Velma West Sykes Papers
A Finding Aid to the Collection in the Library of Congress

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Washington, D.C.
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Collection Summary

Title: Velma West Sykes Papers
Span Dates: 1820-1975
Bulk Dates: (bulk 1963-1975)
ID No.: MSS50005
Creator: Sykes, Velma West, b. 1892
Extent: 350 items
Extent: 2 containers
Extent: 0.8 linear feet
Language: Collection material in English
Location: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
LC Catalog record: https://lccn.loc.gov/mm76050005
Summary: Author. Correspondence, writings, printed matter, and research material relating primarily to an unpublished work by Sykes entitled "Widowed by the Gallows, a Biography of Mrs. John Brown."

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
Brown family--Correspondence.
Brown, John, 1800-1859.
Brown, Mary Ann Day, 1816-1884.
Gee, Clarence S.--Correspondence.
Stutler, Boyd B. (Boyd Blynn), 1889-1970--Correspondence.
Sykes, Velma West, 1892-

Occupations
Authors.

Provenance

The papers of Velma West Sykes, author, were given to the Library of Congress by Sykes in 1972-1975.

Processing History

The collection was housed and listed circa 1975. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Velma West Sykes is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Velma West Sykes 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, Velma West Sykes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Velma West Sykes (born 1892) span the years 1820-1975, with the bulk of the material from 1963 to 1975. The collection consists of correspondence, writings, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other research material relating primarily to an unpublished work by Sykes entitled "Widowed by the Gallows, a Biography of Mrs. John Brown." Correspondents include Clarence S. Gee and Boyd Blynn Stutler, and several descendants of John Brown (1800-1859) and his widow, Mary Ann Day Brown.

Arrangement of the Papers

The collection is organized by type of material.
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