

Loretto Heritage Center Archives and Museum

Finding Aid: Personal Mission Materials, Sr. Lilliana Owens, SL

LHC17.L

Date Range: 1897-2012

Creator: Sr. Lilliana Owens, SL

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Creator of Material Biography: Lilliana Owens, SL, was born May 13, 1899 in St. Paul, Kansas to James J. Owens and Lillian M. Abell. She was christened Eleanor Elizabeth Owens and took the religious name Lilliana (in honor of her mother) upon being received into the Sisters of Loretto on December 8, 1917. Her older sister, Ethelbert Owens, SL, was also a member of the order, as were two of her aunts, Oswald Abell, SL, and Louis Abell, SL. Lilliana received her bachelor's degree from Loretto Heights University in Denver, Colorado in 1924, her master's from St. Louis University in 1928, and her Ph.D. from St. Louis University in 1935. She taught history, Latin, and religion for more than three decades in high schools across the country, including in Missouri, Colorado, Illinois, Texas, and New Mexico. She later served as the librarian at Loretto Academy in El Paso, Texas and earned a master's in library science from Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio, Texas in 1954. Throughout her career, Lilliana was a prolific writer. In all, she published five books, nearly 100 articles in various periodicals, and several monographs, pamphlets, and comic books about Loretto history. She served as an associate editor for *Revista Catolica*, a Spanish-language Catholic newspaper and printing press run by Jesuits in El Paso. Three of Lilliana's books and several of her articles were published by *Revista Catolica*. In 1955, Lilliana moved to the Lafayette Retirement Center in St. Louis to research and write full time. She moved to the Loretto Motherhouse Infirmary in 1984 and died on September 27, 1992.

Description: Series consists of material created by, collected by, or about Lilliana Owens. Includes Owen's family history documents, photographs, correspondence, scrapbooks, and drafts of published work.

Related Materials: Personnel file for Lilliana (LHC04); LHC13 for copies of her published works; Schools (LHC06) for additional research materials collected by Lilliana.

Arrangement

Material was grouped into sub-series and files by the archivist, Laurel Wilson.

Sub-series 1: LHC17.L.a Biographical Materials

Box 1: LHC17.L.a.01

Folder 1: Biographical Materials
Folder 2: Photographs
Folder 3: Owens and Abell Family History

Sub-series 2: LHC17.L.b Correspondence

Box 1: LHC17.L.b.01

Folder 1: Correspondence with Sr. Antonella Hardy
Folder 2: Correspondence Re: *Revista Catolica* Business and Research
Folder 3: Correspondence Re: Comic Books Publication
Folder 4: Other Correspondence

Sub-series 3: LHC17.L.c Published Work, Drafts, and Research

Description: Articles written by Lilliana for numerous periodicals, as well as a manuscript of one of her books, and research materials she collected. Box 1 includes the articles, manuscript, and a few of the pamphlets/booklets she wrote about Loretto history. Box 2 contains Lilliana's research materials, maintaining the original folder titles she used.

Box 1: LHC17.J.c.01

Folder 1: Articles in Periodicals
Folder 2: Articles for *Revista Catolica*
Folder 3: Booklets/ Pamphlets
Folder 4: Manuscript of "The Life of Bishop Schuler," part 1
Folder 5: Manuscript of "The Life of Bishop Schuler," part 2
Folder 6: Manuscript of "The Life of Bishop Schuler," part 3

Box 1: LHC17.J.c.02

Folder 1: Baptisms
Folder 2: Crepeau
Folder 3: Indian Tribes
Folder 4: Kaskaskia Records
Folder 5: *Marcheteau Dit Desnoyers*
Folder 6: Miscellaneous
Folder 7: Missouri Historical Society Archives
Folder 8: Papin
Folder 9: Reihle
Folder 10: Revard
Folder 11: Roy
Folder 12: St. Charles Records
Folder 13: St. Ferdinand Register
Folder 14: St. Louis of France (Old Cathedral) Records
Folder 15: *Tanguay Dictionnaire Genealogique* Records
Folder 16: Terrien
Folder 17: Uno
Folder 18: Valle

Folder 19: Vertefeuille Revard

Sub-series 4: LHC17.J.d Scrapbook

Description: Oversized scrapbook put together by Lilliana containing articles, pamphlets, and brochures about Loretto's work in various states.

Box 1: LHC17.J.d.01

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