

JAQUELIN S. AND FLORENCE BAKER HOLLIDAY

PAPERS, 1891-1933

Collection #
SC 2494

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USER INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 5 items

COLLECTION DATES: Inclusive 1891-1933; Bulk 1891-1893, 1933

PROVENANCE: W. Jaquelin Holliday (son), Indianapolis, August 1953

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: None

OTHER FINDING AIDS: None

RELATED HOLDINGS: See card catalog for books by Meredith Nicholson; M 192, Carleton B. McCulloch; M 221, Meredith Nicholson Papers; M 666, Meredith Nicholson Collection; SC 2492, Robert Underwood Johnson

ACCESSION NUMBER: 53.0804

NOTE: Items in this collection were removed from the book by Nicholson, *Short Flights* (1891), presented by the author to Mr. and Mrs. Holliday (PS 3527 I37 S5 1891).

HISTORICAL SKETCH

This collection consists of five items originally laid in a copy of Meredith Nicholson's *Short Flights*, presented by the author to his lifelong friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jaquelin S. Holliday.

Meredith Nicholson (1866-1947) was born in Crawfordsville, the son of Edward Willis and Emily (Meredith) Nicholson. The family moved to Indianapolis in 1872, and Nicholson was educated in the public schools. He did not finish high school or college, though he later was awarded honorary degrees by Wabash and Butler.

Nicholson wrote poems, novels, essays, and a history of Indiana. From 1903 to 1925 he published about one book a year. His best known works were *The house of a thousand candles* (1905), *Rosalind at Redgate* (1907), and *Old familiar faces* (1929).

Late in life Nicholson became active in Democratic politics. He served on the Indianapolis common council in 1928-1930, and on the Democratic state committee in 1930-1932. He was rewarded by diplomatic posts in Paraguay (1933-1934), Venezuela (1935-1938), and Nicaragua (1938-1941).

Jaquelin S. Holliday (1867-1944) was born in Indianapolis, the son of William J. and Lucy (Redd) Holliday. He graduated from Racine College, and attended Yale Law School in 1887-1888. From 1900 to 1940 he was president of W. J. Holliday and Company, a wholesale iron and steel firm, and expanded its operations to include a branch in Hammond.

His wife, Florence Baker Holliday (1871-1947) was born in Indianapolis, the daughter of Conrad Baker, Governor of Indiana and founder of the law firm of Baker and Daniels. She had wide cultural and philanthropic interests. She was a founder of the Dramatic Club, and a member of Woodstock and Progressive Clubs, the Propylaeum, and the Garden Club of Indianapolis.

The Hollidays were one of the five families who built homes in Shooters Hill, an incorporated village on the bluffs above White River just east of Michigan Road.

Sources: *Who Was Who in America*, Vol. 2
Encyclopedia of Indianapolis (Nicholson)
Indiana Biographical Series, Vol. 28 pp. 1-2, Vol. 32 p. 11

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection contains five items which had been laid in a presentation copy of Meredith Nicholson's *Short Flights*.

Three of the items date from the 1890s. They include:

- a one-page poem, "Sometimes," undated;
- three short poems on one page-- "Like them that dream" based on Psalm 124, "Moods," and "Yet a little sleep" based on Proverbs 24, all undated;
- a one-page poem, "From day to day," dated 14 January 1893.

The other two items date from 1933. The first is a letter from Nicholson to Mr. and Mrs. Holliday while en route to Paraguay, telling of his plans and inviting them to come and visit in Asuncion, "where orchids grow on the telephone poles."

The second is a clipping, part of the account of a farewell banquet for the Nicholsons as they departed for Paraguay, a parody by Carleton B. McCulloch on Kipling's "Road to Mandalay."

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Holliday, Jaquelin S. (Jaquelin Smith), 1867-1944

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Holliday, Jaquelin S. (Jaquelin Smith), 1867-1944

Holliday, Florence Baker, 1871-1947

Asuncion (Paraguay)--Description and travel

ADDED ENTRIES: Nicholson, Meredith, 1866-1947

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