

TITLE: Ida Flood Dodge Papers

DATE RANGE: 1870-1940

CALL NUMBER: MS 222

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 3 boxes, 1.5 linear feet

PROVENANCE: This is an “artificial” collection constructed from separate gifts, from Ida Flood Dodge, Clara Fish Roberts, and Kay Miles, Dodge’s daughter.

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PROCESSED BY: Series Two through Six were processed by Suzanne Pruchnicki under the supervision of Adelaide Elm, Archivist in 1989, and Series One was processed in 1979.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:

Ida Clarissa Flood was born in Wilmington, California on November 29, 1879. She was the second child of John Andrew Flood (born 1854 in Stockton, California) and Annie Lurania Brown Flood (born March 22, 1855 in Stockton also). One month after Ida’s birth this pioneer California family arrived by train in Sentinel, Arizona. In 1882 the Floods went back to California, finally returning to settle in Bowie, Arizona in 1888.

Ida was taught at home until the seventh grade by her Vermont-born grandmother, Lurania Abbott Brown. In 1890 school attendance became compulsory and Ida Flood attended Safford School in Military Plaza. In 1895 she enrolled in the University of Arizona in Tucson, initially a mining school, and received her degree on May 31, 1900. She was one of the first women graduates of the University. Ida Dodge had a great affection for her alma mater, of which she was president of the University of Arizona Alumni Association.

In 1900-1901 Ida Flood taught at La Colorado, a private school in Sonora, Mexico. She joined the Tucson school system in 1901 as a elementary teacher at Safford School. In 1902-1903 Ida taught and served as principal of the Holladay School. On June 1, 1904 she married Guy E. Dodge (born 1871), a conductor on the Southern Pacific Railroad, in Tucson. Two children were born to the couple: Abbott Edward Dodge on May 12, 1905 at Oakland, California, and Anne Katherine Dodge on July 12, 1911 at Tucson. Evidently the Dodge family moved to Tucson about 1911 and Ida resumed teaching sometime after the birth of Katherine, since she served as principal of the Mansfield School from 1913 to 1917, as a president of the Tucson Teachers’ Association.

In 1928, after thirteen of years of research and writing, Ida Dodge completed a history textbook, Our Arizona, published by Scribner's Sons in 1929 and reprinted in 1936. This history text was used by Arizona school children to at least 1940, if not longer. In 1928, the Arizona Daily Star published a version for newspaper readers entitled Arizona Under Our Flag.

Mrs. Dodge's lifelong interest in Arizona history is reflected in her scrapbooks of clippings covering every aspect of the state's history, but particularly strong in the area of missions San Xavier and Tumacacori.

Ida Dodge wrote more than 125 poems, many of which appeared in anthologies and periodicals. Some of her best know are those on San Xavier del Bac, Tumacacori Mission, and "This Is to Pioneer". She was deeply involved in the Arizona State Poetry Society and served as its president in 1929 and 1930.

Mrs. Dodge wrote in her Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society application in November 1940: "I want to leave behind me in literature that which may let others know the beauty and the worth of this pioneer region of ours. For this reason I have written poems for years on Arizona. These are in many anthologies and have been published widely in newspapers and magazines. I have written two novels on Arizona featuring particularly early life in the Santa Cruz Valley." The novels, Mirage and Deep In The Soil, were never published.

In 1944 Ida Dodge retired from teaching and moved with her husband to Oakland, California. The Dodges continued to winter in Tucson, and her husband died there in 1949. Mrs. Dodge died on April 2, 1955 at the age of 75.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

The papers of Ida Flood Dodge consist of three boxes and oversize materials arranged in sis series: (1) Manuscripts; (2) Correspondence (1918-1980); (3) Literary Productions (1930-1940); (5) Printed materials (1902-1937) and (6) Songs (1944-1947).

The bulk of Series Two through Six of this collection consists of scrapbooks of Arizona history clippings, original poems of Ida Dodge, Arizona State Poetry Society clippings, and literary productions of Ida Dodge.

Series One consists of most of the writings of Ida Flood Dodge, including the manuscripts to her textbook, Our Arizona (accompanied by sketch maps), and her two unpublished novels, Deep In The Soil (incomplete) and Mirage, as well as poems (five typescript copies and one clipping), and a short address given before the University of Arizona Alumni Assembly in 1921.

Series Two consists of correspondence between Ida Flood Dodge and the Arizona Historical Society.

Series Three consists of literary productions and manuscripts of three talks given by Ida Dodge (1930-).

Series Four consists of eight scrapbooks beginning with that of Ida Dodge's grandmother (1870) and ending with scrapbooks on Arizona history and Ida Dodge's original poems (1910-1940).

Series Five consists of fourteen folders containing certificates of the Dodge family, Arizona history clippings, and pamphlets (1902-1937).

Series Six consists of four songs by Ida Dodge (1944-1947)

Two copies of Our Arizona and a copy of Arizona Under Our Flag by Ida Dodge as well as four folders of photographs, were transferred to the library and the photo department at the time the collection was processed.

CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Description	Dates
1		Series 1 - Manuscripts	1921, undated
	1	Six poems, Arizona alumni address of 1921	1921
	2	<u>Deep In The Soil</u> , pp. 1-146	undated
	3	<u>Deep In The Soil</u> , pp. 147-259	undated
	4	<u>Mirage</u> , pp. i-iv, 1-196	undated
	5	<u>Mirage</u> , pp. 197-404	undated
	6	<u>Our Arizona</u> , with maps	undated
2		Series 2 - Correspondence with AHS	undated
	7	Correspondence with AHS	1918-1980
		Series 3 - Literary Productions, talks, poetry	undated
	8	Three manuscripts of talks given by Ida Dodge (1930-)	undated
	9	Original poem, "For Katherine"	undated
		Series 4 – Scrapbooks	1910-1940
	10	Scrapbook of Lurania Abbott Brown, maternal grandmother	1870-1900
	11	Scrapbook of Dodge family clippings	1909-1940
	12	Scrapbook of Tucson & Arizona	1910-1930
	13	Oversize scrapbook of poetry (Loose on shelf)	1910-1945
	14	Oversize scrapbook of poetry, newspaper clippings (Loose on shelf)	undated
3	15	Scrapbook – Arizona history, State Poetry Society, Dodge family clippings	1920
	16	Scrapbook – American history	1940
		Series 5 – Printed Materials	1902-1930
	17	Printed material, University of Arizona history clippings	1902-1931
	18	Printed material, legal documents	1904
	19	Printed material, wedding book	1904
	20	Printed material, "Origin of Curtain Plan Comes in the United States"	1905
	21	Certificate of Abbott E. Dodge	1908

22	Printed material, Arizona history clippings	1908-1933
23	Monograph, Inc	1914
24	Printed material, Coronado's Expedition in 1540	1917
25	Certificate of Ida Dodge	1919
26	Oversize certificates (Loose on shelf)	1918-1920
27	"Arizona" by Iron Branson, Lummons pamphlet	1930
28	Commencement program, Tucson High School	1929
29	Legal Document, Memorandum of Agreement	1929
30	Teacher contracts	1918-1930
	Series 6 – Songs	1944-1947
31	Four songs by Ida Dodge and Gail Ridgway Brown	1944-1947