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Summary
Creator: Drake-Brockman, H. (Henrietta), 1901-1968
Title: Papers of Henrietta Drake-Brockman
Date range: 1882-1975
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Scope and Content
The papers comprise correspondence, manuscripts, typescripts, diaries, photographs, cuttings and research material relating to the life and writings of Henrietta Drake-Brockman. The collection also contains some papers of the Jull and Stewart families.

Biographical Note
Henrietta Jull was born in Perth in 1901. In 1921 she married Geoff Drake-Brockman, then Commissioner for the far north west of Australia. They travelled extensively in north western Australia and this formed the basis of her articles for the West Australian and her novels Blue north (1934), The younger son (1937) and The fatal days (1947).

Drake-Brockman also wrote for the theatre in the 1930s and 1940s. She was co-editor with Walter Murdoch of Australian Short Stories(1951).

Drake-Brockman joined the Sydney branch of the Fellowship of Australian Writers in 1939 and was one of the founders of the West Australian Branch, becoming president in 1941 and again in 1956-57. She was awarded an O.B.E. in 1967 and died in 1968.
Administrative Information

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Collection is open to research.

Restrictions on Use
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Access Terms

Personal Names
- Burgoyne, Geoffrey Landerdale, 1878-1969
- Drake-Brockman, Anne
- Drake-Brockman, Geoffrey, 1886-1977
- Drake-Brockman, Julia
- Drake-Brockman, Paris, 1927-2000
- Franklin, Miles, 1879-1954
- Gilmore, Mary, Dame, 1865-1962
- Hasluck, Paul, Sir, 1905-1993
- Hill, Ernestine, 1899-1972
- Howarth, R.G. (Robert Guy), 1906-1974
- Jull, Martin Edward, 1861-1917
- Jull, Roberta Henrietta Margaritta, 1872-1961
- McCrae, Hugh, 1876-1958
- Moore, John, Sir, 1915-
- Morris, Myra
- Porter, Hal, 1911-1984
- Prichard, Katharine Susannah, 1883-1969
- Skinner, M. L. (Mary Louisa), 1876-1955
- Stewart, Douglas, 1913-1985
Corporate Names

- Angus & Robertson
- Australian Association for Cultural Freedom
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- International P.E.N.

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*Australian writers and their work*, Katharine S. Prichard: typescript, biographical notes, research material and correspondence.

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Folder 5-6
Australian Society of Authors: Minutes of meetings, reports, some correspondence, 1961-87.

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Conferring of degrees, annual reports and guide to documents and publications relating to the history of West Australia and 'Guide to University of W.A.'

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Folder 5
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**Series 11: Memorabilia**

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Subseries 1: Magazines and journals containing writings by Henrietta Drake-Brockman

The journals include Walkabout with index to articles and short stories (1942-55), Westerly (5 issues, 1967-68), Southerly (1967-68), Kenyon Review (1968), and The Critic Vol 1 (1) 1961 - vol 6 (5) 1965 (incomplete).

Subseries 2: Travel brochures and maps

Qantas Airways brochures, travel guides, maps with personal notes and annotations.
Subseries 3: Catalogues and programs

Museums and exhibition catalogues, theatre and art programs.

Series 14: Photographs and slides

Subseries 1: Photographs, snapshots and negatives (see also folio item 1)

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Subseries 2: Slides

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Folder 3
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Folder 4
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Folder 5
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Folder 6
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Folder 7
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Folder 5
- Pencil sketches by H. Jull, c.1919.

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