

Eulalie Osgood Grover papers, 1900-1954
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Summary Information

Repository	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
Creator	Grover, Eulalie Osgood, 1873-1958
Title	Eulalie Osgood Grover papers
Date [inclusive]	1900-1954
Extent	0.2 Linear feet
Language	English

Language of Materials note Materials are primarily in English, with some materials in French.

Abstract This is a small collection of papers by the author Eulalie Osgood Grover. This collection consists of two typescript French translations of *Sunbonnet Babies*, a printed copy of *A Trip to Egypt by Dreamland Babies*, advertising material for *The Art-Literature Readers*, and correspondence. The majority of the correspondence is from the illustrator Bertha Corbett Melcher, with whom Grover collaborated frequently.

Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Eulalie Osgood Grover papers, 1900-1954, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

Biographical/Historical note

Eulalie Osgood Grover was born on June 22, 1873 in Mantorville, Minnesota. She authored the “Sunbonnet Babies” series, starting with *The Sunbonnet Babies’ Primer*, which was published in 1902. The books were based around a 150-word vocabulary and included songs which were used in schools throughout the United States. Her illustrator for the Sunbonnet series, Bertha L. Corbett, later Bertha Corbett Melcher, studied in Philadelphia under Howard Pyle. In 1905, Grover wrote a second series, *The Overall Boys*. She published twenty-seven books, including *Sunbonnet Babies in Holland* (1915) and *The Overall Boys in Switzerland* (1916), drawing from her travels in Europe. These books were used by second and third grade students as geography textbooks. Starting in 1904, she wrote the first three volumes in *The Art-Literature Reader* series published by Atkinson, Mentzer & Grover. She also edited a book of nursery rhymes, *Mother Goose: The Original Volland Edition* (1915). She died in Winter Park, Florida on December 18, 1958.

Bibliography

“Eulalie Osgood Grover” *Winter Park Public Library* accessed on December 30, 2011, <http://www.wppl.org/wphistory/EulalieGrover/index.html>.

Scope and Contents note

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Arrangement note

The materials are arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

This collection is open to researchers by appointment. Please contact the Curator for information on access.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Gift of Frances Grover, 1964.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Winter Park Public Library: Eulalie Osgood Grover Collection.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Translations (documents)
- Typescripts

Personal Name(s)

- Grover, Edwin Osgood, 1870-
- Grover, Frances
- Melcher, Bertha Corbett

Subject(s)

- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century
- Illustrated children's books--20th century

Collection Inventory

Correspondence from Bertha Corbett Melcher 1900 September-1928 September

	Box	Folder
Text	1	1

Draft of French translation of *The Sunbonnet Babies*, typescript circa 1902

	Box	Folder
Text	1	2

Box

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Alternate draft of French translation of *The Sunbonnet Babies*, typescript circa 1902

"A Trip to Egypt by Dreamland Babies", Pillsbury Vitos advertisement, printed material circa 1902

	Box	Folder
Text	1	3

Advertising materials for *The Art-Literature Readers* series, typescript and printed material 1904

	Box	Folder
Text	1	4

Excerpt from *Reading I've Liked* by Clifton Fadiman on *The Overall Boys*, typescript circa 1941

	Box	Folder
Text	1	5

Letter from Jessie Phelps Kahles concerning *Mother Goose: The Original Volland Edition*, typescript 1954 March 10

	Box	Folder
Text	1	6

Scope and Contents note

Includes clipping concerning an exhibit at Mills Memorial Library on the 55th anniversary of the publication of Sunbonnet Babies.