

Register of the

**Mary Kate Gafford
Papers**

Collection 351

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Biographical

Mary Kate Gafford was born July 4, 1899, in Mexia, Texas. She received a B.A. degree from Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton Texas, in 1923. She taught English, Library Science, and commercial subjects in high school at Banner Elk, North Carolina, and at Southwestern Junior College, Keene, Texas. In 1932 she earned a B.S. degree in Library Science from George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee. Around that time she moved to Madison College, Madison Tennessee, and served as an assistant librarian. She was also a long-term member of the Madison College band and orchestra. As a past time, she wrote poetry some of which were published in denominational publications such as the *Review and Herald*. Gafford died on January 23, 1979, at the Madison Hospital.

Scope and Content

This collection consists solely of seven folders of poems composed primarily by Gafford, but includes one folder of manuscripts by others. There are two folders related to Gafford's poetry and a poetry publication.

Extent

0.4 linear feet

Arrangement

The poems are in several folders. No attempt was made to organize them beyond the way they were when received. There appears to be considerable duplication. The contents of folder 2 appear to be typed copies of what is in folder 1, and the poems in folder 2 have been grouped into several broad categories. Folder 5 has several longer manuscripts.

Provenance

This collection appeared in the midst of a much larger Madison Institutions Collection held at the Center for Adventist Research. The Madison collection came to the Center over the span of many years and from different donors. See the register for the Madison Institutions (Collection 167) for more information. It is not possible to say what is the source of the Gafford poems.

Use

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INVENTORY

Personal Materials

Poetic Writings

Manuscripts by Mary Kate Gafford

Box1 Fld 1

Box1 Fld 2

Box1 Fld 3

Box1 Fld 4

Box1 Fld 5

Box1 Fld 6

Manuscripts by Others

Box1 Fld 7

Other Documents

Box1 Fld 8 National Poetry Association acceptance notice to Mary K.
Gafford, 1950.

Box1 Fld 9 *American Poetry Magazine*, Spring Issue (April - May 1923).

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