Register of the

Dorothy Blake Walter Collection

Collection 283

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**Scope and Content**

Dorothy Blake Walter was born on June 6, 1908, in Stroud, OK, and married L. Beulah Henry Blake on August 15, 1935. In 1927, she received the Elementary teaching credentials (SDA), and worked as an elementary school teacher from 1927 to 1931. Between 1931 and 1936 she worked as a nurse at the St. Helena Sanitarium and Hospital where she also became a registered nurse in 1934. From 1936 to 1941, she worked again as an elementary school teacher, and from 1941 to 1946 as a secretary. Then she worked as a recorder (1946-1948) and administrative assistant (1950-1963) in the Office of Admissions and Records at Pacific Union College (PUC). In 1959 she graduated with a B.S. from Pacific Union College, and in 1961 she received the California Elementary teaching credentials. While working as a supervisor in the Office of Graduate Studies at PUC (1963-1967), she taught classes in professional writing. In 1967 she also completed the fifth year of College which was equivalent to the requirements of an M.A. From 1967 to 1968 she was a teacher of Literature and Professional Writing at PUC. Between 1968 and 1970 she worked together with Ruth Wheeler as co-author and layout editor on a Seventh-day Adventist Health / Science Series for grades 1 to 4, at the General Conference in Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. The following two years she served as the Assistant Director of Admissions and Records at Columbia Union College (CUC). From 1971 to 1976 she was the Associate Director of Admissions and Records at CUC.

She authored more than 1,000 published stories, articles, and poems that appeared in Adventist and non-Adventist periodicals publications. She used several pen names such as Dorothy Walter, Katherine Blake, Kay Blake, Dorothy Blake, Katherine Ross, and Dorothy Ross. For about two years she was a columnist for the journal *Life and Health*. Together with Ruth Wheeler she wrote the health and science text books for the General Conference, grades 1 to 4. In 1961 her book, *Worship Time*, was an award book of the Pacific Press Publishing Association. She was listed in various Who's Who books.

In 1966 the “Dorothy Blake Walter Collection” of her published works and some unpublished manuscripts was set up in the Center for the Study of 20th Century Literature at the Mugar Memorial Library of the Boston University Libraries (at their request).
**Arrangement**

The collection generally was well arranged before processing began. Basically the collection is categorized in business materials and writings. The business materials are subdivided into accounting documents, business correspondence, and newspaper articles about Dorothy Blake Walter. The writings section is divided into published and unpublished writings with the works in alphabetical order within their respective genre.

**Provenance**

Dorothy Walter's only daughter, Linda Katherine Walter, donated this collection to the Andrews University Center for Adventist Research in 2009.

**Use**

All users of this collection are required to complete the “Application to Use Unpublished Records,” and to observe the regulation specified in the “Patron Agreement” and “Researcher’s Code of Conduct.” All records in this collection are open and available for research. Citation for this collection:

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INVENTORY

I. Personal and Business Documents

Accounting Documents

Bx 1  Fld 1  Lists of articles, poems, and books with the dates, prices, and the periodical/publishing house names to which it was sold to; annual sales lists for the years 1951 - 1964.

Invoices, Royalty Memos, Correspondence with Institutions

Bx 1  Fld 2  1951 - 1957
Bx 1  Fld 3  1958 - 1965

Business Correspondence

Bx 1  Fld 4  Correspondence with Boston University Library (including an inventory of the Dorothy Blake Walter Collection at Boston University library, addenda June 1977)

Bx 1  Fld 5  Correspondence regarding
American Biographical Institute
Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans
Dictionary of International Biography
Intercontinental Biographical Association
International Authors and Writers Who’s Who
International Biographical Center
International Who’s Who in Community Service
Marquis Library Society
Marquis Who’s Who Biographical Directories
National Society of Literature and the Arts
Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era
Personalities of America
Personalities of the South
St. Martin’s Press
Who’s Who in America
Who’s Who in Maryland
Who’s Who of American Women
World Who’s Who of Authors
World Who’s Who of Women
Bx 1  Fld 6  Correspondence regarding *Life and Health* Journal  
(1958 - 1961)

Bx 1  Fld 7  Correspondence with various institutions (1955 - 1970)

**Newspaper Articles**

Bx 1  Fld 8  Newspaper articles about Dorothy Blake Walter

**II. Writings**

**Published Writings**

**Short Stories**

"Caught by the Heart," *Life and Health*, June 1959, 26-27.
“In Retrospect,” Youth’s Instructor, October 30, 1962, 16-17.

“Our Sunbeam Stories: Chapter 1,” My Bible Story, May 19, 1956, 4.
“Our Sunbeam Stories: Chapter 3,” My Bible Story, June 2, 1956, 4.
“Our Sunbeam Stories: Chapter 4,” My Bible Story, June 9, 1956, 4.
“Penny and the Toy Dog,” My Bible Story, March 6, 1964, 4.
“Physicals Are Important,” Life and Health, August 1960, 26-27.
“Poisons, Beware!” Life and Health, October 1959, 29-29.
“A Prize for Nonie,” Junior Life, April 19, 1953, 1-2, 9, 11-12.
“A Prize for Nonie,” Junior Life, April 27, 1958, 1-2, 10, 12.
“Sally Has Everything,” *Forward*, December 14, 1952, 10-13, 15.


“What if I hadn’t taught?,” *Youth’s Instructor*, July 1, 1958, 3-4, 19.

Poems

“Can You Do This?,” *Little Learners*, June 13, 1954, 3.

“Copycat,” *Youth’s Instructor*, January 27, 1953, 18.

“Do You Know These Birds?,” *Instructor*, March 1952, 41.
“For Me to See,” *Hearthstone*, April 1960, 16.
“God Made Everything,” *God Made Our World*, October 19...
“Guess the Holiday,” *Child Life*, December 1951, 38.
“I Like the Night,” *Hearthstone*, October 1960, 16.
“Lovely Things,” *Youth’s Instructor*, September 1, 1959, 8.
“Please Teach Me,” *Hearthstone*, April 1962, 15.
“Spring Walked With Me,” *Youth’s Instructor*, May 28, 1957, 8.

“Table Manners,” *We Do It Together*, June 28, 1959, 4.
“Thanks for Autumn,” *Hearthstone*, November 1960, 16.
“This Lovely Morning,” *Hearthstone*, September 1961, 16.
“To Mother,” *Youth’s Instructor*, May 4, 1954, 8.
“Weather Wisdom,” *Youth’s Instructor*, February 18, 1958, 10.
“Who Am I?,” *Youth’s Instructor*, January 20, 1953, 16.
“Who Am I?,” *Youth’s Instructor*, February 10, 1953, 16.
“Who Am I?,” *Youth’s Instructor*, March 10, 1953, 16.

**Unpublished Writings**

**Book Manuscripts**

- Bx 1 Fld 14 “Adventure at Green Meadow” (by Katherine Blake)
- Bx 1 Fld 15 “The Big Trip” (by Katherine Blake)
- Bx 1 Fld 16 “Daddy’s Diploma” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 17 “The Forgotten Book” (by Katherine Blake)
- Bx 1 Fld 18 “Grandma’s Bible” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 19 “Happy Hill” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 20 “I’m Thankful” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 21 “If You Love Me” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 22 “Jesus Calls Us” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 23 “Jesus Is Coming” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 24 “Keep My Commandments” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 25 “Letters From Lebanon” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 26 “Manners Are For Children” (by Kay Blake)
- Bx 1 Fld 27 “Marty’s Garden” (by Katherine Ross)
- Bx 1 Fld 28 “Miss Lucy’s School” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 29 “Mrs. Dooley’s Boss” (by Katherine Blake)
- Bx 1 Fld 30 “Nicky” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 31 “Our America” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 32 “Our Family” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 33 “Peggy’s Bees” (by Katherine Blake)
- Bx 1 Fld 34 “Queer Neighbors” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 35 “Rules for Rosemary” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 36 “Shadow Valley” (by Dorothy Walter), 2 copies
- Bx 1 Fld 37 “Shadow Valley” (by Dorothy Walter), 2 copies
- Bx 1 Fld 38 “Sunbeam Stories” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 39 “Tent Around the Corner” (by Dorothy Ross)
- Bx 1 Fld 40 “Tommy” (by Dorothy Walter)
- Bx 1 Fld 41 “Trouble for Ted” (by Katherine Blake)
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First Annual Calendar of the Review and Herald Adventist Heritage Album  
(picture by Vernon Nye of the Washington, NH, SDA Church)

*The Youth’s Instructor*, January 6, 1953  
(no article or poem from Dorothy Walter)