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Descriptive Summary

Title:
Kathleen Goddard Jones Correspondence, 1918-2002 (bulk 1926-1932)

Collection Number:
MS 173

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Goddard Jones, Kathleen, 1907-2001

Abstract:
Papers of environmental activist Kathleen Goddard Jones, including correspondence, photographs, a manuscript, and newspaper clippings, primarily relating to her years as a student and in her first marriage.

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c.: circa
n.d.: no date
n.p.: no publisher
l.f.: linear feet
YMCA: Young Men’s Christian Association
Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects:
Conservationists – California – Biography
Environmental protection – California – San Luis Obispo County – Citizen participation
Goddard Jones, Kathleen
International House (New York, N.Y.)
Mills College
New History Society
Sierra Club – Santa Lucia Chapter
Wright, Cedric, 1889-1959

Genres and Forms of Material:
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Correspondence
Manuscript
Photographs
Postcards
Travel Pamphlets
Related Materials

Related Collections:

California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Kathleen Goddard Jones Papers, 1933-2001 (MS 119)

University of California, Berkeley
Cedric Wright Papers, 1900-1958 (BANC MSS 77/124 c)
Biographical Note

Kathleen Goddard was born to Willis and Nellie Goddard on July 2, 1907. Shortly after her birth the family moved from Sacramento to Santa Barbara, where her father served as secretary of the YMCA. Her love of nature began on hikes with her family into the surrounding countryside and grew with her participation in Campfire Girls. “At the age of twelve I began to really hike,” she recalled, “to go to the higher peaks and to learn to sleep outdoors and to cook outdoors, and to find that this was something that was important to me...and has continued to be one of the most important facets of my whole life: a kinship with the earth, a spiritual refreshment from moving easily along trails and over the contours of the earth.”

During the summer of 1926, after a year spent attending Santa Barbara State Teacher’s College, Goddard Jones traveled to Europe. Upon her return, she enrolled as an English major at Mills College in Oakland. While at Mills Goddard Jones became friends with Cedric Wright, a music professor at Mills, who introduced her to Ansel Adams and the Sierra Club.

Goddard Jones left Mills at the end of her junior year to marry Ali Shirazi Parvaz. Between 1929 and 1932 they lived in Washington, D.C. and New York City, working with the Persian Legislation to fund and execute the first “America-Persia Goodwill Flight.” Although the flight was eventually abandoned after a failed landing and limited funding, eventually the couple would travel to India, Burma, and Iran, where they lived for several years.

Upon return to the United States, Goddard Jones worked in radio at NBC for several years before divorcing Shirazi and returning to California. In 1945 she married Duncan P. Jackson and they adopted several children.

In 1949 Goddard Jones joined the Sierra Club, primarily so she could go on their annual trip to the High Sierra with her old mentor, Cedric Wright. It was on this two-week hike that many important relationships were formed with national leaders of the Sierra Club, including David Brower. Goddard helped found the Santa Barbara group of the Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club, which became the Los Padres Chapter of the Sierra Club in February 1952. She served as chair for several years, and in 1956 became a delegate to the national Sierra Club Council, which she eventually chaired from 1956-1957.

Goddard moved to Paso Robles, where she once again helped form a new local Sierra Club group as part of the Santa Barbara Chapter. The Santa Lucia Group first met on November 9, 1961; the first outing was a hike in early 1962 through the Nipomo Dunes, near Oso Flaco Lake. The trip became a permanent annual outing, which Goddard Jones led from 1962 to 1995. In October of 1968 the San Luis Obispo County members attained chapter status for the Santa Lucia group.

Goddard Jones’ most important efforts led to the preservation of the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes. “I want everyone to know what a lovely place we have out here on the mesa,” she said. “It is a wealth of beauty, and all of it is free.”

Goddard Jones’ growing environmental activism led to a split with her conservative husband and the Jacksons divorced in August 1966. On August 21, 1971 she married Gaylord Jefferson Jones, who shared her love of the dunes and the outdoors.
In the early 1960s she saw a newspaper article announcing that utility company Pacific Gas & Electric had acquired dune land for a nuclear power plant. The article sparked Goddard Jones’ campaign of 13 years to have the nuclear power plant relocated elsewhere and the dunes preserved. In 1974 PG&E sold 857 acres of dune land to the state for a park and sought another location for the nuclear power plant.

Of this decision, Sunset magazine contributor Matthew Jaffe wrote, “PG&E’s eventual decision to build its plant in a little-known spot farther north, Diablo Canyon, led to criticism of Jones by both environmentalists (who opposed all nuclear power plants) and locals (who were angry about the loss of tax revenue and building contracts). But the process of saving the dunes had begun.”


**Sources**

Ann Van Tyne, interview with Kathleen Goddard Jones, “Defender of California’s Nipomo Dunes, Steadfast Sierra Club Volunteer.” *Sierra Club Nationwide II, 1984*

http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/ROHO/collections/subjectarea/natres/sierraclub.html


http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m1216/is_n4_v189/ai_12884195


“Statement of Kathleen Jackson before California Public Utilities Commission on February 17, 1967, San Luis Obispo.” Box 16, Folder 7, Kathleen Goddard Jones Papers, Special Collections, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Scope and Content Note

The Kathleen Goddard Jones Correspondence, 1918-2002, contains the personal papers of environmental activist Kathleen Goddard Jones of Arroyo Grade, California.

The majority of the collection is comprised of correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard Jones to her parents during her years at college and during her first marriage. The letters, which doubled for Goddard Jones as her personal diary, provide a detailed recounting of her life at Mills and on the East Coast at the height of the Great Depression. Enclosed with her correspondence Goddard Jones often included the correspondence of friends and family or pamphlets and brochures from places she traveled. When possible these additional items are included in the item description.

The collection also includes an assortment of photographs compiled by researchers and family that illustrate her life, from student to environmental activist. The correspondence complements the Kathleen Goddard Jones Papers, 1933-2001, providing an introduction and background to the later environmental work Goddard Jones performed along the Central Coast.

In order to retain historical context, in the collection Kathleen Goddard Jones can be found under the following surnames:
  Kathleen Goddard
  Kathleen Shirazi
  Kathleen Ali-Shirazi
  Kathleen Shirazi Parvaz
  Kathleen Duncan
  Kathleen Goddard Jones

Before arriving at Cal Poly, the collection was arranged in chronological order. During this process, the photographs were separated from the original correspondence. Where possible, the provenance, or original organization, of the papers has been preserved. However, in order to simplify access to the collection for researchers, some materials in specific formats and topics were reorganized and refoldered to more accurately reflect their contents.

The Kathleen Goddard Jones Correspondence is divided into 7 series:

Series 1. Pre-Collegiate Correspondence, 1921-1926, including Mother’s Day cards and correspondence from her trip to Europe;
Series 2. Mills College Correspondence, 1927-1929;
Series 3. Correspondence as Mrs. Kathleen Shirazi, 1929-1932, including programs, pamphlets, and travel ephemera;
Series 5. Correspondence to Goddard Family, 1918-1929, correspondence from friends of the Goddard family;
Series 6. Photographs, 1927-2001;
Series 7. Clippings, 2001-2002

The Kathleen Goddard Jones Correspondence is housed in 6 Hollinger containers, with Series 2. Mills College Correspondence and Series 3 Correspondence as Mrs.
Kathleen Shirazi containing the most extensive and unique portions of the collection. The 86,000-word 618-page manuscript in Series 5 recounts her experiences in Persia in the mid-1930s, while the clippings in Series 7 are on the subjects of her passing and a biography on Goddard Jones published in 2001.
Series Description/Folder List

Series 1. Pre-collegiate Correspondence, 1921-1926
Contains 2 subseries: A. Early Correspondence and B. European Tour.

A. Early Correspondence
Contains early correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard to her parents Willis and Nellie Goddard, arranged chronologically by date, from 1921-1925. 3 folders.

Box 1 Folder 1
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, August 1921

Box 1 Folder 2
Kathleen Goddard to Nellie Goddard, Mother’s Day 1922

Box 1 Folder 3
Kathleen Goddard to Nellie Goddard, Mother’s Day 1925

B. European Tour
Contains correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard to her parents Willis and Nellie Goddard, arranged chronologically by date, from June 1926 – September 1926. 4 folders.

Box 1 Folder 4
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, June 1926

Box 1 Folder 5
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, July 1926

Box 1 Folder 6
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, August 1926

Box 1 Folder 7
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, September 1926

Box 1 Folder 8
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, October 1926
**Series 2. Correspondence at Mills College, 1927-1929**
Contains 2 subseries: A. First Year and B. Second Year.

**A. First Year**
Contains correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard to her parents Willis and Nellie Goddard during her first year at Mills College, arranged chronologically by date, from September 1927-June 1928. 10 folders.

- **Box 2 Folder 1**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, September 1927 [meets Marzieh Nabil-Khan]

- **Box 2 Folder 2**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, October 1927

- **Box 2 Folder 3**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, November 1927

- **Box 2 Folder 4**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, December 1927

- **Box 2 Folder 5**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, January 1928

- **Box 2 Folder 6**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, February 1928

- **Box 2 Folder 7**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, March 1928

- **Box 2 Folder 8**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, April 1928 [travels to Yosemite, Ahwahnee Hotel]

- **Box 2 Folder 9**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, May 1928

- **Box 2 Folder 10**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, June 1928

**B. Second Year**
Contains correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard to her parents Willis and Nellie Goddard during her second year at Mills College, arranged chronologically by date, from August 1928-March 1929. 8 folders.

- **Box 2 Folder 11**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, August 1928 [works at Los Angeles Exposition]

- **Box 2 Folder 12**
  Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, September 1928
Box 2 Folder 13  
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, October 1928

Box 2 Folder 14  
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, November 1928 [includes photo-postcard and correspondence from Cedric Wright]

Box 2 Folder 15  
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, December 1928 [meets Ansel and Virginia Adams, Ernst Bacon; includes correspondence from Marzieh Nabil-Khan]

Box 2 Folder 16  
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, January 1929

Box 2 Folder 17  
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, February 1929

Box 2 Folder 18  
Kathleen Goddard to Willis and Nellie Goddard, March 1929 [includes correspondence from Marzieh Nabil-Khan]
Series 3. Correspondence as Mrs. Kathleen Shirazi, 1929-1932

A. Washington, D.C.
Contains correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to her parents Willis and Nellie Goddard, arranged chronologically by date, from April 1929-June 1929. 3 folders.

Box 3 Folder 1
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, April 1929

Box 3 Folder 2
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, May 1929

Box 3 Folder 3
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, June 1929 [includes correspondence from Wallace Hebberd]

B. New York City
Contains correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to her parents Willis and Nellie Goddard, arranged chronologically by date, from July 1929-1932. 20 folders.

Box 3 Folder 4
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, July 1929 [includes correspondence from Helen Carr]

Box 3 Folder 5
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, August 1929

Box 3 Folder 6
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, September 1929 [includes correspondence from Ali Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard]

Box 3 Folder 7
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, October 1929

Box 3 Folder 8
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, November 1929 [includes correspondence from Wallace Hebberd and Ali Shirazi]

Box 3 Folder 9
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, April 1930 [includes correspondence from Helen Carr and Ernst Röthig]

Box 3 Folder 10
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, May 1930 [includes correspondence from Helen Carr and Cedric Wright]

Box 3 Folder 11
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, June 1930 [travels East Coast]
Box 4 Folder 1
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, July 1930 [includes correspondence from A.K. Dashti]

Box 4 Folder 2
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, August 1930 [includes correspondence from cousin Maude Nichols]

Box 4 Folder 3
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, September 1930 [includes correspondence from Ahmad Sohrab]

Box 4 Folder 4
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, October 1930 [regarding America-Persia Goodwill Flight]

Box 4 Folder 5
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, November 1930

Box 4 Folder 6
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, December 1930

Box 4 Folder 7
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, January 1931

Box 4 Folder 8
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, February 1931 [regarding New History Society]

Box 4 Folder 9
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, March 1931 [includes correspondence from Cedric Wright]

Box 4 Folder 10
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, April 1931

Box 4 Folder 11
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, May 1931

Box 4 Folder 12
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, June 1931

Box 4 Folder 13
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, July 1931 [regarding plane crash in Washington D.C., includes correspondence from friends]

Box 4 Folder 14
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, August 1931

Box 4 Folder 15
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, September 1931
Box 4 Folder 16
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, October 1931

C. San Francisco
Contains correspondence written by Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to her parents Willis and Nellie Goddard, arranged chronologically by date, from 1932. 3 folders.

Box 4 Folder 17
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, January 1932

Box 4 Folder 18
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, February 1932

Box 4 Folder 19
Kathleen Goddard Shirazi to Willis and Nellie Goddard, [September 1932?]
Series 4. Kathleen Goddard Shirazi Manuscript “Passage to Persia,” 1934
Contains 1 subseries: Manuscript

A. Manuscript
Contains unpublished manuscript by Kathleen Goddard Shirazi, from 1934. 1 box.

Box 5 Folder 0
Typescript, by Kathleen [Goddard] Shirazi, “Passage to Persia” or “By Golden Lattice and Caravanserai,” 1934

Series 5. Correspondence to Goddard Family, 1918-1929
Contains 1 subseries: Subseries A. Correspondence to Goddard Family.

A. Correspondence to Goddard Family
Contains correspondence to the Goddard family from friends, arranged chronologically, from 1918-1929. 4 folders.

Box 6 Folder 1
William Taylor Barry to Willis and Nellie Goddard, September 1918 [re death of Barry’s son]

Box 6 Folder 2
Alexander F. Irvine to Nellie Goddard, March –June 1926 [discussing Kathleen Goddard’s trip to Europe]

Box 6 Folder 3
Alexander F. Irvine to Nellie Goddard, June – July 1926 [from London and Geneva during the League of Nations]

Box 6 Folder 4
Cedric Wright to Nellie Goddard, Nov 1928 and Jan 1929 [regarding his relationship with Kathleen Goddard]
Contains 1 subseries: Photographs.

A. Photographs  
Contains photographs of Kathleen Goddard Jones and friends, arranged alphabetically by subject, from 1927-2001. 20 folders.

Box 6 Folder 5  
Bakhtiar, Dr. Abol and Lailee, 1930

Box 6 Folder 6  
Brorsson, Karin, c. 1930

Box 6 Folder 7  
Carr, Helen S. and John Lyons, Chesapeake Beach, 1931

Box 6 Folder 8  
Cornell, Virginia and Kathleen Goddard Jones, 2001

Box 6 Folder 9  

Box 6 Folder 10  
Goddard Jones, Kathleen, ninetieth birthday party, 1997

Box 6 Folder 11  
Goddard Jones, Kathleen, portraits, 1970-2001

Box 6 Folder 12  
Goddard, Kathleen and unidentified, c. 1928

Box 6 Folder 13  
Jackson Family Christmas Cards, c. 1950-53

Box 6 Folder 14  
Jackson, Duncan, undated

Box 6 Folder 15  
Janney Manor, Paso Robles, 1995, undated

Box 6 Folder 16  
Nourzad, Hashem, 1930

Box 6 Folder 17  
Shirazi, Ali, undated

Box 6 Folder 18  
Shirazi, Kathleen [Goddard] and Ali and Abdullah Dashti, 1930

Box 6 Folder 19  
Shirazi, Kathleen [Goddard] and Ali, Delhi, India, 1929
Box 6 Folder 20
Shirazi, Kathleen [Goddard] and Ali, Elsie and Gertrude Church, Karin Brorsson, Ernst Röthig, and Hashim Hossain, 1930

Box 6 Folder 21
Shirazi, Kathleen [Goddard] and Reimer, 1931

Box 6 Folder 22
Sierra Club Trips, 1950-51 and undated

Box 6 Folder 23
Unidentified, c. 1927

Box 6 Folder 24
Wright, Cedric and Joanne, 1930
Series 7. Clippings, 2001-2002

A. Kathleen Goddard Jones Memorials
Contains newspaper clippings and articles, arranged alphabetically by author, from 2001-2002. 6 folders.

Box 6 Folder 25

Box 6 Folder 26

Box 6 Folder 27

Box 6 Folder 28

Box 6 Folder 29

Box 6 Folder 30
Hodin, Russell. “...for the people who come after...” [comic], n.d.

B. Reviews of Defender of the Dunes

Box 6 Folder 31

Box 6 Folder 32

Box 6 Folder 33

Box 6 Folder 34
Midwest Book Review. 4 Nov. 2001