

## **Ann Blankenhorn Collection**

**Papers, 1922-1968**

**1 linear foot  
2 manuscript boxes**

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The papers of Ann Blankenhorn were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs in August of 1969 by Mrs. Blankenhorn and were opened for research in 1971.

Ann Blankenhorn, formerly Ann Washington Craton of Provincetown, Massachusetts, was born in 1891. She received an A.B. from George Washington University in 1915. The following year she became a member of the staff of the Bureau of Children's Guardians in Washington, D.C. and served as a case investigator and later, adoption supervisor in rural Virginia from 1916 to 1918. Upon completion of her assignment as a field investigator for the Bureau of Labor Statistics in 1919, she moved to New York and continued her career interests as a secretary and employment counselor for the New York Child Labor Committee, and from 1922 to 1924, an executive secretary for the New York Civic Club.

While in New York, she continued her education at the Columbia University Graduate School of Social Sciences. As part of an educational program, she conducted research studies on the clothing and textile industries under the auspices of the Department of Economics at Columbia and the research department of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers guided by Sidney Hillman. Later she returned to Washington and resumed her activities as a caseworker for the American Red Cross on the disaster relief staff from 1926 to 1931. Throughout this period, Mrs. Blankenhorn published articles on the social and economic conditions in various industries especially as they applied to women and children.

In 1936 she became the wife of Heber Blankenhorn and has resided in Alexandria, Virginia since that time. During the 1940s she began work on a manuscript describing the social conditions of cities and small towns in certain coal mining areas. However, she was unable to complete it due to her husband's death in 1956 and has since concentrated her efforts on the preparation of her husband's memoirs for publication.

### **Important subjects covered in the collection are:**

Imprisonment of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, 1950s.  
Social and economic environment of coal-mining cities and towns, 1930s

Working conditions of women and children in textile industries, 1920s  
WPA

**Among the important correspondents are:**

Peter Blume  
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn

**Box 1**

1. Correspondence; Blume, Peter, undated
2. ; Evans, Ernestine, 1947-48
3. ; Evans, Ernestine, undated
4. ; Flynn, Elizabeth Gurley, 1957-62
5. ; Misc. correspondence and clippings, 1931-68
6. ; Misc. correspondence, undated.
- 7-8. ; Flynn, Elizabeth Gurley, personal interview, clippings, 1955-57
9. WPA; correspondence and clippings, 1934
10. Article by Ann Craton; "Those Terrible Americans," 1922
11. Article by Ann Craton; "Rats," 1922
12. Article by Ann Craton; "I saw the Men in the Mines", c.1948
13. Article by Ann Craton; "The Depression Hits the Coal Fields" or  
B.U.D.'s," n.d.
14. Article by Ann Craton; "Nice Little Homes," n.d.
15. Article by Ann Craton; "Donaldson Got Arrested," n.d.
16. Article by Ann Craton; "The Little Boy who didn't like Candy," n.d.
17. Article by Ann Craton; "Child Worker in the Pennsylvania Coal Fields,"  
n.d.
- 18-26. Manuscript Notes

**Box 2**

1. Personal Notebooks, Diaries, and address books
2. Employment data, correspondence and resume, 1924-37
3. Unfinished manuscript; "Religion in Eureka" (I Investigate the Influence  
of  
the Church in Industrial Villages)
- 4-6. ; "Religion in Rendville"
7. ; "Religion in Dogtown"
- 8-9. ; "Religion in Tost Creek"
10. ; "Religion in Pine Dale"
11. ; "Religion in Piney Fork"
- 12-13. ; "Religion in Panama"
14. ; "Panama"
15. ; "Fact finding"
16. ; "Smash-Up"
17. ; "Little Kate"
18. ; "Redtown"