

Guide to the U. T. Summers Papers, 1937-1995 (bulk 1937-1939)

Guide to the U. T. Summers Papers, 1937-1995 (bulk 1937-1939)

Table of Contents

- [Collection Summary](#)
- [Biographical Note](#)
- [Scope and Content Note](#)
- [Subject Headings](#)
- [Related Material](#)
- [Administrative Information](#)
- [Access and Use](#)
- [Encoding Information](#)
- [Container List](#)

Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Summers, U. T.

Title: U.T. Summers Papers

Inclusive Dates: 1937-1995

Bulk Dates: 1937-1939

Quantity: 0.2 cubic feet (1 box)

Abstract: This collection primarily documents U. T. Summers' friendship with Edna Stephenson. The bulk of the collection consists of letters Summers sent from Vassar College to Stephenson in their hometown of McKenzie, Tennessee.

[Top](#)

Biographical Note

U.T. Summers (Vassar Class of 1941) was a writer and professor. U. T. Miller was her full maiden name: Her parents were students at the University of Texas when she was born and they wanted to honor the school they held so dear. She was born in Texas, then moved to Kentucky, but rounded out her childhood in McKenzie, Tennessee. Acceptance to, and funding for, her Vassar education was aided by Boyce Alexander Gooch, fellow Tennessean and Vassar Class of 1915. After leaving Vassar she did graduate work at Radcliffe, worked as an editor at Houghton Mifflin, and married Joseph H. Summers, then a Harvard Ph.D. student. In 1969 the couple moved to western New York. He took a professorship in the English Department of the University of Rochester and she joined the faculty in the College of Liberal Arts at RIT. The Summers had an impressive circle of literary friends, including Elizabeth Bishop, James Merrill, Mona Van Duyn, and others. Joseph Summers died in 2003.

[Top](#)

Scope and Content Note

This collection primarily documents U. T. Summers' friendship with Edna Stephenson. The bulk of the collection consists of letters Summers sent from Vassar College to Stephenson in their hometown of McKenzie, Tennessee. There is also a bound collection of columns she wrote for the [Rochester] *City Newspaper*.

[Top](#)

Related Material

- There are a number of letters between the Summers and Elizabeth Bishop in the Bishop Collection:
- [Elizabeth Bishop Papers](#)

[Top](#)

Subject Headings

Organizations:

- Vassar College--Alumni and alumnae

Subjects:

- College teachers

VCL Categories

- Vassar College

[Top](#)

Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, January 2010.

[Top](#)

Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

U. T. Summers Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Laura Streett, 2010

Acquisition Information

Gift of U. T. Summers, October 1995.

[Top](#)

Container List

Folder 1 Description of collection and copies of photographs, ca. 1995

Folder 2 Correspondence — typescripts, 1937-1939

Folder 3 Correspondence — Stephenson's transcripts, 1937-1939

Folder 4 Correspondence — originals, 1937-1939

Folder 5 "Miss Allye" — [an account of the Stephenson/Summers friendship]

Folder 6 Clippings 1938, 1990

Folder 7 Columns from the [Rochester] *City Newspaper*, 1986-1995 (bound booklet)

[Return to the Table of Contents](#)

▼ Details

Abstract

This collection primarily documents U. T. Summers' friendship with Edna Stephenson. The bulk of the collection consists of letters Summers sent from Vassar College to Stephenson in their hometown of McKenzie, Tennessee.

Finding Aid Date

Inclusive Dates: 1937-1995