Louise Andrews Kent (1886-1969) Manuscripts, ca. 1953-1974 Doc 165 MSA 145

Introduction

The papers of Louise Andrews Kent (1886-1969), an author from Brookline, Massachusetts, and Calais, Vermont, were donated to the Vermont Historical Society by Olivia Gay in 1985. She inherited the papers from her mother, Elizabeth Kent Gay, Louise Kent's daughter.

The collection is housed in Doc 165 and MSA 145 and occupies 1.5 linear feet of shelf space. This finding guide was prepared in 1995 as part of a project funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission.

Biographical Sketch

Louise Andrews Kent was born May 25, 1886, in Brookline, Massachusetts. She married Ira Rich Kent in 1912 and they had three children, Elizabeth (1913-1985), Hollister (1916-1974), and Rosamund (b. 1922). Educated at Simmons College, she became a newspaper columnist and author of children's books and cookbooks. She wrote a newspaper column under the pen name, "Theresa Tempest," for the *Boston Traveler*, and later in her career assumed the persona of "Mrs. Appleyard" to write a series of New England cookbooks, beginning with *Mrs. Appleyard's Year* in 1941.

Ira Rich Kent's family was from Calais, Vermont, and Louise and the family spent summers there while maintaining their home in Brookline, Massachusetts. She was a member of the board of trustees of the Vermont Historical Society during the 1950's. Louise Andrews Kent died August 5, 1969.

Scope and Content Note

This collection includes research notes, manuscript and typescript drafts, and galley proofs of several of Louise Andrew Kent publications including *Mrs. Appleyard's Kitchen Omnibus* (1974), *Mrs. Appleyard and I* (1968), *He Went with Drake* (1961), *He went with Champlain* (1959), *The Winter Kitchen* (1962), *The Summer Kitchen* (1957), *Vermont Life Cook Book, Vermont Year Round Cookbook* (1965), and "...with Kitchen *Privileges*" (1953). There are also copies of reviews and correspondence about *The Winter Kitchen* (1963).

Related Collections

The Vermont Historical Society has a collection of Kent family letters, 1850-1970, that focuses on the family and friends of Ira Rich and Louise Andrews Kent (Doc Louise Andrews Kent 2

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