

**BURT, CHARLOTTE COLEMAN
(1904-1987)
FAMILY PAPERS
1863-[1935-1975]-1984**

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INTRODUCTION

The Charlotte Coleman Burt Family Papers (1863-1984) are centered around Charlotte Coleman Burt (1904-1987), art teacher and artist, of Knoxville, Tennessee. The Charlotte Coleman Burt Family Papers are a gift of Charlotte Coleman Burt, Knoxville, Tennessee. The collection occupies 2.52 linear feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 1000 items and 2 volumes.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Charlotte Coleman Burt Family Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charlotte (Coleman) Burt

- 1904 October 1, born in Timpson, Texas, the daughter of Edwin Hawes and Margaret (Rodgers) Coleman
- 1907 Removed with her parents to Plainview, Texas
- 1911- Received elementary and secondary education in the public schools of Plainview, Texas
- 1925 Graduated from Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, Texas
- 1925- Attended Columbia University, New York City
- 1927 Graduated from New York School of Fine and Applied Arts, New York City
- 1927 Art Counselor at girls' camp, Well River, Vermont
- 1927-1929 Removed to Plainview, Texas and taught art in public schools
- 1929-1930 Resumed higher education at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City
- 1930-1936 Supervisor of Art in the Bacon City Schools, Bacon, New York
- 1936 July 15, married Ray P. Burt in Dandridge, Tennessee
- 1936-1959 Removed to Maywood, New Jersey and served as Art Supervisor for the Public Schools in Bogata, New Jersey
- 1959 Retired from teaching and removed to Knoxville, Tennessee
- 1987 Died in Knoxville, Tennessee

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Charlotte Coleman Burt Papers, consisting of 1037 items, span the period 1863-1984, but is largely concentrated in the years 1935-1975. The collection is made up of certificates, clippings, correspondence, costume designing, currency, bank notes, etc., a diary, genealogical data, legal documents, memorabilia, military records, photographs and drawings, poetry, printed material, school records, writings and several miscellaneous records.

Correspondence, comprising over one half of the collection, is largely from the family of Charlotte Coleman Burt (1904-1987) and of a personal and family nature. The diary of Charlotte C. Burt, in typed narrative and amply illustrated with clippings and photographs, was apparently prepared with the thought that it might be published after Mrs. Burt's death. The last entry was made in January 1983. In the collection there is a substantial number of Mrs. Burt's drawings of historic and national folk costumes.

Genealogical data can be found on Robert Coleman (1658-1713) and his descendants who lived in Virginia, Mississippi, Texas and Tennessee. Military records are generally of the Civil War and consist of correspondence, orders, payroll, receipts, and a unit history of Company G, Seventh Tennessee Cavalry, C.S.A. Photographs and drawings are of the Coleman family, General Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964) and a drawing of a World War II vest.

The printed material is an issue of the Confederate Veteran for November 1924. Contained on page 432 is an obituary for Captain Charles Willis Tandy (1840-1924), the stepfather of Edwin Hawes Coleman, father of Mrs. Burt. Captain Tandy served with Company G, Seventh Tennessee Cavalry, C.S.A.

Included in the collection is a tribute from Edwin Hawes Coleman (1878-1963) to his life-long friend General Douglas MacArthur, in honor of General MacArthur's 69th birthday - There is also a group picture of Coleman and MacArthur.

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