis Literary Award. Correspondence to Tom Wolfe, Edward Albee, Ray Bradbury, Bernice Shepard, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Harold Pinter. Listings of people considered for award.

47 St. Louis Literary Award. 1989 - Richard Wilbur. 1990 Tom Wolfe. 2002 - Joan Didion. Programs.

48 St. Louis Literary Award. Correspondence, publicity, and clippings regarding Gary Wills. Correspondence regarding V. S. Naipaul. Guidelines for Saint Louis Literary Award, 2000-02-08. Operational papers.

49 St. Louis Literary Award. Simon Schama, 2001. Programs, correspondence, clippings. Correspondence regarding Joan Didion, 2002 award winner.

50 St. Louis Literary Award. Correspondence, programs, and clippings regarding Margaret Drabble (2003), Tom Stoppard, Joan Didion (2002), V.S. Naipaul, Shelby Foote (1992), Eudora Welty (1983), Walker Percy.

51 Sigfried Sasson and the Great War: The Making of a War Poet / Dennis Silk.

52 Walsea, Lech. Invitation to dinner in honor of Lech Walsea at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, 1999-02-18.

53 Williams, Tennessee. Homily at the Funeral of Thomas Lanier (Tennessee) Williams. St. Louis Cathedral. March 5, 1983. Rev. Jerome F. Wilkerson, Ph.D., Pastor Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Art and Oversize**

Design of a plaque for the Serres Linley Cabinet by David Linley Furniture. 152/250 Blenheim Palace.

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Framed photograph of Ruth Bryant and Pat Nixon with accompanying letter by First Lady Nixon.

T.P. "Crane," 1991. Michael Marshall. Intaglio print on paper.

T.P. "Potion," 1991. Michael Marshall. Intaglio print on paper.