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Viola Gardner (1903-1989) Papers

1953-1982

One cubic foot

Gardner was Poet Laureate of Missouri. Includes her poetry, publications, correspondence, and instruction techniques. Also photocopies of the poetry journal, "Orphic Lute" which she published.

BIOGRAPHY:

Viola Gardner was born on February 10, 1903, in Avery, Oklahoma. She graduated from Parsons High School, Tyler Texas Commercial College, and Kansas City Teacher College. Viola edited and published several newspapers, journals, and brochures, and was at one time Poet Laureate of Missouri. Her husband, Thomas F. Gardner, died in 1963. She lived in Kansas City for thirty-nine years and then moved to El Paso, Texas. She died in Marfa, Texas, on January 12, 1989.

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DESCRIPTION:

This collection concerns Viola's life as a poet. As such, it contains her poetry, publications, correspondence, and instruction techniques. Folders 23 thru 36 contain photocopies of the Orphic Lute dating from Spring 1977 thru Summer 1982.

INVENTORY:

BOX 001

- Folder 1. Biographical information
- Folder 2. Correspondence
- Folder 3. Published material, clippings
- Folder 4. Orphic Lute (poetry journal)
- Folder 5. Poetry Books by Viola Gardner
- Folder 6. Collections of poetry, including those of Viola's
- Folder 7. Collections of poetry by Viola's friends and students
- Folder 8. Poems: Handwritten
- Folder 9. Poems: Holidays
- Folder 10. Poems: Humor
- Folder 11. Poems: Love
- Folder 12. Poems: Love
- Folder 13. Poems: Nature
- Folder 14. Poems: Spiritual
- Folder 15. Poems: Various Themes
- Folder 16. Poems: Short Poems
- Folder 17. Poems: "Love Poems of a Shy Violet"
- Folder 18. Poems: "Catty Schisms"
- Folder 19. Poetry Contests
- Folder 20. Poetry and Instruction

- Folder 21. Instruction
- Folder 22. Instruction
- PHOTOCOPIES OF POETRY JOURNAL (KA1334)
- Folder 23. Orphic Lute, Spring 1977
- Folder 24. Orphic Lute, Summer 1977
- Folder 25. Orphic Lute, Autumn 1977
- Folder 26. Orphic Lute, Summer 1978
- Folder 27. Orphic Lute, Autumn 1978
- Folder 28. Orphic Lute, Spring 1979
- Folder 29. Orphic Lute, Summer 1979
- Folder 30. Orphic Lute, Autumn 1979
- Folder 31. Orphic Lute, Winter 1979
- Folder 32. Orphic Lute, Spring 1980
- Folder 33. Orphic Lute, Christmas 1980
- Folder 34. Orphic Lute, Winter 1980
- Folder 35. Orphic Lute, Autumn 1981
- Folder 36. Orphic Lute, Summer 1982