

## ARCHIVES

### **Doris Corbett, 1938-1998**

Papers, ca. 1873-1989  
1.2 linear ft.

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## **History**

Doris Corbett was born on October 22, 1938 in Conception Harbour, Newfoundland, Canada. She traveled to the United States at an early age, where she pursued her passion for education. She received her Bachelor's degree in literature and education at St. Mary's College, Indiana, her Master's degrees in Asian Studies and History from the University of Hawaii and Eastern Michigan University, and an ABD in History from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She taught throughout the United States, as well as Canada to students of all ages.

While pursuing her doctorate in history, Ms. Corbett's research brought her to Cranbrook to study the Arts & Crafts movement, Ellen Scripps Booth, and Nellie Beveridge Gray. Her focus turned to Ms. Gray, who was employed as a nurse and companion to Ellen and George Booth from 1935 to 1949, and later went on to achieve success in the art world. Ms. Corbett performed several oral histories with Ms. Gray from 1984 to 1989.

Throughout the 1960s and 1980s, Ms. Corbett was a well-known singer and composer of ballads. She performed across the United States and Canada. After a long battle with illness, she passed away on May 22, 1998.

## **Scope and Content of Collection**

The bulk of the collection consists of Ms. Corbett's research of Ellen Scripps Booth and Nellie Beveridge Gray. Of particular note are the transcripts of the oral histories performed by Ms. Corbett of Ms. Gray. Ms. Gray provides insight into both Cranbrook and the Booth family in the last years of George and Ellen Booth's lives.

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