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## **Guide to MS459 Dorothea Magdalena Fox papers**

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Dorothea Magdalena Fox  
papers

Span Dates, 1904 – 1982  
Bulk Dates, 1930s – 1970s

10 feet, 3 inches (linear) and oversize items

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Donated by Dorothea Magdalena Fox, 1992.

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## Biography

Dorothea Magdalena Fox (1904 – 1999) was a librarian and travel writer. Born in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Fox graduated from La Crosse State Teachers in 1929 and then attended library school at the University of Minnesota. Fox's first professional librarian position was at the Cedar Rapids Public Library in 1930.

In 1938, Fox was inspired to travel to Europe after reading *How to Travel Without Being Rich* by William McCreery Strong. Along with 25 Americans, Fox traveled through Europe on a bicycle and stayed in inexpensive youth hostels. After her return to the U.S., Fox decided to travel around Wisconsin and Iowa via bicycle. She recounted her journey in her book *Peddaling to Adventure*.

Fox later moved to Indiana and then to El Paso for librarian positions. She was briefly married in 1942 to her childhood friend Miles Graves in Arizona, but kept her job in Indiana. In December 1949, Fox was appointed head librarian of Biggs Air Force Base in El Paso. She became interested in researching local history while in El Paso.

[Source: <https://archives.lacrosselibrary.org/blog/dorothea-m.-fox-the-pedaling-librarian>, accessed January 12, 2023]

## Series Description or Arrangement

Materials left in order found by archivist. Papers are minimally processed.

## Scope and Content Notes

The Dorothea Magdalena Fox papers date 1904 – 1982, bulk 1941 – 1970s. The papers help document Fox's career as a librarian and writer and her historical research. Types of records include correspondence, photographs, publications, research files, and other items.

## Provenance Statement

Donated by Dorothea Magdalena Fox, May 26, 1992. Accretion on May 10, 2001.

## Restrictions

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## Notes to the Researcher

See blog post: <https://archives.lacrosselibrary.org/blog/dorothea-m.-fox-the-pedaling-librarian>

## Container List

Box #	Folder #	Description	Date
1	1	Correspondence	1941;1945;1959
1	2	Mishawaka Public Library	1946-1947
1	3	Various clippings, column by Dorothea Fox	circa 1950 – 1953
1	4	Mishawaka Public Library	c. 1947
1	5	Mishawaka Public Library Photos	c. 1947
1	6	Mishawaka Public Library (1 of 2)	1946-1947
1	7	Mishawaka Public Library (21 of 2)	1946-1947
1	8	NM State Library Commission	1954
1	9	Negatives and Prints of Library (Biggs?)	
1	10	Photos/Negatives	
2	1	Sketch by Dorothea Fox and clipping	December 5, 1939; undated
2	2	Correspondence and other items	circa 1950s – 1960s
2	3	Biggs (1 of 2)	c. 1952
2	4	Biggs (2 of 2)	c. 1967
2	5	Biggs AFB (1 of 2)	
2	6	Biggs AFB (2 of 2)	
2	7	Biggs (1 of 3)	
2	8	Biggs (2 of 3)	
2	9	Biggs (3 of 3)	
2	10	Library Journal	August 1941
2	11	Wilson Library Bulletin	December 1940, Sept. 1942, September 1952
2	12	U of Minnesota Notes & News “Peddling to Adventure” Press	May 1941
2	13	Wisconsin Library Bulletin “Peddling to Adventure” Review	April 1941
2	14	Rotarian “Pay dust on Library Shelves”	1947
3	1	1 <sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron	

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3	2	1 <sup>st</sup> Aero Squadron	
3	3	First Aero field (1 of 2)	
3	4	First Aero field (2 of 2)	
3	5	Antique Airplanes	Winter 1962
3	6	General Hap Arnold – US Airforce	
3	7	Aviation History	
4	1	Aviation History—US Airforce	
4	2	Aviation History & the Growth of the U.S. Airforce	
4	3	Aviation History US Airforce	
4	4	A.Y.H. Knapsack	Summer 1941
4	5	“Early Birds”	
4	6	Andrews & Doolittle	c. 1956
4	7	Biggs Field Manuscript	c. 1955
4	8	Biggs AFB Note Cards	
5	1	George Catlin	c. 1965
5	2	Photos—George Catlin	
5	3	George Catlin	
5	4	General Carleton	
5	5	Circus	
5	6	Congressional Medal of Honor (finished copy)	
5	7	Medal of Honor (1 of 2)	
5	8	Medal of Honor (2 of 2)	
6	1	Bob Crosby	
6	2	Cromwell Dixon	
6	3	Article—Effects of Music Upon Plants & Gardens	
6	4	Booklet—El Arte Del Indios en Los Estados Unidos	
6	5	Music Experiments	
6	6	El Paso’s first Aeroplane flight 1910	1910
6	7	El Paso Tourist Brochures	c. 1954
6	8	Flying magazine	March 1956
6	9	Fowler-Rodgers 1911 First Flight Through Tucson	1911

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7	1	Hamley & Co. Saddlery— Pendleton, Oregon	c. 1966
7	2	Rose Hartwick Thorpe (1 of 4)	
7	3	Rose Hartwick Thorpe (2 of 4)	
7	4	Rose Hartwick Thorpe (3 of 4) Curfew Shall not Ring Tonight	
7	5	Rose Hartwick Thorpe (4 of 4)	
7	6	Heliographs	
7	7	Hopi Silver	
7	8	Graf Zeppelin Photos August 1929	
7	9	Graf Zeppelin research August 1929 (1 of 2)	c. 1963
7	10	Graf Zeppelin August 1929 (2 of 2)	c. 1963
7	11	Indians	
8	1	Indians	
8	2	Indians	
8	3	Indians	
8	4	Indians	
8	5	Here Come the Navaho	
8	6	Speaking of Indians	
8	7	The Indians of Texas	
9	1	Indians of the United States	
9	2	Journal of Iowa History (Fort Madison Iowa)	January 1960
9	3	Otto Lilenthal—Birdman of Germany	
9	4	Frank Luke's Photostatic Records	
9	5	Frank Luke Manuscript	
9	6	Frank Luke Manuscript (Final) <u>Army Aviator Ace, Frank Luke Jr.</u>	
9	7	Frank Luke Manuscript <u>The Phoenix Bird—2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Frank Luke Jr.</u>	
10	1	Frank Luke—Research	
10	2	Frank Luke—Research/Photos	
10	3	Frank Luke	
10	4	Mandy and the Little Mule Cart	

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10	5	McClellan (1 of 4)	
10	6	McClellan (2 of 4)	
10	7	McClellan (3 of 4)	
11	1	McClellan (4 of 4)	
11	2	Pamphlets--Mexico	
11	3	Mexico	
11	4	John Montgomery (1 of 4)	
11	5	John Montgomery (2 of 4)	
11	6	John Montgomery (3 of 4)	
11	7	John Montgomery (4 of 4)	
11	8	Bill Morris— Great Falls Montana	
11	9	Navajo Silver	
12	1	New Mexico & Arizona Forts	
12	2	New Mexico Magazine	November 1954 September 1959
12	3	New Mexico The Land of Enchantment	February 1960 September 1960
12	4	New Mexico Historical Review	April 1961
12	5	"A Ninety Year Romance with Nature" Audubon	October 1964
12	6	Old West	Summer 1968
12	7	Our Mexican Heritage	
12	8	Pancho Villa & the Columbus Raid	
12	9	Peddling to Adventure material	1938 - 1941
13	1	General Ely S. Parker	
13	2	General Ely. S. Parker (includes photo)	
13	3	General George Patton	c. 1963
13	4	Pedro Espinosa Scout for Colonel Richard Irving Dodge	
13	5	General Grant & General Ely S. Parker	
13	6	Photos	
13	7	Albert Pike	
13	8	Albert Pike	
13	9	Albert Pike	
13	10	Albert Pike	



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13	11	Albert Pike	
14	1	Rodeo de Santa Fe	1955
14	2	Joe Sitters, Texas Ranger & Customs Agent	
14	3	The Southwestern Historical Quarterly	July 1913
14	4	Southwestern forts (1 of 2)	
14	5	Southwestern forts (2 of 2)	
14	6	Katherine Stinson—First aviatrix to fly in El Paso	
14	7	Texas forts (1 of 2)	
14	8	Texas US forts	
15	1	Benjamin Thompson	
15	2	Tio Sam, the Saddleman (1 of 2)	
15	3	Tio Sam, the Saddleman (2 of 2)	
15	4	Turquoise	
15	5	Walt Whitman	
15	6	The Western Horseman	November 1963
15	7	Article—A world wide role for the healing power of plants	November 1981
15	8	Assorted clippings	
16	----	Clippings, publications, correspondence, writings, and other items	circa 1950s – 1970s
17	----	Clippings, publications, correspondence, writings, and other items	circa 1950s – 1970s
18	----	Clippings, publications, correspondence, writings, and other items	circa 1950s – 1970s
19	----	Confirmation certificate, diplomas	Circa 1910s – 1920s
Back stacks wall	----	Two framed maps by Dorothea Fox of Texas and El Paso	undated
Map Case #14	----	Hand-drawn maps	undated