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Creator

Glasgow, Ellen, 1873-1945

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Condition Description

Good

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Biographical Note

Ellen Anderson Gholson Glasgow (1873–1945) was an American novelist whose work focused on social, economic, and cultural change in Virginia. She was born on April 22, 1873, in Richmond, Virginia, into a family with established local social standing. She lived in Virginia in her family home her entire life. Glasgow's first novel, *The Descendant*, was published anonymously in 1897, followed by *Phases of an Inferior Planet* in 1898. In 1900 she published *The Voice of the People*, beginning a series of novels addressing the social and political history of Virginia beginning in the mid-19th century. In 1925 Glasgow published *Barren Ground*, followed by works such as *Vein of Iron* (1935) and three comedies of manners: *The Romantic Comedians* (1926), *They Stooped to Folly* (1929), and *The Sheltered Life* (1932). Her final novel, *In This Our Life* (1941), received the Pulitzer Prize for the Novel in 1942. After her death in Richmond in 1945, her memoir *The Woman Within* was published in 1954. Glasgow died on November 21, 1945, and is buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Virginia.

Content Description

This collection contains letters including a handwritten receipt, a note, and a postcard from the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The postcard is a Richmond S.P.C.A. report that documents the progress made in 1942, outlining the success of fieldwork and administrative efforts. The letters are sent to Marguerite Ravenscroft and are written by Ellen Glasgow, serving as President, and Mrs. Randolph Maynard, the Secretary, discussing the organization's functions and thanking Ravenscroft's contributions to purchasing a lethal chamber.

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Letters concerning Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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Scope and Contents

This folder contains six items. A letter from Ellen Glasgow, typewritten and signed, to Marguerite Doe Ravenscroft, 25 April 1943. A Richmond SPCA 1942 report on postcard with Margaret May Dashiell sketch/image on front. A letter from Mrs. Douglas Maynard to Marguerite Doe Ravenscroft, 9 March 1943, on Richmond SPCA letterhead describing the work of the Richmond SPCA and its history. A letter from Mrs. Douglas Maynard to Marguerite Doe Ravenscroft, 28 April 1943, on Richmond SPCA letterhead, conveying the thanks of the board of directors for a donation of \$300 to purchase a euthanasia chamber for the shelter. The letter notes that the meeting was held at Glasgow's home. A letter from Mrs. Douglas Maynard to Marguerite Doe Ravenscroft, 30 March 1943, acknowledging the gift of funds for a purchase of a euthanasia chamber, and discussing the installation of a memorial to Mrs. Ravenscroft's Sealyham Terrier on the chamber. And finally, a handwritten receipt for \$300 to purchase the lethal chamber.