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Summary Information

Repository	Ball State University Archives and Special Collections
Creator - Author	Hamilton, Dorothy
Title	Dorothy Hamilton papers and photographs
Date	1962-1993
Extent	5.5 Cubic feet 6 boxes
Language	English

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Biographical Note

Dorothy Drumm was born in 1906 in Monroe Township. She lived in Delaware County, Indiana, all of her life, where she attended Cowan School, Muncie Central High School, and Ball State University. She worked in a factory to put herself through school. At the age of nineteen, Dorothy married Harry D. Hamilton and left college to become a farm wife and to raise a family.

Mrs. Hamilton grew up in the Methodist Church, and she devoted much of her life to rearing seven children. In the 1960's she turned to tutoring "slow learners" who, under her guidance and gentle encouragement, were turned into excellent students. After the last of her seven children were out of the home, Dorothy Hamilton emerged as an author of children's books, dealing with such themes as divorced parents, drug use at school, jealousy, moving to a new neighborhood, poverty, racial relations, foster homes, migrant labor, adequate housing, and alcoholic parents. She used these themes to teach children how to cope with similar problems in their own lives.

Her first children's book, *Anita's Choice*, was published in 1971. In addition to children's books, she also wrote numerous serials and articles published in magazines. As a result of her prolific writings, Dorothy Hamilton gained widespread recognition among children who looked upon her as "Grandma Moses."

Early in 1979 the Indiana State Council of the International Reading Association presented her with its "Outstanding Contribution in the Field of Reading Award." In May 1979 Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, conferred an honorary Doctor of Letters degree on Mrs. Hamilton for her significant contribution to children's literature.

Mrs. Hamilton was also the catalyst for the foundation of the Midwest Writers Workshop. Sprung from the Dorothy Hamilton Writers' Club, the Workshop was created in 1975 and, until her death, Hamilton instructed many of the sessions. She also was heavily involved with the annual Young Authors Conference.

Dorothy Hamilton died in September 1983, and a memorial service for her was held on September 16, 1983, at the Friends Memorial Church. The obituary from the Muncie Star described Dorothy Hamilton's life as "Caring...Sharing...Love...Enthusiasm." She is also remembered for her role as mother, homemaker, teacher, speaker, and author.

Scope and Contents

The Dorothy Hamilton Collection consists primarily of manuscripts of her books and writings, as well as newspaper clippings about Mrs. Hamilton's work and about her activities. The collection also includes copies of Dorothy Hamilton's magazine serials, announcement of the awards she received, the honorary

degree she obtained from Ball State University, information from Hamilton's publisher, as well as unfinished writings.

The collection contains transcripts of Mrs. Hamilton's talks, two books on cassette, mock-ups of her books, hand-written event calendar and notebooks, notes from her writing courses, correspondence, contracts, royalty statements, and some of her artwork.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in the following series:

Series 1: Dorothy Hamilton books, 1971-1985

Series 2: Dorothy Hamilton correspondence and other materials, 1962-1984

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Series 9: Dorothy Hamilton oversize poster, undated

Series 10: Dorothy Hamilton photographs, 1980/11/11

Series 11: Dorothy Hamilton sound recordings, undated

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Archives and Special Collections, Ball State University Libraries, Muncie, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Archives and Special Collections.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Archives and Special Collections as a donation. An addition was donated by Fran Parkison 2006/05/03. An addition was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Parkison 2008/04/30. An addition was donated by Ms. Jeannie Smith 2011/08/30.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing revised 2006/05/15 by R. Miller. EAD finding aid created 2012/10/04 by Julie Hausknecht. EAD finding aid modified 2013/10/28 by Rebecca Marangelli.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Literature
- Manuscripts
- Photographs
- Publications

Geographic Name(s)

- Muncie (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Authors
- Stoeckel Archives of Local History
- Workshops

Series 1: Dorothy Hamilton books, 1971-1985

Collection Inventory

Series 1: Dorothy Hamilton books, 1971-1985		
	Box	Folder
Biography, undated	1	1
<i>Amanda Fair</i> , 1981	1	2
<i>Anita's choice</i> , 1971	1	3
<i>April Along Cabin Creek</i> , 1985	1	4
<i>Bittersweet Days</i> , 1978	2	5
<i>The Blue Caboose</i> , 1973	1	6
<i>Busboys at Big Bend</i> , 1974	1	7
<i>Carlie's Pink Room [Carlie's Hiding Place]</i> , 1984	1	8
<i>The Castle</i> , 1975	1	9
<i>The Castle</i> , 1975	1	10
<i>Charco</i> , 1971	1	11

Series 1: Dorothy Hamilton books, 1971-1985

<i>Christmas at Metamore</i> , 1978	1	12
<i>Christmas for Holly</i> , 1972	1	13
<i>Cricket</i> , 1975	1	14
<i>Daniel Forbes</i> , 1980	1	15
<i>The Eagle</i> , 1974	1	16
<i>Eric's Discovery</i> , 1979	1	17
<i>The Gift of a Home</i> , 1978	1	18
<i>Gina In-Between</i> , 1982	1	19
<i>Holly's New Year</i> , 1981	1	20
<i>Jason</i> , 1974	1	21
<i>Jim Musco</i> , 1972	1	22
<i>Joel's Other Mother</i> , 1984	1	23
<i>Ken's Bright Room</i> , 1983	1	24
<i>Ken's Hideout</i> , 1978	1	25

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<i>Kerry, Tomorrow's Wheels, 1973</i>	2	1
<i>The Killdeer, 1971</i>	2	2
<i>Last One Chosen, 1982</i>	2	3
<i>Linda's Raintree, 1975</i>	2	4
<i>Mari's Mountain, 1978</i>	2	5
<i>Mindy, 1973</i>	2	6
<i>Neva's Patchwork Pillow, 1975</i>	2	7
<i>The Quail, 1973</i>	2	8
<i>Rosalie, 1977</i>	2	9
<i>Rosalie at Eleven, 1980</i>	2	10
<i>Settled Furrows, 1972</i>	2	11
<i>Straight Mark, 1976</i>	2	12
<i>Tony Savala, 1972</i>	2	13
<i>Winter Caboose, 1983</i>	2	14

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<i>Winter Caboose, 1983</i>	2	15
<i>Winter Caboose, 1983</i>	2	16
<i>Winter Caboose, 1983</i>	2	17
<i>Winter Girl, 1976</i>	2	18
Series 2: Dorothy Hamilton correspondence and other materials, 1962-1984		
	Box	Folder
Contracts, 1970-1983, undated	3	1
Correspondence, school children, 1982	3	2
Correspondence, school children, 10/12/1981	3	3
Correspondence, school children, undated	3	4
Correspondence, school children, 1978, 1981	3	5
Correspondence, school children, 1982	3	6
Correspondence, school children, 1978-1979	3	7
Correspondence, school children, 1981	3	8

Series 2: Dorothy Hamilton correspondence and other materials, 1962-1984

Correspondence, school children, 1981	3	9
Correspondence, school children, undated	3	10
Correspondence, school children, undated	3	11
Correspondence, school children, 1976-1982, undated	3	12
Correspondence, school children, 1982-1983, undated	3	13
Correspondence, school children, 1976	3	14
Correspondence, school children, 1979	3	15
Correspondence, school children, 1979	3	16
Correspondence, school children, 1981	3	17
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Correspondence, school children, 1977, 1979, 1981-1982, undated	3	21
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One definition of history, undated	4	2
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Untitled talks, undated	4	4

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Untitled talks, undated	4	7
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	Box	Folder
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Unfinished writings, <i>Terry Remembers Mrs. Grant</i> , undated	4	9
Unfinished writings, <i>Third Place Kid</i> , undated	4	10
Unfinished writings, <i>A Treasure Tree</i> , undated	4	11
Unfinished writings, <i>The Treasure Tree</i> , undated	4	12
Unfinished writings, untitled, undated	4	13
Unfinished writings, untitled, undated	4	14
Unfinished writings, untitled, undated	4	15
Unfinished writings, untitled, undated	4	16

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Writing courses, undated	4	17
Writings, religious magazines, undated	4	18
Correspondence, collection, 1985	5	1
Writings, religious magazines, B-H, 1962, 1968-1971, 1981	5	2
Writings, religious magazines, P-T, 1968-1972	5	3
Writings, religious magazines, V-4, 1970-1973	5	4
Writings, religious magazines, J-L, 1968-1970	5	5
Other materials, undated	5	6
Writings, magazine articles, other materials, undated	5	7
Writers Digest, Forum, newsletter, undated	5	8
Young authors conference, newsclippings, 1978, 1987, undated	5	9
Young authors conference, other materials, undated	5	10
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Series 9: Dorothy Hamilton oversize poster, undated

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OVC.072 Series 9: Dorothy Hamilton oversize poster, undated

PSC.283 Series 10: Dorothy Hamilton photographs, 1980/11/11

R.072 Series 11: Dorothy Hamilton sound recordings, undated

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