

TITLE: Dorothy McNamee letters

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Dorothy Davis McNamee was born on March 11, 1907 in Wabash, Indiana. She attended Indiana University for two years and then studied fashion drawing at the Detroit Commercial Art School for three years before her marriage to Kenneth McNamee.

Due to Kenneth's failing health, the couple moved to Tucson in 1937. Soon after moving, they started the Overland Bookshop in their home at 901 East Hedrick Street. Kenneth died, and Dorothy became an expert on rare books about the southwest, as well as then current books about the area. She was a close friend of Yndia Smalley Moore, former president of the Arizona Historical Society.

Dorothy McNamee died on July 8, 1975 in Tucson.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE: This is a collection of letters from Dorothy McNamee to Harold Batchelor, librarian at Miller Library, Tempe. The letters relate to books on the west, the operation of the University of Arizona Library, the operation of the Miller Library at Tempe, book collections, book buyers, the running of a home bookshop, and social life in the Tucson book world.

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