

MARY BERTHELOT WALL PAPERS

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SUMMARY

Size	14 linear feet
Geographic Locations	Ascension Parish, Louisiana; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Bay St. Louis, Mississippi
Inclusive Dates	1887-1990
Languages	English
Summary	The Mary Berthelot Wall Papers consist of family correspondence, legal and financial records, poetry, printed items, and photographs documenting Wall's life and literary activities.
Access Restrictions	Collection is preliminarily processed but open for use. No restrictions on access.
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Related Collections	Evans Wall Papers, Mss. 4411, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge, La.
Citation	Mary Berthelot Wall Papers, Mss. 4438, Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley Collections, LSU Libraries Special Collections, Baton Rouge, La.
Stack Location(s)	91:23-29, OS:W

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Mary Claire Berthelot Wall was born in 1903 in Ascension Parish, Louisiana, to Hattie Avery and Joseph Albert Berthelot. Mary had one sister, Ethel Berthelot Allen, and two brothers, Victor and Joseph Berthelot.

Mary attended St. Joseph's Academy in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1925 and a Master of Arts degree in 1927, both from Louisiana State University. In 1936 or 1937, she married Evans Spencer Wall, Jr., a writer. Mary and Evans Wall had no children. Evans had a daughter, Betty Wall Ward, by a previous marriage. The Walls lived in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Mary was a Louisiana poet, a founder of the National Federation of the State Poetry Society, and co-founder of the Louisiana State Poetry Society. She died on July 6, 1990.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Mary Berthelot Wall Papers consist of family correspondence, legal and financial records, poetry, printed items, and photographs documenting Mary's life and literary activities from 1911 through 1990. Correspondence of the Berthelot family, some of which is neither to nor from Mary, comprises most of the collection. Due to the large number of letters for whom the writer is unidentified, correspondence is arranged by addressee, as opposed to by the writer, and then chronologically.

Correspondence includes letters to the following individuals: Hattie Avery Berthelot and Joseph Albert Berthelot (1887-1931), Mary Berthelot Wall (1911-1989), Ethel Berthelot Allen (1905-1981), Victor Berthelot (1909-1944), Joseph Berthelot (1907-1950), and Josie E. Welch, Mary Berthelot Wall's great aunt (1876-1939). A few legal documents of Joseph Albert Berthelot (1908-1912) are included. Also present is a family tree for the Welch family. Printed poetry and typescripts of poetry by Mary Berthelot Wall (1943-1989) and photographs (1888-1986) comprise the bulk of the remainder of the collection.

INDEX TERMS

Materials relating to these people, places, and things can be found throughout the entire collection.

Berthelot family.

Berthelot, Hattie Avery.

Berthelot, Joseph Albert.

Louisiana State Poetry Society.

Photographic prints.

Poets, American--Louisiana.

Scrapbooks.

Wall, Mary B. (Mary Berthelot), 1903-1990.

Welch family.

CONTAINER LIST

<u>Stack</u>			
<u>Location</u>	<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder(s)</u>	<u>Contents (with dates)</u>
91:23	1	1-22	Correspondence, letters to Hattie Avery Berthelot and Joseph Albert Berthelot, 1887-1921
	2	1-12	Correspondence, letters to Hattie Avery Berthelot and Joseph Albert Berthelot, 1922-1931, undated
		13	Legal documents, Joseph Albert Berthelot, 1908-1912
		14-20	Correspondence, letters to Mary Berthelot Wall, 1911-1925
91:24	3	1-17	Correspondence, letters to Mary Berthelot Wall, 1926-1937
	4	1-14	Correspondence, letters to Mary Berthelot Wall, 1938-1944
91:25	5	1-14	Correspondence, letters to Mary Berthelot Wall, 1945-1969
	6	1-12	Correspondence, letters to Mary Berthelot Wall, 1970-1989, undated
91:26	7	1-7	Correspondence, letters to Mary Berthelot Wall and Ethel Berthelot Allen, 1910-1950, undated
		8-12	Correspondence, letters to Ethel Berthelot Allen, 1905-1936, 5 folders
	8	1-11	Correspondence, letters to Ethel Berthelot Allen, 1936-1971
	91:27	9	1-11
10		1-4	Correspondence, letters to Victor Berthelot, 1909-1944, undated
		5	Correspondence, letters to Joseph Berthelot, 1907-1950, undated
		6-16	Correspondence, letters to Josie E. Welch, 1876-1939), undated
91:28	11	1-3	Correspondence, letters to Josie E. Welsh from Bessie Storrs, undated
		4-13	Correspondence, miscellaneous and unidentified letters, 1872-1970, undated
		14	Invitations, 1900-1917
		15	Welch family tree, 1933
	12	1	Prose by Mary Berthelot Wall published in the <i>Reveille</i> , 1921,
		2-24	Poetry by Mary Berthelot Wall, typescripts, undated
		25	Poetry by Mary Berthelot Wall, clippings removed from scrapbook, 1943

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91:28	12	26	Poetry by Mary Berthelot Wall, clippings, 1945-1973, undated
		27	Christmas poetry by Mary Berthelot Wall, 1979-1983, undated
		28	Printed Christmas poetry by Mary Berthelot Wall, 1970-1989, undated
		29	Christmas letters from Mary Berthelot Wall, 1979-1984, undated
91:29	13	1	Memoranda and poetry notebooks, 1976, undated
		2	Louisiana State Poetry Society, 1966-1979, undated
		3	Poetry dedicated to Mary Berthelot Wall, 1990
		4	Poetry not by Mary Berthelot Wall, undated
		5	Poetry, Evans Spencer Wall Memorial Award, undated
		6	Scrapbook, 1949-1955, 1967, undated
		7	Religious items, 1914-1945, undated
		8	Insurance and financial records, 1906-1981
		9	Newspaper clippings, 1954-1988, undated
		10	Printed items, 1901-1982, undated
		11	Certificates, awards, diploma, 1928-1990, undated
		12	Unidentified diary entries, 1892-1902
		13	Unidentified handwritten essay, undated
	14	1	Photograph, southwest section of Academy, 1900
		2-3	Photographs, identified, 1888-1984
		4-6	Photographs, identified, undated
		7	Photographs, unidentified and removed from scrapbook, 1920, undated
	15	1	Photographs, unidentified and removed from scrapbook, 1920, undated
		2-3	Photographs, unidentified, 1918-1986
		4-6	Photographs, unidentified, undated
	16	1-7	Photographs, unidentified, undated
	17	--	Photographs, unidentified tintypes, undated
	18	--	Plaque, "June 25, 1982, declared Mary B. Wall—founder day, at NFSPS National Convention, June 24-28, Memphis, TN by NFSPS Program Committee"
OS:W	--	1	Certificates and diplomas, 1916-1953