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Explanatory notes:

Bx refers to "box" in which papers are filed

Fd refers "folder".

## CONTENT AND SCOPE OF THE COLLECTION

A major portion of the Mary Constance Enslow papers consists of her genealogical notes and notebooks. There are copious notes on her family genealogy, both maternal and paternal, as well as notes compiled for other families. Included in this part of the collection are examples of her work as a designer of coats of arms and bookplates, and as a commercial artist.

Books and printed material are contained in the collection; much of the printed material is made up of news clippings about a variety of subjects. There is an extensive clipping file concerning the royal family of England.

Among her personal papers are family letters and news clippings, as well as scrapbooks and diaries.

Correspondence is included in the papers, most of it concerning genealogical matters. Photographs and snapshots of family, friends, and subjects of personal interest are also a part of the collection.

## MARY CONSTANCE ENSLOW, 1892-1962

Mary Constance Enslow was born in Huntington, West Virginia, on February 18, 1892. After graduation from Huntington High School in 1909, she attended Marshall College and was employed as a substitute teacher in Huntington area schools. In 1912 she went to Chicago to enroll at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. Completing her studies in 1914, she began her career as a commercial artist, maintaining her own studio in the Fine Arts Building. As an artist, Miss Enslow did extensive work as an illustrator and a designer of bookplates and coats of arms, as well as much work in the field of advertising. She also served as an art instructor at the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts and for the Chicago Board of Education Adult Education Program.

A published poet, Miss Enslow also served as editor of "Motif", the magazine of the Three Arts Club in Chicago. She was also a ghost writer of book reviews, newspaper columns, and job analysis.

She died in Chicago on June 18, 1962.

MARY CONSTANCE ENSLOW PAPERS. 1892-1962

I. Correspondence

- Bx 1 Correspondence 9 Fd
- Fd 1 Letter sent 1 item
- August 7, 1940 - Chicago: Letter to Miss Hortense Wickert discussing Miss Enslow's qualifications for editorial research work.
- Fd 2 Letters received, undated 4 items
- West Cummington, Mass.: Letter from Monroe Wheeler giving Miss Enslow instructions for artwork on a commercial assignment, telling her that "I am okaying your bill. Have you received your check for the other?"
- Fd 3 Letters received, 1914 - 1941 11 items
- June 11, 1930 - Schenectady, N.Y.: Letter from Harold Robert Enslow of Union College discussing family relationships. He asks about a common ancestor, David Enslow in southwestern Pennsylvania, and comments on possible connection with an Enslow family "scattered numerously throughout the Appalachian Mountains and the South. One of them received some notoriety as the reputed father of Abraham Lincoln, but William E. Barton has disproved this..."
- Fd 4 Letters received, 1942 - 1957 15 items
- March 8, 1945 - Salt Lake City, Utah: Letter from Benjamin L. Bowring of the Genealogical Society of Utah requesting a copy of Miss Enslow's material on the Enslow family for a patron.
- Fd 5 Letters from Linn Bliss Enslow, 1917 - 1947 9 items
- August 8, 1929 - Richmond, Va.: Letter discussing family genealogy and records. He expresses hope of going back to Wheelersburg, Ohio, and on to Illinois with his cousin Florence Enslow and comments on the theft of a portfolio containing Bliss family history.

Fd 6 Letters from W. Hamilton Enslow, 1951 - 1954 4 items

April 24, 1951 - Baldwin, Maryland: This letter discusses family ancestry and the search that Mr. Enslow made in Maryland and Pennsylvania records for family data.

Fd 7 Letters from John Virgin, 1919 - 1920 4 items

April 20, 1920 - Virginia, Ill.: Letter comparing family notes. He tells of an uncle who died during the Civil War, of whom Miss Enslow had no record, and of the impending visit of a cousin from California. He discusses his children and invites Miss Enslow to come for a visit.

Fd 8 Letter to President Roosevelt from E.E.P. Art Class, 1935 1 item

Fd 9 Miscellaneous correspondence items 3 items



## II. Genealogical and Professional Papers

Bx 2 Genealogical Notebooks 2 Fd  
2 Nb

Fd 1 Items found in Notebook 1 5 items

Fd 2 Clippings from Notebook 2 3 items

Notebooks 1 and 2

These notebooks contain extensive genealogical information about both the maternal and paternal branches of Miss Enslow's family. There are also copies of letters to Miss Enslow or to members of her family discussing family genealogy; magazine articles about genealogical matters are also included.

Bx 3 Paternal Genealogical Material 35 Fd

Fd 1 Chart; family tree 2 items

Fd 2 Items found in folder "Genealogy-Paternal", A - E 18 items

Fd 3 Items found in folder "Genealogy-Paternal", F - P 18 items

Fd 4 - 34 Contain notes on the following families:

Fd 4 Askew 4 items

Fd 5 Athol 3 items

Fd 6 Ayscough 2 items

Fd 7 Baliol 2 items

Fd 8 Beaufort 3 items

Fd 9 Beckwith 4 items

Fd 10 Berkeley 7 items

Fd 11	Bliss	13 items
Fd 12	Brackenbury	5 items
Fd 13	Brotherton	2 items
Fd 14	Bruce	8 items
Fd 15	Burton	5 items
Fd 16	Cholmley	4 items
Fd 17	Clarell	2 items
Fd 18	Constable	5 items
Fd 19	Conway	4 items
Fd 20	Conyers	2 items
Fd 21	Courtenay	2 items
Fd 22	D'Arcy	4 items
Fd 23	Deane	5 items
Fd 24	Eggleston	4 items
Fd 25	Enslow	5 items
Fd 26	Fitzgerald	2 items
Fd 27	Fitzwilliam	3 items
Fd 28	Fox	14 items
Fd 29	Gascoigne	7 items
Fd 30	Greystock	3 items
Fd 31	Le Dispenser	2 items
Fd 32	Lee	5 items

Fd 33	Lincoln	1 item
Fd 34	Virgin	2 items
Fd 35	France - Provinces and royal houses	16 items
Bx 4	Maternal Genealogical Material	13 Fd
Fd 1	Items found in folder "Genealogy-Maternal"	14 items
Fd 2	Miscellaneous royal genealogy	20 items
Fd 3	England: royal houses	22 items
Fd 4 - 12	Contain notes on the following families:	
Fd 4	Hamilton	2 items
Fd 5	Holman	4 items
Fd 6	Kelly	13 items
Fd 7	Markham	2 items
Fd 8	Massie	2 items
Fd 9	Miller	11 items
Fd 10	Morton	4 items
Fd 11	Payne	3 items
Fd 12	Percy	2 items
Fd 13	Miscellaneous family genealogical data	15 items
Bx 5	Miscellaneous Genealogical Data	4 Fd 2 Nb

Fd 1	House of Hapsburg	2 items
Fd 2	John W. Johnston, III	2 items
Fd 3	Patrick family	11 items
Fd 4	Brochure - Irish families	1 item
Fd 5	Notes on other families	14 items
Fd 6	Lists and bibliographies	14 items

Notebooks 3 and 4

These notebooks contain genealogical and historical information on many families. Miss Enslow had them arranged in a loose alphabetical order.

Bx 6	Heraldry and Coats of Arms	3 Fd 1 Nb
Fd 1	Coats of arms	11 items
Fd 2	Heraldry notes	6 items
Fd 3	Notes on family coats of arms	11 items

Notebook 5

This notebook contains examples of coats of arms and heraldic devices.

Bx 7	Examples of Work	9 Fd 1 Bk
Fd 1	Bookplates designed by Miss Enslow	21 items
Fd 2	Bookplates designed by Miss Enslow	17 items
Fd 3	Bookplates designed by Miss Enslow	20 items
Fd 4	Wallet containing bookplates	1 item

Fd 5	Original drawings for bookplates designed by Miss Enslow	6 items
Fd 6	Other examples of work	5 items
Fd 7	Drawings and sketches by Miss Enslow	6 items
Fd 8	Newspaper border design	1 item
Fd 9	Bookplate notebook pages	4 items
Bk 1	Owen, Ethel. The Pumpkin People. Chicago: Albert Whitman and Company, 1927. Pictured by Constance Enslow”	

“The forty color drawings of Constance Enslow artistically illustrate the merry and joyful mood of the stories, vividly picturing the spirit of Thanksgiving Time.” -----from the book jacket.

### III. Personal Papers

Bx 8	Personal Papers and Memorabilia	13 Fd
Fd 1	Personal data	8 items
Fd 2	Legal documents	2 items
Fd 3	Statements	2 items
Fd 4	Clippings - Mary Constance Enslow	2 items
Fd 5	Manuscripts	2 items
Fd 6	Notes	12 items
Fd 7	Etching; reproductions	5 items
Fd 8	Drawings and sketches by others	4 items
Fd 9	Bookplates by others	22 items
Fd 10	Dried flowers	5 items
Fd 11	Announcement	1 item
Fd 12	Printed material - Old Stone Church, Lewisburg, W. Va.	5 items
Fd 13	Old manuscript - Lewisburg mentioned	1 item
Bx 9	Family Papers	13 Fd
Fd 1	Letters to Mary Miller Kelly and David Oliver Kelly, 1863-1876	2 items
Fd 2	Letter from Alice Enslow Peckham to Edward Bliss Enslow, September 30, 1896	1 item
Fd 3	Letters to Constance B. Kelly (Enslow), 1871 - 1889	2 items

Fd 4	Letters to Catherine Enslow, 1932 - 1961	3 items
Fd 5	Letters to Frank Enslow, 1932 - 1961	2 items
Fd 6	Letter from Beaver Dam, Virginia, April 28, 1895	1 item
Fd 7	Notes and poetry - Andrew J. Enslow and Nancy B. Enslow	2 items
Fd 8	Clippings - Enslow family	2 items
Fd 9	Clippings - Catherine Bliss Enslow	10 items
Fd 10	Clippings - Edward Bliss Enslow family	6 items
Fd 11	Clippings - Frank Bliss Enslow family	2 items
Fd 12	Clippings - Linn Bliss Enslow family	3 items
Fd 13	Typewritten account of the Kelly-Enslow wedding, January 29, 1890	3 items
Bx 10	Scrapbooks and Diaries	3 Bk 1 Nb

Bk 2 My Commencement. . .New York: Dodd, Mead and Company, 1909.

The format of this book is that of a scrapbook: Miss Enslow supplied photographs for it and filled in by hand the class will, prophecy, poem, etc.

Bk 3 Diary, 1914 - 1915

The diary describes life in Chicago, work on commercial art assignments, and visits to Huntington.

Bk 4 A scrapbook for keeping records “of the plays. . .seen and all the interesting facts connected with each one, including portraits of actors and actresses and scenes from the plays. . .as well as reviews and criticisms.”--from the preface, 1908 - 1913

Nb 6 A notebook containing a list of actors and plays, and a large section of quotations.



#### IV. Printed Material and Books

Bx 11	Miscellaneous Printed Material	16 Fd
Fd 1	Motif, a magazine of the Three Arts, vol. 1, no. 2, 1923	1 item
Fd 2	Catalogue...32nd Annual Exhibition by Artists...1928	1 item
Fd 3	Miscellaneous printed items	8 items
Fd 4	"Cheerful Cherub" clippings	29 items
Fd 5	Genealogical magazine clippings	4 items
Fd 6	Historical magazine clippings	11 items
Fd 7	Miscellaneous magazine clippings	18 items
Fd 8	Miscellaneous magazine clippings	13 items
Fd 9	Cartoons	6 items
Fd 10	Florence Misgen - clipping, program	2 items
Fd 11	Norma Shearer - clippings	6 items
Fd 12	The West Virginia News, June, 1938	2 items
Fd 13	Miscellaneous news clippings	6 items
Fd 14	Miscellaneous news clippings	10 items
Fd 15	Autographed material	2 items
Fd 16	Calendar	1 item

Bx 12 Duke and Duchess of Windsor	2 Fd 2 Nb
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The primary contents of Box 12 are the notebooks containing voluminous clippings, magazine articles, etc., about the Duke and Duchess of Windsor. The folders contain the loose clippings found in the notebooks.

Fd 1	17 items
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Fd 2	5 items
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Bx 13 News clippings about the English Royal Family	25 Fd
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Fd 1 George V (1866-1936)	4 items
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Fd 2 Prince of Wales (Edward VIII)	20 items
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Fd 3 Prince of Wales (Edward VIII)	7 items
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Fd 4 Edward VIII (1894-1972)	16 items
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Fd 5 Edward VIII	19 items
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Fd 6 Edward VIII	6 items
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Fd 7 The Queen, January 29, 1936	1 item
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Fd 8 Wallis Simpson	17 items
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Fd 9 Abdication	2 items
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Fd 10 Duke of Windsor	20 items
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Fd 11 Life, December 8, December 15, 1947	2 items
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Fd 12 Duchess of Windsor	14 items
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Fd 13 Duchess of Windsor	14 items
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Fd 14 Life, June 9, 1941	1 item
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Fd 15	Duke and Duchess of Windsor	20 items
Fd 16	Duke and Duchess of Windsor	19 items
Fd 17	Duke and Duchess of Windsor	16 items
Fd 18	Duke and Duchess of Windsor	17 items
Fd 19	Coronation	9 items
Fd 20	Chicago Tribune, May 2, May 7, 1937	2 items
Fd 21	Souvenir publications - coronation of George VI	2 items
Fd 22	George VI (1895-1952)	4 items
Fd 23	Elizabeth II (1926- )	7 items
Fd 24	Princess Margaret (1930- )	1 item
Fd 25	English royalty - genealogy	4 items
Bx 14	Greta Garbo	4 Fd 1 Nb
Fd 1 Bk 5	MacBride, Mary Margaret, Greta Garbo. New York: Star Library Publications, Inc., 1932.	
Fd 2	Clippings - Garbo	20 items
Fd 3	Clippings - Garbo	16 items
Fd 4	Clippings - Garbo	11 items
Nb 9	Clippings of Greta Garbo	
Bx 15	Books	1 Fd 4 Bk

- Fd 1 Items found in Book 7 7 items
- Bk 6 McCann, Rebecca, Bittersweet Poems. New York: Covici-Friede, Publishers, 1929.
- Bk 7 McCann, Rebecca, The Cheerful Cherub. Chicago: Pascal Covici, Publisher, 1927.
- Bk 8 McCann, Rebecca, The Cheerful Cherub. Chicago: Covici-McGee, 1923.
- Bk 9 Poetry, a Magazine of Verse. Vol. XXII, April-Sept. 1923. ed. Harriet Monroe., pp. 14-15 contain three poems by Miss Enslow.

V. Photographs, Visual Materials, and Negatives

Bx 16	Photographs	6 Fd
	Bk 10 Early Snapshots	2 Bk
	Bk 11 Snapshots taken in Chicago	
	Fd 1 Photographs – Constance Enslow	8 items
	Fd 2 Photographs – Fine Arts Club	10 items
	Fd 3 Family Photographs	9 items
	Fd 4 Photographs – Catherine Enslow	7 items
	Fd 5 Photographs – Duke and Duchess of Windsor	7 items
	Fd 6 Miscellaneous photographs	18 items
Bx 17	Negatives	
	Bk 12 Negatives	4 Bk
	Bk 13 Negatives	
	Bk 14 Negatives	
	Bk 15 Negatives	
Bx 18	Albums and Written Materials, 1890s-1930s	
	Bk 13 "Viva Mexicano", 1910	
	Bk 14 Scrapbook with notes about musical performances, 1906-1910	
	Bk 15 Scrapbook with pasted musical and opera programs	
	Fd 1 Loose pages from book 17, photos	
	Fd 2 Loose album pages of photos of rooms, sports, and a parade	
	Fd 3 Pages of Bliss' DAR application and proofs	
	Fd 4 Miscellany: drawings	

Bx 19 Albums, 1930s

Bk 16 Album containing often identified photos of people

Bk 17 Album containing photos (some identified) of individuals on vacation or doing recreational activities