

Guide to the Anna Melissa Graves Photographs LAV000708

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Summary Information

Repository: Walter P. Reuther Library

Creator: Graves, Anna Melissa, 1875-1964

Title: Anna Melissa Graves Photographs

ID: LAV000708

Date [inclusive]: 1910-1939

Physical Description: .5 Linear Feet (1 MB). Black and white snapshots and studio portraits.

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Material entirely in English and Spanish.

Abstract: An associate of Peruvian political leader, Victor Raul Haya de la

Torre, Anna Melissa Graves led efforts to liberate de la Torre during his imprisonment by the Peruvian government. Collection consists of

photographic prints of de la Torre and other unidentified persons.

Citation Style

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History

Anna Melissa Graves was an American citizen who taught English in China, Russia, Latin America, and Africa during the 1920s and 1930s. It is believed that she was born in 1880; she died in 1964 at the age of 84.

Miss Graves led efforts in the early 1930s to free Victor Raul Haya de La Torre, a Peruvian political leader who was imprisoned in 1932 for his revolutionary ideas. A founder of the of the APRA Party, American Popular Revolutionary Alliance, de la Torre became friends with Graves and the two frequently corresponded. Graves also wrote to several other South Americans involved in the social, political, and economic movements.

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Scope and Content

Collection consists of black and white photographic prints, mostly of or including de la Torre. Includes snapshots and mounted portraits. Several studio portraits have handwritten, personal notes and signatures.

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Acquisition

The Anna Mellisa Graves Photographs were placed in the Archives of Labor History and Urban Affairs on March 14, 1975, by Sophie Graves, her cousin.

Processing History

Processed by Elizabeth Clemens and finding aid written by Deborah Rice on March 20, 2017.

Access

Collection is open for research.

Patrons must make an appointment with the AV Department prior to visiting.

Use

Refer to the Walter P. Reuther Library "Rules for Use of Archival Materials."

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Related Materials

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Anna Melissa Graves Papers

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Controlled Access Headings

- Labor
- Political activists
- Social Justice