

Frances Salomon Murphy writings, 1953
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Summary Information

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| Repository | Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection |
| Creator | Murphy, Frances Salomon |
| Title | Frances Salomon Murphy writings |
| Date | 1953 |
| Extent | 0.42 Linear feet |
| Language | English |
| Abstract | This collection contains the final draft and production material for the 1953 children's book <i>Ready-Made Family</i> by Frances Salomon Murphy. |

Preferred Citation note

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Frances Salomon Murphy writings, 1953, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

Biographical/Historical note

Frances Salomon Murphy was an elementary school teacher and children's book author. She published two children's books in the 1950s, *A Nickel for Alice* (1951) and *Ready-Made Family* (1953). Both *A Nickel for Alice* (later reprinted under the title *Runaway Alice*) and *Ready-Made Family* tell the stories of orphans growing up in the foster-care system. She also wrote a textbook for her third-grade social studies curricula, *History of Portland, Connecticut* (1969), which was published posthumously.

Scope and Contents note

The Frances Salomon Murphy writings include the final draft and production material for her 1953 book *Ready-Made Family*. The collection includes a revised typescript, galleys, page proofs with illustrations, the designed and typeset front matter, plate proofs, and the finished book jacket. The production materials were compiled by Crowell, the book's publisher, as a "Production File: Showing How the Book, Ready Made Family, Was Made."

Arrangement note

This collection is arranged in order of creation. It is housed in the same box as the Jim Arnosky illustrations and the Margaret O. Hyde papers.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access note

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Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Book jackets
- Galley proofs
- Manuscripts
- Proofs (printed matter)

Personal Name(s)

- Woodbury, Mabel

Subject(s)

- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century

Ready-Made Family

Collection Inventory

Ready-Made Family 1953

Final draft, corrected typescript

| | Box | Folder |
|------|------------|---------------|
| Text | 1 | 1 |

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| | | Box |
| | | 2 |
| Galley proof | | |

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| | | 2 |
| Page proofs | | |

Final lettering for title page, graphite on tracing paper, 1 sheet

| | Box | Folder |
|------|------------|---------------|
| Text | 1 | 2 |

Front matter, corrected typescript

| | Box | Folder |
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Ready-Made Family

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| Text | 1 | 3 |
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Front matter, corrected page proofs, 4 sets

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| | Box | Folder |
| Text | 1 | 4 |

Box

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| Plate proofs | | 2 |
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Book jacket

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| | Box | Folder |
| Text | 1 | 5 |