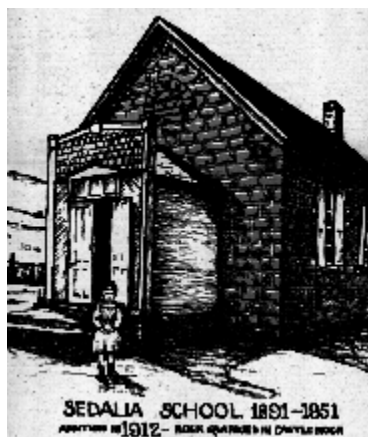


Mary Cornish



Mary Cornish Papers, 1974 - 1991

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Douglas County Libraries
Castle Rock, Colorado 80104-1911**

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Description of Collection Origination

Mary Cornish.

Title

The Mary Cornish Papers, 1974 - 1991.

Physical Description

.36 cubic foot, one five inch document box.

Repository

Douglas County History Research Center
Douglas County Libraries, 100 S. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104-11911.

Location of Collection

For current location of this collection, please consult the archivist.

Collection identification

Acc# #1993.006, MSS-029.

Administrative Information

Restriction on Access

There are no access restrictions.

Restrictions on Use

The collection is used in the presence of the Douglas County History Research Center staff. Some items may be fragile and may only be duplicated with permission of the archivist.

Acquisition Information

Donation.

Custodial History (Provenance)

These papers were collected by Mary Cornish during her studies of Douglas County Schools. These studies included the Indian Park School Association project, the County School Legacy Project and the Douglas County Schools History Project. They were donated to the Local History Collection - Douglas Public Library District in 1993.

Note (Abstract)

Mary Cornish's papers contain notes, clippings, and ephemera relating to the County School Legacy Project. This was a project sponsored by the Mountain Plains Library Association to promote interest and education about country schools in Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming. A copy of *Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier*, a booklet which was part of the exhibit, also accompanies this information. The collection also includes clippings and ephemera about Douglas County, Colorado, history; notes, correspondence, and clippings from the Douglas County Schools History Project, which was based on the Country School Legacy Project with similar objectives for schools in Douglas County. Correspondence, clippings and ephemera about the Indian Park School, included in both projects, are also part of the collection.

Preferred Citation

The Mary Cornish Papers. Owned by the Douglas County History Research Center-Douglas County Libraries.

Processing Information

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Arrangement

This collection is arranged alphabetically by subject, chronologically within subject headings.

Historical Note

Mary Love Cornish was born in New York in 1916. Her parents, Charles Waldo Love and Orilla Alice Wiley were from Colorado, but moved to New York because of Mr. Cornish's career. During the Great Depression Charles Waldo Love (her father) lost employment as a commercial artist and the family returned to Jarre Canyon, Colorado. The WPA (Works Progress Administration) sent Mr. Love to work at the Colorado History Museum.

Mary Cornish began her working life as a chorus girl for Lakeside Amusement Park [Denver], this began her career in vaudeville. She met her husband, Ronald Cornish, while working in Casper, Wyoming. He was also in vaudeville. The couple moved around quite a bit while Mr. Cornish was in the Navy during WWII, but eventually returned to Colorado, where Mary Cornish began to take art classes. She became

involved in the Douglas County Arts and Crafts Guild, and the Arts and Humanities Council, and created pictures of one-room school houses for the Arts and Humanities Council, as well as scenes of Douglas County for the Arts and Crafts Guild.

Ms. Cornish's interest in one room school houses, and her research and paintings of them, became the basis for her involvement in both the Country School Legacy Project and in the Douglas County School History Project. She was involved with the Indian Park Schoolhouse Association, which fought to save the school and turn it into a community center. The Indian Park Schoolhouse in Sedalia, Colorado, was added to the Colorado Statewide Inventory of Historic Sites in 1976 and the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

Controlled Access Headings

Cornish, Mary Elizabeth Love, 1916-

Indian Park School House Association (Douglas County, Colo)

Art -- Colorado -- Douglas County.

Artists -- Colorado -- Douglas County.

Women artists -- Colorado -- Douglas County.

Rural schools -- Colorado -- Douglas County -- History.

Schools -- Records -- Colorado -- Douglas County.

School districts -- Colorado -- Douglas County -- History.

Cemeteries -- Colorado -- Douglas County -- Records.

Colorado -- Douglas County -- Local history.

Indian Park Cemetery (Douglas County, Colorado)

Colorado -- Local history.

Scope and Content

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Adjunct to Descriptive Data (Related Material)

The reference collection at the Philip S. Miller Library, Castle Rock, Colorado, holds bibliographic information on Mary Cornish and her Father, Charles Waldo Love. The reference collection and the library also have other information relating to schools in Douglas County.

The Douglas County History Research Center holds a collection of oral histories relating to schools in Douglas County as well as yearbooks and other information.

Subordinate Components (Box/Folder list)

Box	Folder	Title	Date
1	1	Country School Legacy	n.d., 1979 - 1985.
1	2	<i>Country School Legacy: Humanities on the Frontier</i>	1981
1	3	Douglas County History, clippings and ephemera	n.d., 1974 - 1991.
1	4	Douglas County Schools History Project: notebook	[ca. 1985].
1	5	Douglas County Schools History Project: notes, clippings, ephemera	[1980 - 1984].
1	6	Indian Park School House Association, Indian Park Cemetery records	1975 - 1981., n.d.