

Guide to the Priscilla Robertson Papers, 1889-2000

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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Robertson, Priscilla Smith
Title:	Priscilla Robertson Papers
Dates:	1889-2000
Quantity:	33 boxes (14 cubic feet)
Abstract:	Personal and professional correspondence, photographs, publications, diaries, teaching materials, and research materials author, professor, historian and former chairwoman of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

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Biographical Note

Born in Paris, Priscilla Smith Robertson (VC 1930) was a former chairwoman of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union, professor and historian. Robertson served as editor of the *Humanist* magazine, taught history at the Old Ballard School, Indiana University, Harvard University, Kentucky Southern College and the Louisville School of Art in Anchorage.

Robertson's work includes *The Revolutions of 1848: A Social History*, published 1952, and *An Experience of Women: Pattern and Change in 19th Century Europe*, published in 1982. She did considerable work with the Southern poor in the 1930s, for which she was honored by the Southern Historical Institution in Lexington two

weeks prior to her death. Robertson died 26 Nov 1989.

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Scope and Content Note

The Priscilla Robertson Papers contain correspondence, teaching and research materials, diaries and family biographical materials of the author, historian and former chairwoman of the Kentucky Civil Liberties Union.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Agee, James, 1909-1955
- Broadus, Eliza
- Guild, Aaron
- Kendall family
- Macneale family
- Macneale, Anna
- Macneale, Neil
- Plimpton family
- Plimpton, George
- Robertson, Ella Broadus, 1872-1945
- Smith family
- Smith, Winifred

Organizations:

- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky

Subjects:

- Civil rights--Kentucky
- Sharecropping--Arkansas
- Women authors
- Women historians
- Women periodical editors

Places:

- Southern States--History--20th century

Document Types:

- Diaries

Titles:

- The Humanist

VCL Categories

- Education
- Family
- History and Historians

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Encoding Information

Finding aid encoded by Jason Kovari, 19 Mar 2009.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Priscilla Robertson Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Collection processed by Archives and Special Collections Library staff.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected to this collection.

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Series List

Series I. <i>Humanist Materials</i>
Includes mostly editorial correspondence

Series II. KCLU (American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky) Materials

Series III. Personal Correspondence
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[Series IV.](#)Diaries, 1890-1922

[Series V.](#)Writings

[Series VI.](#)Teaching Materials

[Series VII.](#)Personal Materials

[Series VIII.](#)Miscellaneous Materials

[Series IX.](#)Biography

Container List

SERIES I. <i>Humanist</i> Materials	
<i>Humanist</i> Editorial Correspondence	
Box 1	A-F
Box 2	Friedmann-Hook
Boxes 2-4	Huber, 1956-1958
Box 4	I-J
Box 5	Jones-LaBarre
Box 6	Lamont-Lockwood
Box 7	M-Overstreet
Box 8	P-Wilson
Box 12	Smith-Wechsler
Box 13	Wescott-S
Box 14	Sanders- Smith, W.A.
<i>Humanist</i> Miscellaneous Materials	
Box 9	<i>Humanist</i> Controversy and aftermath

Boxes 10-12	<i>Humanist</i> : Old office materials
	Includes staff report, policy, budget
SERIES II. KCLU (American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky) Materials	
KCLU (American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky) Materials	
Boxes 15-16	KCLU Materials
Box 17	KCLU Materials; Service boards
SERIES III. Personal Correspondence 1950-2000	
Box 17	A-B
Box 18	Bendit-Brinton
Box 19	Bruun-G
Box 20	H-K
Box 21	Kendall-Lockwood
Box 22	Luscky-McKay
Box 23	N-Plimpton
Box 24	R-Taylor
Box 25	Tatlock-Webber
Box 25	Weismann-Wolcott
Box 33	Postcards to Winifred Smith
Boxes 32-33	Mother's letters to Winifred, 1889
SERIES IV. Diaries, 1890-1922	
Boxes 32-33	H.K.S. — Travel in Europe, 1903
Boxes 32-33	H.K.S. — Diary, 1910-1911
Boxes 32-33	A.M.S. diary, 1922

Boxes 32-33	Winifred Smith diary, 1890
Boxes 32-33	W.S. diary, 1892
SERIES V. Writings	
Books	
	<i>Revolutions of 1848</i>
Box 26	Letters
Box 26	Publishing
Box 26	Princeton Publishing
Box 26	Reviews
	<i>An Experience of Women: Pattern and Change in 19th century Europe</i>
Box 26	Advertising
Box 26	Copy Editing
Box 26	Drennan, J.
Box 26	Italian Library
Box 26	Letters
Box 26	Literary Agent
Box 26	Pre-Publication Letters
Box 26	Readers' Report
Box 26	Rejections
Box 26	Rettig, C.
Box 26	Reviews

Box 26	Sources
Box 26	Statistics–Append.
Box 26	Temple Publisher
	<i>History of Childhood</i>
Box 26	<i>History of Childhood</i>
Box 26	Bulletins
Box 26	Reviews
Box 26	<i>Lewis Farm</i>
Box 26	Buen
Articles	
Box 26	C.J. Reviews
Box 26	Harper's
Box 26	Harper's Commentary
Box 26	Harper's Housekeeping
Box 26	Harper's Letters to Editors
Box 26	Harper's Publishing
Box 26	Kentucky Constitution
Box 26	My Great-Grandmothers Were Happy
Box 26	Progressive Reviews
Box 26	Published Articles
Box 26	Sex
Box 26	South Today
Box 26	Student Barricades
Box 26	Values
Unpublished	
Box 26	A.H.A. Talks
Box 26	Fiction Stories

Box 26	P. R. Talks
Box 26	Unpublished (General)
Sharecropper Materials	
Box 26	1938 Student Group-Arkansas
Box 26	Addresses and Letters
Box 26	Agee, James
Box 26	Arkansas Lawrences
Box 26	Arkansas Sharecropper
Box 26	Boyle
Box 26	Butler
Box 26	Florida Lawrences
Box 26	Louise's Letters
Box 26	Louise's Text
Box 26	Memphis Convention
Box 26	Missouri Highway
Box 26	Mitchell
Box 26	Mitchell's Film
Box 26	Myrtle
Box 26	P.R. Work in Arkansas
Box 26	Political Autobiography
Box 26	Printed Sources
Box 26	Publication – Temple
Box 26	S.T.F.U.
Box 26	Socialist and Communist Fight
Miscellaneous	
Box 26	Publication Efforts
Box 26	Ideas
Box 26	Victorian Studies – Children
Box 26	Sources for Children's Book

Boxes 29-30	Notes for Children's Book: England, France, Germany, Italy
Boxes 29-30	Notes for the History of Civilization
SERIES VI. Teaching Materials	
Indiana University	
Box 27	History 104, History 359, History 103
Box 27	Notes for Lectures
Box 27	Herodotus and Greece Notes
Box 27	Student Comments
Box 27	Final Exams
KSC (Kentucky Southern College)	
Box 27	Tests
Box 27	Letters to art school students
Box 27	Student records
Box 27	Modern Europe
SERIES VII. Personal Materials	
Box 31	Priscilla Robertson Personal Materials
	Includes: photos, Academy Award, college, public service, passports, childhood expression, travel, dreams, letters
SERIES VIII. Miscellaneous Materials	
Box 28	Arts, letters, and social science
Box 28	Poetry
Box 28	Society (Un-American activities, population, religion, peace, the South)
Box 28	Art (photography, costumes)
Box 28	Language (handwriting, literature, words)
Box 29	Recreation (puzzles, solitaire...)
Box 29	Education (progressive education, Vassar, international conference, Ballard philosophy)

Box 29	Theater (programs)
SERIES IX. Biography	
Boxes 32-33	Addresses: 1 small file drawer
Smith Family	
Boxes 32-33	P.S. - letters, articles, book reviews, photos
Boxes 32-33	H.P.S. - photos, heresy trials, letters, writing
Boxes 32-33	Winifred Smith - photos, teaching, autobiography, letters, writing
Boxes 32-33	Smith ancestors - photos, printed materials
Macneale Family	
Boxes 32-33	Anna Macneale
Boxes 32-33	Genealogy
Boxes 32-33	Autobiography—Neil Macneale
Kendall Family	
Boxes 32-33	J.P.K.
Boxes 32-33	I.P.K.
Boxes 32-33	H.P.K.
Boxes 32-33	Kendall ancestors
Boxes 32-33	E.W.K.
Plimpton Family	

Boxes 32-33	George A. Plimpton
Boxes 32-33	E. Plimpton
Boxes 32-33	Plimpton genealogy
Boxes 32-33	Aaron Guild
Boxes 32-33	Plimpton photos
Miscellaneous ancestors	
Boxes 32-33	Humphrey
Boxes 32-33	H.K.S.
Boxes 32-33	E.R.E.
Boxes 32-33	Ella B. Robertson
Boxes 32-33	Robertson ancestors
Boxes 32-33	E.B.R. writing
Boxes 32-33	Robertson ancestors -photos
Boxes 32-33	Cary's siblings
Boxes 32-33	Miss Lottie letters
Boxes 32-33	A.T.R. Jr.
Boxes 32-33	Easley letters
Boxes 32-33	Eliza Broadus

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