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ROSE E. POOL PAPERS
Collection 82-1 to 82-3

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SCOPE NOTE

Dr. Rosey E. Pool donated her papers to the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center in several bequests in 1962, 1965 and 1967. The collection spans 1¼ linear feet and covers the years 1959 to 1967. The correspondence is primarily with her many friends and protégés. She served as a patron and critic of many young Negro poets. The correspondence reveals her devotion to supporting and locating new talent, as well as maintaining friendships with many well known established poets. Included with many of the letters are newspaper clippings, biographical sketches, poems, programs and her encouraging remarks.

Dr. Pool was born in Amsterdam, Holland, in 1905. She was an author, a linguist, a teacher, and a literary critic. She later moved to London, England, where she edited and published several anthologies of modern Negro poetry in English as well as in Dutch translation. Many of the letters in her papers relate to her anthologies, *Beyond the Blues: Hand and Flower Press*, 1962; and *Ik ben de Nieuwe Neger (I am the New Negro): Bert Bakker, Den Hagg*, 1965.

While working on the above texts, Dr. Pool often asked such established poets as Langston Hughes to aid in the location of new talent. The correspondence will reveal that Dr. Pool published unpublished works of new talents such as Mari Evans, Robert Abrams and Roscoe Lee Brown. Other correspondents in the collection include Owen Dodson, LeRoi Jones (Amiri Baraka), Ann Petry, Paul Vessy, Julian Bond, Arna Bontemps, John Henrik Clark, and Arthur B. Spingarn.

Her recognition as a scholar and a critic of modern American Negro poetry is quite evident throughout this collection.

Biographical Data

Rosey E. Pool

1905 May 7

Born in Amsterdam, Holland.

1925

Trained as a teacher for elementary schools before entering Amsterdam University to read Germanic Languages, in addition to drama, folk literature and music. Her studies continued in Munich and Berlin, where she earned her Ph.D.

1930-1959

Taught American Negro literature by radio and by giving public readings.

1936-1943

Led a language school in Amsterdam for adult refugees from Nazi Germany.

1939-1942

Taught at the Jewish Comprehensive Secondary School in Amsterdam. Anne Frank (Diary of a Young Girl) was one of her pupils. Dr. Pool among the first people who read the manuscript of the Anne Frank diary and wrote its first English translation.

1940-1945

Lived in Holland, joined the underground resistance against the Hitler occupation, was imprisoned, escaped, and lived hidden for nineteen months until liberation.

1949

Taught Dutch to adults (Holboin College).

1959-1960

First visit to the United States as a Fulbright scholar.

1971

Died.

Source: Rosey E. Pool Papers Box 82-3 Folder 171

Series Description

Series A Correspondence

Box 82-1
to Box 82-3 Includes extensive correspondence with established Negro poets and newer talents. Topics of discussion through-out the collection deal with anthologies by Dr. Pool on Negro poets. Correspondence often includes biographical sketches, poems, clippings and programs.

Series B Personal Papers

Box 82-3 Printed biographical sketches; and a radio script on her career dated 1961.

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	4 Addison, Lloyd
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	19 Bridson, Geoffrey
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	22 Brown, Linda
	23 Brown, Sterling
	24 Browne, Roscoe
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	26 Carroll, Vinnette
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	28 Clarke, John Henrik
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	34 Cullen, Countee
	35 Cunard, Nancy
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	49 Evans, Mari
	50 Fabio, Sarah Webster
	51 Fields, Julia
	52 Foster, Vera C.
	53 Franklin, John Hope
	54 Fuller, Hoyt W.
	55 Golden, Harry
	56 Grant, Micki
	57 Grimes, Arnold
	58 Hall, Charles J.
	59 Hamilton, Bob
	60 Harris, Tom
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	64 Hernton, Calvin
	65 Hill, Mozell
	66 Horne, Frank S.
	67 Horne, Frank S.
	68 Houston, Dora L.
	69 Hughes, Langston
	70 Hughes, Langston
	71 Hutson, Jean Blackwell
	72 Hyman, Earle
	73 Ingram, Harrine C.
	74 Isenberg, Isa
	75 Ismail, Ibrahim Ibn
	76 Jarrett, Thomas
	77 Jeffers, Lance
	78 Jefferson, Cecilia
	79 Jewett, Jonas L., Jr.
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	81 Johnson, Georgia Douglas

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	84 Jones, LeRoi (Amiri Baraka)
	85 Kayima, Hajima
	86 King, Rev. Charles C.
	87 Kitamura, Takao
	88 LaGrone, Clarence Oliver
	89 Larsen, Carl
	90 Lawrence, Harold G.
	91 Lennon, Florence Becker
	92 Leslie, Catherine
	93 Llorens, David
	94 Lorde, Audre G.
	95 Love, Josephine Harreld
	96 Lubin, Maurice A
	97 McBrown, Gertrude Parthenia
	98 McBurne, Bery
	99 McCall, Margaret "Mother"
	100 McClarrin, Otto
	101 McKinney, Betty
	102 Madgett, Naomi Long
	103 Marteena, Constance
	104 Martin, Herbert Woodward
	105 Marx, Erica
	106 Mathias, Elsie
	107 Matshikijo, Todd T.
	108 Mayfield, Julian
	109 Merriam, Eve
	110 Middleton, Sam
	111 Miller, Rev. Clifford L.
	112 Mockridge, Irene
	113 Morris, James
	114 Morris, Stanley E., Jr.
	115 Morris, Tina
	116 Moses, Wilson
	117 Musgrove, Mary
	118 Myers, Kurtz
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	120 Odufre, J.J.
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	129 Ragland, J. Farley
	130 Randall, Dudley
	131 Randall, Dudley
	132 Raullerson, Calvin
	133 Rivers, Conrad Kent
	134 Rollins, Charlemae
	135 Rowell, Charles H.
	136 Scott, John S.
	137 Scott, O.S.
	138 Scott, Vilma
	139 Shelley, William
	140 Shoner, Bobby
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	142 Snyder, Thurmond L.
	143 Spellman, A.B.
	144 Spingarn, Arthur B.
	145 Stone, Leroy O.
	146 Sullivan, May Miller
	147 Taylor, Charles
	148 Thomas, Margaret
	149 Thomas, Richard W.
	150 Thompson, James W.
	151 Thompson, James W.
	152 Thompson, Clive
	153 Tolson, M.B.
	154 Usill, Harley
	155 Vesey, Paul
	156 Waites, Althea Mitchell
	157 Warder, Nancy
	158 Warren, S.E.
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