DURRETT, FRANCES BOWEN
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INTRODUCTION


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Patrons may make single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Frances Bowen Durrett Papers for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists primarily of correspondence and notes concerning Dr. Durrett’s (1906-1977) dissertation research on the New Orleans literary publication, The Double Dealer. The publication began in New Orleans in January of 1921. The editors of the magazine were Julius Weiss Friend, Albert Goldstein, and John McClure. It included as its subject matter the issues of the day – political, social, religious, and aesthetic. During its existence, it produced a total of 43 issues grouped in eight volumes. The magazine suspended publication in May of 1926.


Subjects discussed in the correspondence include the role of the “little” magazines in American literature, information concerning the quality of The Double Dealer, and reasons for the demise of the “little” magazine movement after World War II.

The Frances Bowen Durrett Papers provide valuable primary information on an important literary movement of the 1920s.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Frances Bowen Durrett

1906  May 15 – Born in Soochow, China, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John Bowen, medical missionaries

1926  Received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

1926-1956  Taught in the Metropolitan Public Schools, Nashville, Tennessee


1956  Received a PhD from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee

1957-1971  Taught at Aquinas Junior College and the University of Tennessee, Nashville

1977  April 17 – Died at her home in Nashville, Tennessee

Source: The Nashville Tennessean, April 18, 1977
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1. Correspondence, 1908
3. Research and notes, undated
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