

## Guide to the Virginia B. Greer Papers

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### Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Virginia Bradford Greer, 1919-2008.

Title: Virginia B. Greer Papers

Dates: 1942-1997 (bulk 1960-1968)

Quantity: 18.6 linear feet

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### Biographical Note:

Virginia Bradford Greer was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 30, 1919. At the age of h\ fYYž'J ]f[ ]b]Ud]dUfYbhg'a cj YX'hc'6]fa ]b[ \Ua ž'5'UVUa Už'k \YfY'g\Y' [ fYk 'i d'UbX'a Uff]YX' >c\b'F cVYfh; fYYf' ]b %- ' \*"'H\Y'Wci d'Y'a cj YX'hc'A cV]Y' ]b'h\Y'gi a a Yf'cZ %- ' + 'UZnYf' >c\b'Ud' employer, the Alabama Power Company, transferred him to that city. In 1952 Virginia took

about Alice Frazer was later reprinted in *L'Espresso*. Her stories won several awards, including the "Alma" from the American Home Laundry Association for outstanding journalism.

Greer was a member of the Mobile branch of Pen Women and the Toastmistress Club. She is also the author of four books. *Give Them Their Dignity* (1968) recounts the year that Greer spent teaching youth in a local church. *The Glory Woods: A Hymn of Healing* (1976), chronicles her personal battle with cancer. *Emergency: The True Story of a Woman and Service as an Emergency Room Volunteer* (1977) is also drawn from her personal experience. Her most memorable social and literary characters. Virginia Greer died in California in February 2008.

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#### Scope and Contents:

Consists of short stories, newspaper articles, manuscripts, and correspondence written by Virginia Greer. The papers also contain subject files on various authors and events, as well as research notes and photographs. In addition, the papers are comprised of various printed materials relating to Mobile General Hospital and the United States Department of State.

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#### Arrangement:

Arranged into seven series:

Series 1. Correspondence, 1942-1997 (1.25 cubic feet);

Series 2. Manuscripts and Articles, 1951-1987 (2 cubic feet);

Series 3. Subject Files (1 cubic foot);

Series 4. Photographs (.25 cubic feet);

Series 5. Miscellaneous Printed Material (1.5 cubic feet);

Series 6. Autographed Books (3 cubic feet);

Series 7. Audio Cassettes.

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Access Restrictions: This material is open to research.

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#### Series Description:

##### Series 1: Correspondence, 1942-1997

Personal and professional correspondence on a variety of topics, arranged chronologically. The series also contains two folders of undated greeting cards. A separate box contains date books and journals for sporadic years between 1968-1996.

Series 2: Manuscripts and Articles, 1951-1987 Comprising the bulk of the collection, short stories and copies of her newspaper and magazine articles. The series also contains *Confessions of a Peanut Butter Counter*.

Series 3: Subject Files of interest. The series contains correspondence and clippings of several well-known southern authors, such as Winston Groom, Hodding Carter, and Willie Norris.

##### Series 4: Photographs

The majority of photographs in this series were removed from her newspaper files. Interested researchers are encouraged to check the *Press Register* photograph files contains prints and negatives for *Mobile: Talk About Town!*

##### Series 5: Miscellaneous Printed Material

This series contains copies of *The Pulse*, published for the staff of Mobile General Hospital, where Greer volunteered. Also included are materials from the United States Department of State, the Newspaper Institute of America, and two manuscripts given to Greer for editing.





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53. "Reflections on a Tarnished Eye" (Hurricane Frederic)

54. "Rejection of Louis"

55. "RLS: Glad Beatnik of Edinburgh"

56. "Shack-Up Time"

57. "The Silver Thread of Truth"

58. "Steve Sloan: Quarterback for Christ"

59. "The Story of Mobile Mental Health Center"

60. "Spirit in the Woods"

61. "Teen-Age Christmas Prayer"

18. Medical Association of the State of Alabama
  19. Miscellaneous Authors
  20. Miscellaneous Pamphlets
  21. Mobile Mental Health Center
  22. Mobile Press Register
  23. Morris, Willie
  - 24-25. Newspaper Institute of America
  26. Personal Adjustment Center Ę News and Views
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Series 6: Autographed Books

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Andrews, Raymond. *Jesie and Jesus and Cousin Claire*. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 1991.

Betty, Stafford. *Sunlit Waters: The Whale and the Girl Who Cared*. Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 1990.

\_\_\_\_\_. *The Rich Man: A Galilean Chronicle*. New York: Saint Martins Press, 1984.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Sing Like the Whippoorwill*. Mystic, CT: Twenty-Third Publications, 1987.

Bragg, Rick. *All Over But the Shoutin'*. New York: Pantheon Books, 1997.

Burns, Elizabeth. *The Late Liz*. New York: Popular Library, 1957.

Carmer, Carl. *Stars Fell on Alabama*. Tuscaloosa: The University of Alabama Press, 1985.

Childress, Mark. *Crazy in Alabama*. New York: G.P. Putnam and Sons, 1993.



Groom, Winston and Duncan Spencer. *Conversations with the Enemy: The Story of PFC*

Toulmin, Harry T.