

ALICE B. TOKLAS

Letters to Donald H. Frank

1947 - ca. 1967

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Alice B. Toklas (1877-1967) was an author and the life partner of Gertrude Stein. Don Frank is the son of one of Toklas' childhood friends. After his service in the armed forces, he met Toklas in Europe.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The correspondence contains references to San Francisco, Paris during and after World War II, Gertrude Stein, William James, Virgil Thomson, and Thornton Wilder. Also mentioned are productions of Stein's works, and publications of Toklas' cookbook and her autobiography, "What Is Remembered."

The collection is arranged chronologically. There is a transcript for each letter and postcard.

CONTAINER LIST

1. [19]47 January 3 – postcard
2. [19]47 July 12 – 2 pp. + env.
3. [19]48 January 23 – 3 pp. + env.
4. [19]48 March 8 – 3 pp. + env.
5. [19]48 September 9 – postcard
6. [19]49 April 15 – 2 pp. + env.
7. 1949 June 7 postmark – postcard
8. [19]49 November 21 – 2 pp. + env.
9. 1951 January 9 postmark – postcard + env.
10. [19]52 January 9 – postcard + env.
11. 1954 [?] 13 postmark – postcard + env.
12. [19]54 March 5 – postcard + env.
13. 1955 February 28 postmark – postcard + env.
14. [19]58 January 1 – postcard + env.
15. 1962 December 18 postmark – postcard + env.
16. 1963 April 8 postmark – postcard + env.
17. [1963] December 16 – 1 leaf + env.
18. [1965] February 22 – 1 leaf + env.
19. [1966] January 7 [postmarked 6] – postcard + env.
20. c.1967 – Photograph of Alice B. Toklas taken by Don Frank