

Collection #  
SC 2988

**MARY HANNAH KROUT  
LETTERS AND POEMS, 1890 – N.D.**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION: 2 Letters, 2 Poems

COLLECTION  
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Mary Hannah Krout was born 3 November, 1851 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. She began her career as a teacher, but switched to journalism while in her early thirties. At a time when few news outlets hired female writers, *The (Chicago) Inter Ocean* (a leading newspaper in the 1890s) hired her as their foreign correspondent. She traveled throughout the world, spending time in Hawaii, London, Australia and China. Between 1898 and 1910, seven of her books were published. She died in May, 1927 at Crawfordsville, Indiana.

Sources: Russo, Dorothy Ritter and Thelma Louise Sullivan, *Seven Authors of Crawfordsville, Indiana: Lew and Susan Wallace, Maurice and Will Thompson, Mary Hannah and Caroline Virginia Krout and Meredith Nicholson*. Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1952

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

One letter was written by Mary Krout to a Mrs. Foster dated 19 December – the year is not noted. This letter tells the story of how she came to write the poem “Little Brown Hands.” A handwritten copy of the subject poem is included. The second letter, also addressed to Mrs. Foster was dated 6 October, and again the year is not noted. This letter is an acceptance to an invitation for Ms. Krout to attend a meeting of the Indianapolis Women’s Club. The second handwritten poem in this collection, “At Eastertide” was signed by Mary Krout in Terre Haute, Indiana.

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