

Preliminary Guide to the Mary M. Geran Starr Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 459

CREATOR: Starr, Mary M. Geran

TITLE: Mary M. Geran Starr papers

DATES: 1910-1960

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 2.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Correspondence, printed matter, photographs and memorabilia reflecting the friendship of Mary Geran with members of the Greek royal family and with members of the German nobility. The largest number of letters are from Lilo Scholz, Marguerite, Landgräfin of Hesse, Grand Duchess Helen of Russia and from Sophia, princess of Greece.

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f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of Mary M. Starr in 1941-1960.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Educator; M.A., Yale, 1930; from 1915-1916 taught in Japan; 1919-1922 liaison agent between warring factions of North and South China; ca. 1922 married Harry M. Starr; ca. 1942-1945 provided home for British sailors on leave in the New York area; in 1947 awarded "The King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom,"; taught French in Indiana, 1947; taught in Leesburg, Virginia, 1960.

For a chart outlining the genealogical relations of the Greek Royal family, please consult the [Genealogical Chart](#).

Scope and Contents

These papers of Mary M. Starr contain correspondence, printed matter, photographs, and memorabilia.

The bulk of these papers consists of correspondence and other papers relating to members of the royal family of Greece of whom Mary Starr was a personal friend. The persons represented by the largest amount of correspondence are Prince Nicholas (1872-1938) and his wife, Princess Helen (1896-), and Landgräfin Marguerite of Hesse (-1954). Also included are short writings by Prince Nicholas, an annotated copy of his memoirs, *My Fifty Years*, and photographs of family members, Greek schools and hospitals, and paintings by Prince Nicholas. There is also correspondence with individuals not related to the royal family, much of it dealing with the royal family and Greek affairs, although some of the correspondence seems to be from individuals Mary Starr met in China and Japan. There is, finally, printed matter and memorabilia relating to the British royal family, and a list of parcels sent by Mary Starr to members of the Greek royal family and others over a period of five years.

These papers were given to Yale University by Mary M. Starr between 1941 and 1960.

Collection Contents

Greek Royal Family and Related Individuals

b. 1, f. 1	Frederika Louise, princess of Hanover, consort of Paul I, king of the Hellenes (1917-)	1950-1958
b. 1, f. 2	George, prince of Greece (1869-1957)	1951
b. 1, f. 3 - 7	Helena Vladimirovna, grand duchess of Russia, princess Nicholas of Greece (1882-1957)	1941-1957
b. 1, f. 8	Helen, princess of Greece, consort of Carol II, king of Rumania (1896-)	1937
b. 1, f. 9 - 20	Marguerite, princess of Prussia, Landgräfin of Hesse (-1954)	1935-1953
b. 1, f. 21	Marina, princess of Greece, duchess of Kent (1906-1968)	1950-1954
	Nicholas, prince of Greece (1872-1938)	
b. 2, f. 22 - 37	Correspondence	1928-1940, undated
b. 2, f. 38	<i>My Fifty Years</i> English	1926
b. 3, f. 39	Olga, princess of Greece, princess Paul of Serbia (1903-)	1950-1951
b. 3, f. 40	Richard, prince of Hesse	1948-1955
b. 3, f. 41 - 42	Sophia, princess of Greece, princess Christoph of Hesse, princess George of Hanover (1914-)	1948-1954
b. 3, f. 43	Theodora, princess of Greece, Margravine of Baden	1948
b. 3, f. 44	William II, German emperor (1859-1941)	1936
	Other individuals	
b. 3, f. 45	Calligas, Mr. and Mrs. Paul	1935-1939
b. 3, f. 46 - 47	Contostavlos, Angelique	1938-1947
b. 3, f. 48	Empson, Marie Kimstadios	1948
b. 3, f. 49	Kuroda, Meiko	1941
b. 3, f. 50	Moses, George H.	
b. 3, f. 51 - 55	Quo, Mme. Diana H., and Quo Tai-Chi	1932-1960
b. 3, f. 56	Rankin, K. L.	1946
b. 3, f. 57 - 62	Scholz, Lilo (Mrs. H. W.)	1940-1941
	Printed matter	
b. 3, f. 63	"Constantin 1er inconnu," <i>La Petite Illustration</i> , no. 731 English	1935 July 13

b. 4	George V, king of Great Britain: silver jubilee souvenir booklets	1935
b. 3, f. 64	George VI, king of Great Britain: coronation programs and souvenir booklets See also: Box 4, oversize	1957
b. 3, f. 65	Starr, Mary M.: newspaper clipping	1943 April 4
b. 3, f. 66 - 71	Photographs	1910-1947, undated
b. 3, f. 72	Starr, Mary M.: notes on parcels sent to members of the Greek royal family and others	1947-1952
b. 4	Oversize photographs and printed matter	

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Geographic Names

Europe

Greece -- Kings and rulers

Names

Frederika, Queen, consort of Paul I, King of the Hellenes, 1917-1981

Geōrgios, Prince of Greece, 1869-1957

Helen, Princess, consort of Carol II, King of Rumania, b. 1896

Helena Vladimirova, Grand Duchess of Russia, Princess Nicholas of Greece, 1882-1957

Marguerite, Princess of Prussia, Landgräfin of Hesse, d. 1954

Marina, Duchess of Kent, 1906-1968

Scholz, Lilo

Sophia, Princess of Greece, Princess Christoph of Hesse, Princess George of Hanover, b. 1914

Starr, Mary M. Geran

William, German Emperor, II, 1859-1941