

Blanche Nevin Papers, [1850s-1920s]

Object ID: MG0730

1 box x folders .5 cubic ft.

Repository: LancasterHistory (Organization)

Shelving Location: Archives South, Side 15

<u>Scope and Content Note</u>: The Blanche Nevin Papers include manuscripts of Blanche Nevin's prose and poetry, the 1878 contract for her statue of Gen. Peter Muhlenberg, letters, essays, biographies, and articles about her travels. The collection has not been fully processed—please see the inventory below.

Creator: Nevin, Blanche, 1841-1925; Nevin family.

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Language: English

Biographical and Historical Note:

Source of Acquisition: Gift of Sarah Nevin Schindler, 11 July 2014.

<u>Custodial History (Provenance)</u>:

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

<u>Preferred Citation</u>: Title or description of item, date (day, month, year), Collection Title (MG#), Box #, Folder #, (or Object ID), LancasterHistory, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



People:

Buchanan, James Muhlenberg, John Peter Gabriel Nevin, Blanche

Subjects:

Essays

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Related Materials at LancasterHistory:

Leather portfolio (2014.020)

Blanche Nevin Collection (MG0039)

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<u>Archival History</u>: Inventory prepared by donor, 2014. This collection has been documented, preserved, and managed according to professional museum and archives standards.



I. 1878 Contract for her statue of Gen. Peter Muhlenberg (placed in the U.S. Capitol building)

(paper broken at fold)

II. Manuscript Poems 1898-1918

- 3 poems written in her youth
- 2 poems apparently written in her youth
- 4 poems -- page 1 missing from one poem
- 1 poem noted as "published in The Independent"
- 1 longer poem "Farewell to Japan"
- 1 poem on the new year
- 1 poem likely for President Buchanan
- 1 poem of 7 pages missing page 1
- 1 poem of 6 pages "The Bird That Sings in the Rain," missing page 1
- 1 poem "When Bridget Sweeps the Room"
- 1 humorous poem
- 18 additional poems

Poems with emendations and variants

- 1 ms. with penciled changes "Consalvo--Leopardi"
- 1 printed poem with handwritten changes "All Saint's Day"
- 1 poem of 1915 in two versions
- 1 poem with variant stanzas
- 1 poem in 2 versions 1916
- 1 poem with variants
- 1 poem with variants 1918
- 1 poem in 2 versions

Poems in one notepad, on attached sheets or formerly attached sheets

- 1 group of verses and notes
- 1 poem "Conge 1898-99"
- 1 poem

Ms. poems on Windsor Forges stationery [her home]

- 1 poem
- 1 8-stanza poem (stanzas 1 & 2 missing)
- 1 poem dated 1905



Ms. poems on stationery (steamboat, hotel, etc.)

- 1 poem
- 1 poem
- 1 poem in 2 versions + apparent final version
- 4 poems on hotel stationery + 1 related ms. poem

Fragments

- 1 poem on an independent woman
- 1 poem on a bird
- 3 poems
- 5 poems

III. Prose Manuscripts

Essay "Architecture in America"

- 1 possibly incomplete essay
- 1 script for oral delivery
- 31 page manuscript still in writing pad (pages 1--3 possibly missing?)
- 1 fragile ms. still in writing pad
- 3-page ms on Windsor Forges stationery

Fictional narrative on ocean liner stationery

5 sheets (of a letter?) on ocean liner stationery

Thoughts on travel on ocean liner stationery

5 manuscripts on folded sheets on China travels

8 page narrative on her China travels

Narrative on her Japan travels, 3 sections, pages missing

5 pages of observations on Japan

Ms. entitled "The East"

Ms. entitled "A Ponce-An [?] Episode"

Letters

6-page letter missing p. 1

Miscellaneous

3 seemingly stray pages of prose ms.

IV. Typescript

1 sheaf of typewritten poems, with duplicates

1 sheaf of copies of poems, with duplicates



V. Printed Matter

- 1 sheaf of printed poems
- 1 booklet poem "One Usual Day"
- 1 photocopy of children's booklet poem "Great Grandma's Looking Glass"
- 2 bios of Blanche Nevin
- 1 sheaf of fragile news clippings
- 3 travel articles (fragile news clippings)