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Summary Information

Repository:	University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Creator:	Sanguinetti, Elise
Title:	Elise Ayers Sanguinetti papers
ID:	MSS.0098
Date:	1929-2003
Physical Description:	5.6 Linear feet Contains correspondence, manuscripts and galley proofs, reviews and notices, other miscellaneous material and photographs
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	This collection consists of the correspondence, manuscripts and galley proofs, as well as reviews and notices of Elise Ayers Sanguinetti, the Alabama author of "The Last of the Whitfields" (1962), "The New Girl" (1964), "The Dowager (1968), and "McBee's Station" (1972). Although there are no special restrictions placed on access to the Elise Ayers Sanguinetti papers, literary and copyrights to her published and unpublished writings have not been granted to the W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library and remain the property of the author. They may be viewed but not photocopied.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical/Historical note

Elise Ayers Sanguinetti was born January 26, 1926 in Anniston, Alabama, the daughter of Harry Mell and Edel (Ytterboe) Ayers. She attended Ashley Hall, a boarding preparatory school in Charleston, South Carolina before attending one year at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota followed by a summer session at the University of Oslo (Norway). She received her A.B. degree from the University

of Alabama in 1946. In 1950 she married Phillip A. Sanguinetti, a chemical engineer from Norfolk, Virginia. They lived in Pennsylvania and Missouri before returning to Anniston.

Elise Sanguinetti's father, Harry Mell Ayers, was a very strong influence on her career as a writer. Harry Mell Ayers was the owner, editor and publisher of The Anniston Star, and he held the belief that a newspaper should make an effort to improve the community. He was involved with many of the leading issues of Alabama and the nation and took an active interest in civil rights matters and improving education. Sanguinetti's younger brother, Harry Brandt Ayers was also a newspaperman and eventually became editor of The Anniston Star.

Her literary career has included working as a reporter and feature writer for The Anniston Star, Anniston, Alabama and authoring several novels, including "The Last of The Whitfields" (1962), "The New Girl" (1964), "The Dowager" (1968), and "McBee's Station" (1971). She is best known for "The Last of The Whitfields", which was an expansion of her first published short story, "To You , Frere Twig", published in Mademoiselle magazine (1960). She wrote "Whitfields" while living with her husband in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during the difficult, early years of the civil rights movement. "The New Girl," while not precisely a sequel to "Whitfields," it is a look at boarding schools and the trials and tribulations of being the "new girl" as told by Felicia Whitfield, who also narrated the story of "The Last of the Whitfields".

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Scope and Contents note

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The correspondence includes letters to and from her parents, Col. and Mrs. Harry M. Ayers (Edel Y.) of Anniston, Alabama, various other family members, agents and editors, as well as letters from friends and classmates. The correspondence is arranged by name and then chronologically. There are also letters of condolence to Elise Sanguinetti on the death of her father in 1964 and one on the death of her mother in 1977.

The collection also includes typescript manuscript copies (with edits) and galley proofs of "The Last of the Whitfields," "The New Girl," and "McBee's Station." There are also clippings and photocopies of notices and reviews of all her novels. The clippings are arranged by the novel title. (There was no attempt made to arrange the clippings by newspaper or magazine or by date.)

There is also a small group of books and essays covering various family histories and another small collection of various alumni and church publications. The group of photographs and negatives include a scrapbook covering Elise Sanguinetti's trip to California in January of 1945 to act as the Maid of Honor at the christening of the S.S. Anniston Victory (584 Anniston Victory, VC2-S-AP2).

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Administrative Information

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Provenance

Loan/deposit by Elise Ayers Sanguinetti, 1965-1967; addition, Oct. 2006.

Conditions Governing Access note

There are no special restrictions placed on access to the Elise Ayers Sanguinetti papers, although literary and copyrights to her published and unpublished writings have not been granted to the W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library and remain the property of the author. They may be viewed but not photocopied.

Restrictions

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Controlled Access Headings

- Bush, Barbara, 1925- -- Correspondence
- Emerson, O. B. -- Correspondence
- Hall, Wade, 1934- -- Correspondence
- Lang, George -- Correspondence
- Lee, Harper
- Merrill, James, 1926-1995 -- Correspondence
- Rutledge, Archibald, 1883-1973 -- Correspondence
- Sanguinetti, Elise
- Strode, Hudson, 1892-1976 -- Correspondence
- Alabama
- Alabama--Authors
- Anniston (Ala.)
- Books and Book History
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Correspondence
- Essays
- Family
- Family histories
- Literature and Authors
- Manuscripts for publication
- Novelists, American--20th Century
- Personal correspondence
- Photographs
- Proofs (prints by function)
- Reviews (document genre)
- Scrapbooks
- Southern Life and Culture
- University of Alabama
- Women
- Women college students
- Women--Alabama

Collection Inventory

CORRESPONDENCE

Creator: Sanguinetti, Elise

Physical Description: 1.2 Linear feet

Series Description

The Correspondence series includes letters to and from her parents, Col. and Mrs. Harry M. Ayers (Edel Y.) of Anniston, Alabama, various other family members, agents and editors, as well as letters from friends and classmates. The correspondence is arranged by name and then chronologically. There are also letters of condolence to Elise Sanguinetti on the death of her father in 1964 and one on the death of her mother in 1977.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Ayers, Harry M. (Harry Mell), 1885-1964
- Sanguinetti, Elise
- Alabama
- Alabama--Authors
- Authors
- Correspondence
- Daily Life and Family
- Family
- Letters (correspondence)
- Literature and Authors
- Personal correspondence
- Southern Life and Culture
- University of Alabama
- Women
- Women college students
- Women--Alabama

Title/Description	Instances	
Correspondence - Outgoing - To Col. and Mrs. Ayers and H. Brandt Ayers	Box 0098-001	Folder 1
Correspondence - Outgoing - To Agents and Editors	Box 0098-001	Folder 2
Correspondence - Outgoing - To Hudson Strode	Box 0098-001	Folder 3
Correspondence - Outgoing - Miscellaneous	Box 0098-001	Folder 4
Correspondence - Incoming - Hudson Strode	Box 0098-001	Folder 6
Correspondence - Incoming - Letters of Condolence	Box 0098-001	Folder 7
Correspondence - Incoming - Fan Mail	Box 0098-001	Folder 8
Correspondence - Incoming - Requests for Appearnces/ Participation	Box 0098-001	Folder 9
Correspondence - Incoming - Requests for Material	Box 0098-001	Folder 10
Correspondence - Incoming - Requests for Reviews	Box 0098-001	Folder 11
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (Charles Scribner's Sons)	Box 0098-002	Folder 1

Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.)	Box 0098-002	Folder 2
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (Herb Jaffe Associates)	Box 0098-002	Folder 3
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (Mademoiselle)	Box 0098-002	Folder 4
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc.)	Box 0098-002	Folder 5
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (McIntosh and Otis, Inc.)	Box 0098-002	Folder 6
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (Robert Lantz-Candida Donadio Literary Agency, Inc.)	Box 0098-002	Folder 7
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (Russell & Volkening, Inc.)	Box 0098-002	Folder 8
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (The University of Alabama Press)	Box 0098-002	Folder 9
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents (Miscellaneous)	Box 0098-002	Folder 10
Correspondence - Incoming - From Publishers, Editors and Agents - Rejection Letters	Box 0098-002	Folder 11
Correspondence - Incoming - Miscellaneous, 1936-1969	Box 0098-003	Folder 1
Correspondence - Incoming - Miscellaneous, 1970-1979	Box 0098-003	Folder 2
Correspondence - Incoming - Miscellaneous, 1980-2002	Box 0098-003	Folder 3
Correspondence - Incoming - Miscellaneous, no date	Box 0098-003	Folder 4
Correspondence - Edel Ytterboe Ayers - Outgoing	Box 0098-003	Folder 5
Correspondence - Edel Ytterboe Ayers - Incoming	Box 0098-003	Folder 6
Correspondence - Harry Brandt Ayers - Outgoing	Box 0098-003	Folder 7
Correspondence - Harry Mell Ayers - Outgoing	Box 0098-003	Folder 8
Correspondence - Phillip A. Sanguinetti - Outgoing	Box 0098-003	Folder 9

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MANUSCRIPTS AND GALLEY PROOFS

Creator: Sanguinetti, Elise

Physical Description: 1.6 Linear feet

Series Description

The Manuscripts and Galley Proofs series includes typescript manuscript copies (with edits) and galley proofs of "The Last of the Whitfields", "The New Girl", and "McBee's Station."

Controlled Access Headings:

- Alabama
- Alabama--Authors
- Authors
- Literature and Authors
- Manuscripts for publication
- Proofs (prints by function)
- Southern Life and Culture
- University of Alabama
- Women
- Women--Alabama

Title/Description	Instances	
Maunscripts - <i>To You, Frere Twig</i>	Box 0098-004	Folder 1
Manuscripts - <i>The Last of the Whitfields</i> - Title page - p.190	Box 0098-004	Folder 2
Manuscripts - <i>The Last of the Whitfields</i> - pages 191-379	Box 0098-004	Folder 3
Manuscripts - <i>The Last of the Whitfields</i> - Galley Proofs	Box 0098-004	Folder 4
Manuscripts - <i>The New Girl</i> - Title page - p. 131	Box 0098-005	Folder 1
Manuscripts - <i>The New Girl</i> - pp. 132-283	Box 0098-005	Folder 2
Manuscripts - <i>The New Girl</i> - Galley Proofs	Box 0098-005	Folder 3
Manuscripts - <i>The New Girl</i> - Corrections to first edition	Box 0098-005	Folder 4
Manuscripts - <i>McBee's Station</i> - pages 1-83	Box 0098-006	Folder 1
Manuscripts - <i>McBee's Station</i> - pages 84-236	Box 0098-006	Folder 2
Manuscripts - <i>McBee's Station</i> - pages 237-328	Box 0098-006	Folder 3
Manuscripts - <i>McBee's Station</i> - pages 329-414		

	Box 0098-006	Folder 4
Manuscripts - <i>McBee's Station</i> - Galley Proofs - Master Set 11/9/1970	Box 0098-006	Folder 5
Manuscripts - <i>McBee's Station</i> - Galley Proofs - undated copy	Box 0098-006	Folder 6
Manuscripts, Unpublished - <i>The Lord Shall Descend from Heaven with a Shout</i>	Box 0098-007	Folder 1
Manuscripts, Unpublished - <i>Mothers and Daughters</i> - pages 1-147B (Chapters 1-8)	Box 0098-007	Folder 2
Manuscripts, Unpublished - <i>Mothers and Daughters</i> - pages 148-285 (Chapters 9-15)	Box 0098-007	Folder 3
Manuscripts - Short Story Publication Record	Box 0098-007	Folder 4
Manuscripts - Publishing Agreements	Box 0098-007	Folder 5

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REVIEWS AND NOTICES

Physical Description: 1.2 Linear feet

Series Description

The Reviews and Notices series includes clippings and photocopies of notices and reviews of all her novels. The clippings are arranged by the novel title. (There was no attempt made to arrange the clippings by newspaper or magazine or by date.)

Controlled Access Headings:

- Sanguinetti, Elise
- Alabama
- Alabama--Authors
- Authors
- Clippings (information artifacts)
- Literature and Authors
- Reviews (document genre)
- Southern Life and Culture
- University of Alabama
- Women
- Women--Alabama

Title/Description	Instances	
Reviews and Notices - <i>The Last of the Whitfields</i> (1 of 3)	Box 0098-008	Folder 1
Reviews and Notices - <i>The Last of the Whitfields</i> (2 of 3)	Box 0098-008	Folder 2
Reviews and Notices - <i>The Last of the Whitfields</i> (3 of 3)		

	Box 0098-008	Folder 3
Reviews and Notices - <i>The New Girl</i>	Box 0098-009	Folder 1
Reviews and Notices - <i>The Dowager</i>	Box 0098-009	Folder 2
Reviews and Notices - <i>McBee's Station</i>	Box 0098-009	Folder 3
Newspaper Articles by Elise Ayers Sanguinetti	Box 0098-010	Folder 1
Newspaper Articles about Elise Ayers Sanguinetti	Box 0098-010	Folder 2
Newspaper Clippings - Edel Ytterboe Ayers	Box 0098-010	Folder 3
Newspaper Clippings - Harry Brandt ("Brandy") Ayers	Box 0098-010	Folder 4
Newspaper Clippings - Harry Mell Ayers	Box 0098-010	Folder 5
Newspaper Clippings - Phillip Anthony Sanguinetti	Box 0098-010	Folder 6
Newspaper Clippings - Elise Ayers Sanguinetti's Grandparents	Box 0098-010	Folder 7
Newspaper Clippings - Miscellaneous (1 of 2)	Box 0098-010	Folder 8
Newspaper Clippings - Miscellaneous (2 of 2)	Box 0098-010	Folder 9

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FAMILY HISTORIES and MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS

Physical Description: 0.8 Linear feet

Series Description

The Family Histories and Miscellaneous Publications series includes a small group of books and essays covering various family histories and another small collection of various alumni and church publications.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Sanguinetti, Elise
- Alabama
- Books and Book History
- Daily Life and Family
- Essays
- Family
- Family histories

- Religion and Spirituality
- University of Alabama

Family Histories

Title/Description	Instances	
Family Histories	Box 0098-011	Folder 1
Family Records of Dr. Thomas Wilborn Ayers	Box 0098-011	Folder 2
John Skelton of Georgia	Box 0098-011	Folder 3
Nine Generations of the Skelton Family	Box 0098-011	Folder 4
Kikungshan (booklet and map)	Box 0098-011	Folder 5
The Rooster Crows Again	Box 0098-011	Folder 6
Some Ayers and Heirs	Box 0098-011	Folder 7

Miscellaneous Publications

Title/Description	Instances	
Ashley Hall Newsletter and Perspectives: Ashley Hall Alumnae Bulletin	Box 0098-011	Folder 8
The Deke Quarterly	Box 0098-011	Folder 9
Grace Notes: Newsletter of Grace Episcopal Church, Anniston, Alabama	Box 0098-011	Folder 10
Saint Olaf	Box 0098-011	Folder 11
University of Alabama College of Communication and Information Science Hall of Fame Inaugural Induction Ceremony	Box 0098-011	Folder 12
University of Alabama: The Alabama Alumni News	Box 0098-011	Folder 13
Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum	Box 0098-011	Folder 14

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MISCELLANEOUS

Physical Description: 0.8 Linear feet

Series Description

The Miscellaneous series include various photographs and negatives as well as a scrapbook covering Elise Sanguinetti's trip to California in January of 1945 to act as the Maid of Honor at the christening of the S.S. Anniston Victory (584 Anniston Victory, VC2-S-AP2). It also includes tax records and royalty statements. There is also a large manilla envelope full of envelopes.

Controlled Access Headings:

- Sanguinetti, Elise
- Alabama
- Literature and Authors
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Sports, Recreation and Leisure
- Tax records
- Women
- World War, 1939-1945

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs and Negatives - Miscellaneous	Box 0098-012	Folder 1
Launching of the SS Anniston Victory - Photographs and Newspaper Clippings	Box 0098-012	Folder 2
Tax Records and Royalty Statements	Box 0098-012	Folder 3
Miscellaneous Materials (1 of 2)	Box 0098-012	Folder 4
Miscellaneous Materials (2 of 2)	Box 0098-012	Folder 5
Envelopes	Box 0098-013	Folder 1
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Scrapbook	Box 0098-014	