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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Margaret Mitchell Letters to Laura Dorough Dyar

Date: 1921-2017

Extent: 1 box (0.25 linear feet) and 1.83 GB of electronic files

Creator: Mitchell, Margaret, 1900-1949

Language: English

Repository: Zach S. Henderson Library Special Collections, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA. specolle@georgiasouthern.edu. 912-478-7819. library.georgiasouthern.edu.

Processing Note: Collection processed in 2020 by Alyssa Windsor, Graduate Intern, under the supervision of Autumn M. Johnson, Special Collections Librarian.

INFORMATION FOR USE OF COLLECTION

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Related Collections:

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Margaret Mitchell letters (University of Georgia),
Margaret Mitchell letters (Tulane University),
Margaret Mitchell collection (Emory University),
Margaret Mitchell family papers (University of Georgia),
Margaret Mitchell letters, 1936, 1941 (University of Georgia),
Margaret Mitchell correspondence, 1936-1942 (Library of Congress),
Margaret Mitchell House Archives, 1848-2002 (Atlanta History Center)

Separated Material: Electronic files are currently maintained on cloud-drive at Special Collections at Zach S. Henderson Library.

ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History:

Laura Dorrough "Mother" Dyar was a long-time personal friend of Margaret Mitchell's with whom she kept in touch. A very prominent citizen of Royston, Georgia, Mother Dyar was a member of the Georgia Press Association, organized Royston Women's Club, and served as Society Editor of the Royston Record, Royston local newspaper, for many years.

Margaret Munnerlyn Mitchell was an American author best known for her Civil War-era novel, *Gone With the Wind*, that won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1937 and the National Book Award for Most Distinguished Novel in 1936. An Atlanta, Georgia native, Mitchell began writing at a young age and also found a passion for journalism as an adult writing for *The Atlanta Journal*. Mitchell notably passed in 1949 at the age of 48 after being struck by a speeding car in Atlanta with her husband, John Marsh.

Scope and Content: This collection consists of a series of twenty-one letters to Laura Dorrough "Mother" Dyar from Margaret Mitchell, Mitchell's husband, John Marsh, and Mitchell's secretary Margaret E. Baugh, dating anywhere from 1936 to 1950. Most are signed by "Peggy" Mitchell, a nickname that Margaret Mitchell went by beginning in the 1920s. One letter is handwritten and includes a handwritten envelope while the others are typed. The letters, mostly the exchange of two close friends, contain content related to Mitchell's writing of *Gone With the Wind* as well as mentions of the movie. Also included in the

collection are printed and electronic research materials related to the Dyar family including newspaper clippings and photographs related to the letters, dating from 1921 to 2017.

System of Arrangement: Box 1 contains all letters ranging from 1936 to 1950. The folders are organized by year with two of the folders of letters being organized in a short year range. Also included is a separate folder containing Dyar family research materials and a folder containing appraisal information for the collection. Electronic files are arranged by the material type as arranged by the donor.

Acquisitions Info: Gift of Ken Dyar & Rachel Rhodes-Dyar, 2020.

Access Points:

Margaret Mitchell
Margaret Mitchell letters
American authors
Laura Dorrough Dyar
Mother Dyar
Dyar Letters
Royston, Georgia

CONTAINER LISTING

Box 1: 0200106671486

<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Letter from Peggy Mitchell Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1936 July 1	1	1
Letter from Peggy Mitchell Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1936 Oct 17	1	1
Letter from John Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1937 Jan 6	1	2
Letter from John Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1937 Feb 19	1	2
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1937 May 5	1	2
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1937 Dec 3	1	2
Letter from Peggy Mitchell Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1938 May 30	1	3
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1938 Oct 31	1	3
Letter from Secretary Margaret E. Baugh to Mother Dyar, 1940	1	4

Jan 31		
Letter from John Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1940 Feb 2	1	4
Letter from John Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1940 Feb 6	1	4
Letter from Secretary Margaret E. Baugh to Mother Dyar, 1940 Nov 26	1	4
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1940 Dec 13	1	4
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1941 Apr 15	1	5
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1941 Aug 15	1	5
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1942 Feb 16	1	6
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1943 Jun 2	1	6
Letter from Peggy Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1944 Apr 17	1	6
Letter from Peggy Mitchell Marsh to Mother Dyar, 1944 Jun 22	1	6
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1945 May 2	1	7
Letter from Peggy to Mother Dyar, 1949 May 26	1	7
Letter from Wright Bryan to Mother Dyar, 1950 Aug 12	1	8
Letter from Ralph McGill to Mother Dyar, 1950 Aug 15	1	8
Dyar family research materials	1	9
Appraisal information	1	10