GUIDE TO THE MASHA AND WILLIAM TYLER “BILLY” ARMS PAPERS

Biographical: Clara Harriet Eriksen was born in Fitchburg, Mass., in 1908 to Clara and Andrew Eriksen. Clara changed her name to Masha Eriksen, and married Roy Schatt in 1934; they divorced and she married William Tyler Arms (divorced in 1938 from Luisa Arms) in 1941. After studying photography at the King-Smith Studio School in Washington, DC, Masha became a well-known photographer, specializing in portraits. She had many exhibits over the years, mainly in Franklin County, Mass. Masha died in 2005 and is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Deerfield, alongside her husband. William Tyler “Billy” Arms, son of Winthrop Tyler and Jennie Chapin Arms, was born in 1904 in Deerfield, and died in 1970. William’s varied career began as a columnist for the New York Times. His publications include The History of Leyden Massachusetts, 1676-1959 (1959) and Salute to Courage (1966). Both Masha and Billy were active in politics, town events, and environmental causes.

Their papers consist of correspondence, clippings, exhibit info, financial and medical records, scrapbooks, calendars, research notes, and ephemera. Gift of the Estate of Masha Arms, 2005.

Box 1: Papers of Masha Arms:
Folder 1: Biographical information
Folder 2: Deerfield Valley Artists Association
Folder 3: Eden Trail house-Leyden
Folder 4: Environmental Concerns
Folder 5: Fitchburg High School
Folder 6: Franklin County Home Health Care
Folder 7: Greenfield Community College
Folder 8: Historical Society of Greenfield
Folder 9: Legal Documents
Folder 10: Medical records
Folder 11: 90th Birthday celebration
Folder 12: Organizations/Memberships, 1974-1998 and undated
Folder 13: Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association
Folder 14: Politics
Folder 15: Red Cross
Folder 16: St. James Episcopal Church
Folder 17: Social Security
Folder 18: Theater

Box 2: Papers and Correspondence of Roy Schatt and Correspondence of Masha (Schatt) Arms:
Folder 1: Receipts of Roy Schatt, 1936-1940
Folder 2: Correspondence of Masha and Roy Schatt, 1930s
Folder 3: Correspondence of Masha Arms, 1940s
Folder 4: Correspondence of Masha Arms, 1950s
Folder 5: Correspondence of Masha Arms, 1960s
Folder 6: Correspondence of Masha Arms, 1970s
Folder 7: Condolences, 1970
Folder 8: Correspondence of Masha Arms, 1980s
Folder 9: Correspondence of Masha Arms, 1990s
Folder 1: Rev. Henry Bartlett letters, orders of worship, articles, etc. (Federated Church of Charlemont), 1972-1976
Folder 2: Edna White Chandler letters, articles, cards, etc., 1975-1992
Folder 3: Anne Fessenden letters, clippings, etc., 1970s-1990s
Folder 4: Anne Fessenden cards, 1970s-1990s, n.d.
Folder 5: Glenda Johnson letters, 1949 and undated
Folder 6: Lucy Pratt letters to and from Masha, 1957-1966, no date
Folder 7: Correspondence regarding photos, 1932-1966

Box 3: Correspondents by name; letters to Masha Arms
Folder 1: Artwork
Folder 2: Book, tape and lecture notes
Folder 3: King-Smith School—Fliers, printed materials
Folder 4: King-Smith School—Receipts
Folder 5: Notebooks on trips, Transcendental Meditation, poetry
Folder 6: Photography receipts
Folder 7: Proposed book on photography

Box 4: Miscellaneous - Masha Arms
Folder 1: Artwork
Folder 2: Book, tape and lecture notes
Folder 3: King-Smith School—Fliers, printed materials
Folder 4: King-Smith School—Receipts
Folder 5: Notebooks on trips, Transcendental Meditation, poetry
Folder 6: Photography receipts
Folder 7: Proposed book on photography

Box 5: Personal calendars of Masha Arms

Box 5A: Personal calendars, address books, and funeral register of Masha Arms

Box 6 (oversize):
Scrapbook, scrapbook folder, transcripts of tapes, "Pioneer Photography in 35mm Field" typescript

Box 7: Exhibits of Masha Schatt/Arms
Folder 1: Exhibit list
Folder 2: Exhibit notes
Folder 3: King Smith Studio School- brochures, articles, etc. (1936+)
Folder 4: 1938 Hech & Co.’s Camera Shop Exhibit on photography (1938)
Folder 5: Alexandria, VA, library - exhibit of Masha Schatt, 1941
Folder 6: Washington, DC, library - exhibit of Masha Schatt, 1941
Folder 7: Jones Library (Amherst, MA) exhibits, 1942, 1951
Folder 9: Leyden (MA) home exhibits, 1958, 1962
Folder 10: Roberston Memorial Library (Leyden, MA) exhibit, 1961
Folder 11: Bridge of Flowers exhibits (Shelburne Falls, MA)- 1961, 1970
Folder 12: Rug show of Nellie Arms (Leyden, MA) 1962
Folder 13: “Pioneer Photographer in 35 mm Field” at Franklin County Trust Bank, 1981 (also held at Greenfield Community College, lower gallery)
Folder 14: Forbes Library (Northampton, MA), 1983
Folder 18: “Drawing with Lights” - Memorial Hall Exhibit, Deerfield, MA - 1999
Folder 19: Fitchburg Historical Society tea and talk, 2000
Folder 20: Franklin Medical Center, Greenfield, MA, Masha Arms Photographer, 2002
Folder 21: Miscellaneous price lists, supplies, etc.
Folder 22: “Photography career of Masha Arms” (clipping)

Box 8: Robert Frost Exhibit and Frost family
Folder 1: Robert Frost Exhibit at Jones Library (Amherst, MA), 1983
Folder 2: Correspondence, etc. re: Robert Frost from his daughter, Leslie Frost Ballantine
Folder 3: Information on Leslie Frost Ballantine
Folder 4: Articles and clippings on Robert Frost

Box 9: Transcendental Meditation (TM)
Folder 1: Articles on TM by Masha Arms; award and house resolution
Folder 2: Correspondence, letters, and cards-1970s
Folder 3: TM events, 1970s and 1980s
Folder 4: TM exercises and booklets (printed)
Folder 5: TM notes and bills
Folder 6: Pictures of Maharishi
Folder 7: Newspaper advertisements of TM classes offered by Masha
Folder 8: Articles on TM
Folder 9: Clippings and newsletters related to TM
Folder 10: Order of Essences correspondence, mostly undated
Folder 11: Self Realization Fellowship correspondence (1960s)
Folder 12: SIMS (Student Intl Meditation Soc.) correspondence, 1970s - 1980s
Folder 13: Trip to Spain to attend TM conference, 1972

Box 10: Photography Miscellaneous
Folder 1: Books and pamphlets
Folder 2: England trip
Folder 3: Ledger and account books
Folder 4: Leica manual
Folder 5: Notebook
Folder 6: Papers (misc.)

Box 11: Billy and Masha joint correspondence
Folder 1: Undated correspondence
Folder 2: Correspondence, 1940s
Folder 3: Correspondence, 1950s
Folder 4: Correspondence, 1960s
Folder 5: Correspondence, 1970s
Folder 6: Letters from Maria Gregoire
Folder 7: Letters to Billy and Masha from Elliot Marple
Folder 8: Letters from Robert and Fannie Von Reuss-Chanberg
Folder 9: Letters from Lucy Pratt, 1930s-1960s
Box 12: Papers of William Tyler (Billy) Arms
Folder 1: Biographical information and obituary
Folder 2: Cemetery plot
Folder 3: Correspondence re: disability insurance/social security
Folder 4: Divorce papers
Folder 5: Enterprises
Folder 6: Finances
Folder 7: Income tax returns
Folder 8: Investments
Folder 9: Last will and testament
Folder 10: Legal documents
Folder 11: Medical information
Folder 12: Post Office job
Folder 13: School related items
Folder 14: Williams College
Folder 15: World War II items

Box 13: Correspondence of William Tyler (Billy) Arms
Folder 1: Correspondence, 1915-1949
Folder 2: Correspondence, 1950-1956
Folder 3: Correspondence, 1957-1959
Folder 4: Correspondence, 1960-1969
Folder 5: Correspondence, 1970
Folder 6: Correspondence, undated
Folder 7: Correspondence with Caroline Arms
Folder 8: Correspondence with Dudley Babcock
Folder 9: Correspondence, medical re: his sister, Charlotte
Folder 10: Correspondence from “Emily,” 1930s
Folder 11: Correspondence with brother-in-law, Charles (Lem) Kelly [Jane Arms Kelly’s husband]
Folder 12: Correspondence and articles re: Al Oickle of the Greenfield Recorder
Folder 13: Correspondence, Political protests and Vietnam
Folder 14: Correspondence with Lucy Pratt

Box 14: Diaries of William Tyler (Billy) Arms:
Folder 1: 1916, 1919, 1923, n.d. (9 items)
Folder 2: 1931-1941
Folder 3: 1948-1952
Folder 4: 1953-1957
Folder 5: 1959-1968
Loose volumes in box: Daily Aide, 1944; 2 Yankee magazines, 2 composition books, 1 notebook

Box 15: Papers relating to Leyden, Mass.
Folder 1: Church Woods
Folder 2: “History of Leyden” Celebration
Folder 3: “History of Leyden” Correspondence
Folder 4: “History of Leyden” Publishing/Marketing
Folder 5: Leyden- Anniversary
Folder 6: Leyden- Town activities
Folder 7: Leyden- Water Supply
Folder 8: Research on Henry K. Brown of Leyden
Folder 4: Newcomb folder on Leyden
Folder 5: Leyden history
Folder 6: Leyden water supply
Folder 7: Leyden town activities

**Box 16:** Scrapbook box- oversize
3 scrapbooks: Salute to Courage; Leyden 150th anniversary; memorabilia with folder of certificates, diplomas, etc. (outside of box)

**Box 17:** Research of William Tyler (Billy) Arms
Folder 1: Anti-Communism
Folder 2: Atomic Energy
Folder 3: The Bars
Folder 4: Birds
Folder 5: Climatology, Weather
Folder 6: Culdee research notes, etc.
Folder 7: ESP- misc. material
Folder 8: ESP-misc. material
Folder 9: ESP-misc. material
Folder 10: Geology
Folder 11: Guilford, Vt., History of
Folder 12: Naglee, Gen. Henry, Diary transcript
Folder 13: Naglee, Gen. Henry, research

**Box 17A:** Research of William Tyler (Billy) Arms
Folder 1: Radio
Folder 2: Radio/Reporting
Folder 3: Railroad correspondence, notes, itineraries
Folder 4: Sonic Booms
Folder 5: Spruyt, A.N.
Folder 6: Trail Top Murals
Folder 7: Trap Rock Research

**Box 18:** Writings of William Tyler (Billy) Arms
Folder 1: “Canonade...”
Folder 2: “The Couch”
Folder 3: “The Cradle”
Folder 4: “Dead Hand on Steeple”
Folder 5: “Enormous Eyes” or “Million Dollar Assignment” or “Assignment in Azura” drafts
Folder 6: “Enormous Eyes” or “Million Dollar Assignment” or “Assignment in Azura” draft
Folder 7: “Enormous Eyes” or “Million Dollar Assignment” or “Assignment in Azura” Misc.
Folder 8: “The Father”
Folder 9: “Great God Smith”
Folder 9A: Leyden stories
Folder 10: “Lincoln Penny”
Folder 11: “Magic Tree”
Folder 12: Mead, Daniel S., Literary Agent
Folder 13: New England Stones
Folder 14: “Only That Day Dawns”
Folder 15: Poems, Misc.
Folder 16: “Progress”
Folder 17: Rejections
Folder 18: “Salute to Courage” Book Production
Folder 19: “Salute to Courage” Early Notes
Folder 20: “Salute to Courage” Marketing and Publishing
Folder 21: “Salute to Courage” Sales
Folder 22: “Shadows Before Them”
Folder 23: Short Story Fragment
Folder 24: “Spiritscope”
Folder 25: “Strictly Private”
Folder 26: Subjects for Articles
Folder 27: Trip to Canada story
Folder 28: “While the Clock is Still”
Folder 29: Yankee Magazine Publications