

**Gloria Hollister Anable Papers**  
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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Gloria Hollister Anable Papers

**Inclusive Dates:** 1916-2003

**Bulk Dates:** 1929-1936

**ID No.:** MSS85249

**Creator:** Anable, Gloria Hollister, 1900-1988

**Extent:** 600 items

**Extent:** 3 containers

**Extent:** 1 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**LC Catalog record:** <https://lcn.loc.gov/mm2005085249>

**Summary:** Zoologist and naturalist. Journals, correspondence, notes, writings, clippings, photographs, and ephemera relating primarily to Anable's activities in the 1930s as a research associate on oceanographic expeditions with William Beebe. Also contains material related to her own travels into the interior of British Guiana (present-day Guyana) for the New York Zoological Society in 1936.

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

### People

Anable, Gloria Hollister.

Beebe, William, 1877-1962.

### Organizations

New York Zoological Society.

### Subjects

Ichthyology.

Logbooks.

Natural areas--New York (State).

Oceanography.

Scientific expeditions--Bermuda Islands.

Scientific expeditions--Guyana.

Scientific expeditions--Pearl Islands (Panama)

Scientific expeditions--West Indies.

Submersibles.

Underwater exploration.

### Occupations

Naturalists.

Zoologists.

## Acquisition Information

The papers of Gloria Hollister Anable, zoologist and naturalist, were given to the Library by her niece Gloria E. Kozel in 2005.

## Processing History

The papers of Gloria Hollister Anable were arranged and described in 2006 by Michael Spangler. The finding aid was updated in 2023 by Maria Farmer as part of a division-wide remediation project by the Inclusive Description Working Group.

## Related Materials

Correspondence of Gloria Hollister Anable is also located in the [Records of the Society of Woman Geographers](#) in the Manuscript Division. Other papers of Anable are held by the Wildlife Conservation Society, New York, N.Y.

## Copyright Status

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Gloria Hollister Anable in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

## Access and Restrictions

The papers of Gloria Hollister Anable are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

## Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Gloria Hollister Anable, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## Biographical Note

Date	Event
1900, June 11	Born, New York, N.Y.
1924	B.S., Connecticut College, New London, Conn.
1925	M.S. in zoology, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1928-1941	Research associate, Department of Tropical Research, New York Zoological Society, New York, N.Y.
1930-1934	Team member, oceanographic explorations in bathysphere designed by William Beebe and Otis Barton, Nonsuch Island, Bermuda
1934	Descended 1,208 feet in bathysphere, a record for a woman that stood for three decades
1936	Led scientific expedition to the Kaieteur plateau and falls, British Guiana (present-day Guyana), sponsored by the New York Zoological Society
1941	Married Anthony Anable (died 1980)
1942-1945	Joined the American National Red Cross serving on the blood donor program and the Speakers Bureau of the Public Relations Department
1953-1974	Cofounder and officer, Mianus River Gorge Wildlife Refuge and Botanical Preserve, Westchester, N.Y.
1988, Feb. 19	Died, Fairfield, Conn.

## Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gloria Elaine Hollister Anable (1900-1988) span the years 1916-2003, with most of the material concentrated in the period 1929-1936. Journals, correspondence, writings, clippings, notes, and photographs comprise the bulk of the collection. It is arranged alphabetically by type of material or name of topic and thereunder chronologically.

The collection primarily documents Anable's activities in the 1930s as a research associate on William Beebe's oceanographic expeditions under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society. During this period before her marriage she became widely known (under her maiden name Gloria Hollister) with the media generating publicity about her work. Joining Beebe's team in 1928, she helped establish his research station on Nonsuch Island, Bermuda, and participated in inaugural deep sea explorations in the bathysphere designed by Beebe and Otis Barton. Notable in the papers are mostly intact holographic journals from 1930 to 1933 that include Anable's ichthyological notes, ships' logs, comments on expedition personnel and the bathysphere, and other observations from expeditions in Bermuda, the Caribbean, and the Pearl Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Photographs, Anable's articles, and clippings in the papers also relate to this period.

Anable earned further recognition as leader of a zoological expedition into the seldom explored interior of British Guiana (present-day Guyana) in 1936. Material in the papers related to this trip include correspondence, clippings, background material, ephemera, and notes for articles and lectures. She left the zoological society in 1941 and devoted time to conservation issues, most notably as a co-founder and leader of the Mianus River Gorge Wildlife Refuge and Botanical Preserve in Westchester, New York. The papers include a brief amount of printed matter relating to her work with this project.

## Arrangement of the Papers

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# Container List

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BOX 3	Mianus River Gorge Wildlife Refuge and Botanical Preserve in Westchester, N.Y., 1970, 1980-2003 (2 folders)
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