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## Summary Information

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## Biography

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Born to Edward and Georgia (Smyth) Ryder, Ruth Ryder St. John was a 1936 graduate of Michigan State College (now Michigan State University) with a B.A. in Public School Music. Her father, Edward, retired as a professor of History and Political Science at M.S.C. in 1938. She was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota and Pi Lambda Theta. Ruth also held a teaching certificate for the state of Illinois. During the Second World War, Ruth served in the American Red Cross, working in New Guinea, the Philippines, Australia and other Pacific nations. She was also instrumental in coordinating an M.S.C. alumni reunion in Manila in 1945. In 1956 she married Don St. John.

Ruth died on September 11, 2000.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains a great deal of correspondence, including many to and from family and friends while Ruth Ryder was in the American Red Cross. Other subject materials cover the topics of the June 10, 1945 alumni reunion in Manila, the establishment of the Edward H. Ryder and Georgia R. Ryder Scholarship Fund, and the East Lansing High School Class of 1931 Fifty Year Reunion. The scrapbook in this collection is dedicated to the Manila reunion and contains lists of attendants and correspondence received by Ryder on the occasion. There is also a large series of photographs for this collection that reflect the materials and include pictures of the Ryder and St. John families, as well as American Red Cross activities overseas.

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## Related Materials

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### Related Archival Materials

See also Edward Ryder papers, (UA 17.40)

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Photographs
- Universities and colleges -- Alumni and alumnae
- Letters (correspondence)
- World War, 1939-1945 -- Pacific Area
- Poetry
- Scrapbooks
- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Diplomas
- Ryder, Edward H.
- Butterfield, Kenyon L. (Kenyon Leech), 1868-1935
- Ryder, Georgia Smyth
- Michigan State University. Class of 1936
- Michigan State College
- American Red Cross

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## Collection Inventory

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<b>Papers</b>			
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>		
Family Birth, Marriage, Death Registry	box 1567H	folder 1	
Correspondence			
1943-1947	box 1567H	folder 2	
1952, 1955 - 1957	box 1567H	folder 3	
1962, 1964 - 1966	box 1567H	folder 4	
1970, 1972, 1975 - 1979			

	box 1567H	folder 5
1980, 1982, 1984, 1986 - 1987, 1989	box 1567H	folder 6
1990-1997	box 1567H	folder 7
Undated	box 1567H	folder 8
News Clippings, 1925, 1932, 1944 - 1945, 1947, 1949, 1952 - 1956	box 1567H	folder 9
American Red Cross		
Miscellaneous, 1943 - 1945, Undated	box 1567H	folder 10
New Guinea - Miscellaneous, 1944, Undated	box 1567H	folder 11
Manila Reunion- Article and Radio Program, 1945		
MSU College of Arts and Letters 1995 Awards Convocation and Deans Award Luncheon, May 4, 1995	box 1567H	folder 13
Deed of Gift- \$10,000 for Edward H. Ryder and Georgia R. Ryder Scholarship Fund, March 21, 1956	box 1567H	folder 14
Certificates and Diplomas, 1934, 1936, 1942, 1946	box 1567H	folder 15
School Poetry, 1933	box 1567H	folder 16
East Lansing High School Class of 1931 50 Year Reunion, 1981	box 1567H	folder 17
<u>The Outlook</u> (article by Kenyon L. Butterfield, "Recent Grange Work in Michigan"), September 17, 1898	box 1567H	folder 18
Miscellaneous, 1932, 1943, 1980, Undated	box 1567H	folder 19
Miscellaneous Ephemera, Undated	box 1567H	folder 20
<u>Plutarch's Lives</u> ed with forward by C. Lindeman (student of Edward Ryder), 1950, 1952	box 1567H	folder 21
Scrapbook #236: MSU Alumni Reunion in Manila, 1945	box 1567H	
Photocopy of Development Fund Plaque, undated	box 1567H	folder 22

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## Oversized Items

Title/Description	Instances
MSU Transient Alumni Reunion Hawaii, 1945 Poster. (See UA 17.40 Edward Ryder Collection)	drawer Oversized

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## Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
American Red Cross (ARC)	box UA Photo 34
American Red Cross. Australia	box UA Photo 34
American Red Cross. Manila, Philippines	box UA Photo 34
American Red Cross. New Guinea	box UA Photo 34
American Red Cross. New Guinea. Hollandia Trip, 1945	box UA Photo 34
American Red Cross. Philippines	box UA Photo 34
East Lansing High School Class of 1951 50 <sup>th</sup> Year Reunion	box UA Photo 34
Family and Friends	box UA Photo 34
Hollings Wedding	box UA Photo 34
Manila Reunion	box UA Photo 34
MSU Presidents	box UA Photo 34
Miscellaneous	box UA Photo 34
New Hampshire Scenes	box UA Photo 34
Ryder Family	box UA Photo 34
St. John Family	box UA Photo 34
St. John, Ruth Ryder	drawer Copy      item N3901 Negatives Dr 4  box UA Photo 34

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