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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Banning, Margaret Culkin, 1891-
Title:	Margaret Culkin Banning Papers
Dates:	1940-1968
Quantity:	.75 cubic feet (2 boxes)
Abstract:	Addresses and talks, including three radio scripts, 1940-1967; diary from a trip around the world in 1968 and the manuscript of her book based on her diary LIFE-BOAT NUMBER TWO; copies of her fiction and articles published in periodicals; and biographical information, including an inventory of her papers in the Mugar Library at Boston University

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Biographical Note

Writer Margaret Culkin Banning was born in Buffalo, Minnesota, and traveled east to Vassar College, where she was graduated in 1912. Following training in social work she went to Duluth, and in 1914 married Archibald Tanner Banning. Six years later her novel, *This Marrying*, was published, beginning a writing career that has spanned more than fifty years. Mrs. Banning's numerous novels are romances that address social problems and reflect her concern with women's role in American life. A contributor to the women's and general magazines, she has also written stories and essays dealing with the Roman Catholic Church's positions on marriage and

birth control. A Catholic herself, Mrs. Banning had four children, two of whom died at a young age. In 1944 she married her second husband, LeRoy Salsich.

Margaret Culkin Banning has also been active in public affairs. She served as a trustee of Vassar College (1937-1945), carried out relief work in both world wars, and was frequently heard on social issues such as chastity and pornography. While Mrs. Banning supports many traditionally feminist causes, she has also written that "if a woman is going to make a man happy, she must let him be head of the house."

Banning died in 1982.

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Subject Headings

Subjects:

- Literature--Women authors
- Radio programs
- Women--Diaries
- Women--Social conditions

Places:

- United States--Social life and customs--20th century

Document Types:

- Diaries
- Scripts

VCL Categories

- Literature and Writing
- Women's History

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Margaret Culkin Banning Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Processing Information

Original processing date unknown

Acquisition Information

Gift of Margaret Culkin Banning (Mrs. LeRoy Salsich)

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Container List

Folder 1.1	Biographical information and inventory of Margaret Culkin Banning material in the Mugar Library, Boston University. Additional material in the Vassariana Biography File.,
Folder 1.2	Addresses and talks, 1946-1967 (11 items)
Folder 1.3	3 radio scripts, 1940-1942
Folder 1.4	Manuscripts of "Lifeboat Number Two" and "Round the World Journey," 1968, the diary on which the book is based.,
Folder 1.5	Manuscript - "Pictures I Took Myself",
Folder 1.5	Manuscript - "Where the Money Went" - UNRRA Report,
Folder 1.5	Manuscript - "Who Gets the Children?" - UNRRA Report,
Box 1	Fiction and articles in periodicals, A-L,
Box 2	Fiction and articles in periodicals, M-Z,

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