

Elizabeth Lansing
ca. 1950-90

ELIZABETH LANSING

Collection:
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SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:

Donation by Elizabeth Lansing.

RESTRICTIONS:

Missing/Incomplete: Letter from October 16, 1992.

ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:

This series, consisting mainly of correspondence, was organized and arranged by Ms. Lansing herself. Arranged according to decade, all material has been refoldered and some metal fasteners have been removed. Original order has been preserved.

FINDING AIDS:

Ms. Lansing has included a table of contents of her correspondence.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES:

Elizabeth Lansing, raised and educated in New Orleans, graduated from Newcomb in 1934 with a B.A., majoring in Greek and minoring in Philosophy. The following year she proceeded her graduated studies in Mills College, California where she received an M.A. in Philosophy. There followed two decades of moving about--to Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New York city, involved in various occupations. In 1955 she made the final remove, to North Carolina, where she continued her studies and completed an M.A. in Zoology at Duke University(1960). Her last years of employment were spent in the Rare Book Collection of the University of North Carolina Library, until, in 1985, when the state's mandatory age limit forced retirement. Ms. Lansing has been a strong advocate for women's issues, particularly abortion rights, health care, and education.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS:

This collection spans from the early 50s to the mid 90s. Most of the material consists of correspondence from Ms. Lansing addressed to personal friends and acquaintances. Ms. Lansing has dedicated significant amount of time to abortion-rights groups and she often combines in her correspondence personal news with literature from these activities. Included are also notes from her Newcomb class reunion in 1984 for their 50th anniversary and from her trips to the U.S.S.R. and Greece. As Ms. Lansing indicates in one of her letters, she has been "realistically concerned for public, egalitarian education, health care, and civil liberties".

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Written for	Date	Pages	Topic	Published
Independent Woman	April 1952	3	"What More do Women Want?"	Yes
The Indian Rationalist	Sept. 1953	3	"The Rationalist Among His Allies"	Yes
The Indian Rationalist (Madras)	Jan. 1955	3	"A Rationalist View of Family Planning"	Yes
The Indian Rationalist	April 1955	3	"Family Planning and Religion"	Yes
The Duke Chronicle (Durham)	Jan. 6, 1960	1	Catholicism--Intolerance	Yes
Library Notes Duke U. (Durham)	April 1964	7	"Opuscoli"	Yes
Mobile Home Journal (New York)	Nov. 1964	3	"Why I Chose Mobile Home Living"	Yes
The Bookmark UNC (Chapel Hill)	Sept. 1971	5	"The Landlord is the Guelf Party"	Yes
The Bookmark	Sept. 1972	12	"The Story of an Unfulfilled Promise"	Yes
Library Notes, UNC Staff	Feb. 16, 1973	1	Theodore Gaza Manuscript	Yes
The Humanist Amherst	May 8, 1973	1	Death with dignity Concom: Hemenway clip	Yes
Morning Herald (Durham)	Mar. 13, 1974	1	Jesse Helms on abortion	Yes
Morning Herald	July 27, 1974	1	'Ms.'	Yes
The Bookmark	Oct. 1974	23	"A Perspective on the Manuscripts in the Rare Book Collection"	Yes
Morning Herald	May 9, 1975	1	Pro-choice stand	?

Library Staff Newsletter (UNC)	May 15, 1975 1982?	1	Euripides An Aldine Index (tr.)	Yes
To several Senators	July 25, 1975	1	Support Roe v. Wade	Not sub- mitted for publication
Chapel Hill Newspaper	Oct. 17, 1976	1	Abortion Concom: Arthur Jones	Yes
Daily News (Greensboro)	Oct. 21, 1976	2	Public money for abortion	?
The Sentinel (Winston-Salem)	May 24, 1977	1	Joe Felmet (candidate for Senate)	Yes
News and Observer (Raleigh)	Jan. 15, 1979	1	Anti-choice ploys	?
The Sentinel	Jan. 23, 1979	1	Cruelty of enforced pregnancy	?
Charlotte News	Feb. 5, 1979	1	Public funds for abortion	?
For people posting notices of NARAL-NC meetings	1980	2	Coping with opponents	Not sub- mitted for publication
Tar Heel Humanist (pub. Asheville)	1981	1	Establishing NC RCAR-- Charge of genocide	Yes
Tar Heel Humanist	Feb. 1981	2	Creation myths--Diffusion	Yes
Library Staff	1982?	1	Loud talking Concom: Picture	Yes
Chapel Hill Newspaper	1983	1	Illegal abortion continuing	Yes
Tried Ms. only Rejected after 16 months. Sent to a few friends	8/23/83	1+17+4	"Beyond Abortion-Rights Activism"	No
The Humanist	1984	3	Abortion-rights groups	?

Wansing - articles 1980's - 90's

Written for	Date	Pages	Topic	Published
Request for experiences with abortion	1985?	6	Accounts--personal response	Not submitted for publication
Tar Heel Humanist	Jan./Feb. 1985	1	Welfare	Yes
News and Observer (Raleigh)	May 1985	1	Humanism	Yes
Southeastern Humanist	June 1985	2	Semantics	?
Personal communication	Feb. 15, 1986	3	Humanism	Not submitted for publication
Tar Heel Humanist	1986 or 1987	1	Judeo-Christian Ethics	?
Citizen News-Record (Aberdeen)	Jan. 20, 1986 Feb. 5, 1986	1	Attack on Humanism Concom: Cook, Reply	Yes
News and Observer	Mar. 10, 1986	1	Humanism	?
The Pilot (Southern Pines)	Nov. 25, 1986	1	Population for business advantage	Yes
Daily News (Jacksonville)	Mar. 8, 1987	1	Scheidler in Jacksonville. Concom: Biro Feb. 28, 1987	Yes
Handout for talk	1988?	4	Update on abortion rights	Not submitted for publication
Daily News (Jacksonville)	Feb. 21, 1988	1	Lifers oppose death with dignity	Yes
Washington Post National Weekly	June 11, 1988	1	Reagan on human rights	No
News and Observer	Sept. 7, 1988	1	Rape and incest	Yes
Journal (Winston-Salem)	Jan. 28, 1989	1	Abortion rights Concom: Bruce Bedinger	Yes

Herald (Sanford)	Feb. 1, 1989	1	Pledge-a-Picket	Yes
Free Mind	Mar/Apr 1989	1	Write to the press	Yes
The Speedy Bee (Jessup, GA)	1990	1	Bees	Yes
The Pilot (Southern Pines)	Aug. 20, 1990 Aug. 27? "	1	Deaths from illegal abortion Concom.: Editorial repro- duced from the Fayetteville Times	Yes
Tar Heel Humanist	Jan. 28, 1991	1	Corporal punishment	Yes
Washington Post National Weekly	Jan. 28, 1991	3 items total	Anti-choice ad	No
[General letter]	Jan. 29, 1991		The 1/28 letter and ad were sent as enclosures in the 1/29 letter, which is actually general, not sub- mitted for publication	
Chatham Record Reprinted in Free Mind	Mar/Apr 1991	1	Informed voting	Yes
Western Wake Herald	Aug. 12, 1991	1	Death with dignity	?
Times (Fayetteville)	Oct. 21, 1991	1	Thomas, candidate for Supreme Court Justice	Perhaps
Feminist Caucus American Humanist Assn.	Spring 1992	1	Boycott Louisiana's festivities. Concom.: Downey	Yes
Human Quest	Jan/Feb 1995	1	a) Segregation b) Review: <u>Ancient Futures</u>	Yes

HANSING'S OWN INVENTORIES

CONTENTS - - Correspondence

- Cards: 1952 and undated
- Ltr. Dec. 15, 1955, 3 p.
- Ltr. Dec. 19, 1956, 3 p.
- Ltr. Dec. 18, 1957, 2 p.
- Card: Mice
- Ltr. Dec. 16, 1958, 3 p.
- Card: How many solstices
- Ltr. Dec. 19, 1959, 3 p.
- Card: Fire
- Ltr. Dec. 20, 1960, 2 p.
- Ltr. April 1, 1961, 1 p.
- Card: Trailer (paper replica)
- Ltr. Dec. 18, 1961, 2 p.
- Card: Carpentry
- Ltr. Dec. 19, 1962, 3 p.
- Card: Dragon
- Ltr. Dec. 12, 1963, 2 p.
- Card: Typewriter
- Ltr. Dec. 19, 1964, 2 p.
- Card: Sundial
- Ltr. Dec. 12-21, 1965, 2 p.
- Ltr. May, 1967, 2 p.
- Ltr. [Sept., 1967] 1 p.
- Ltr. June 20, 1968, 2 p.
- Ltr. April 14, 1970, 1 p.
- Ltr. Dec. 16, 1972, 3 p.
New Orleans, p. 1-2
- Ltr. Jan. 1974, 3 p. recto and
verso (sheet with comet,
~~addresses,~~ ltr. 1/9)
- Ltr. Aug. 21, 1974, 1 p. + enclosure
- Ltr. April 29, 1975, 3 p. + enclosure
Germany 1973, p. 2
- Ltr. Mar. 27, 1978, 2 p. + enclosure
- Ltr. (to companions in Grand Canyon;
individual address information)
Sept. 6, 1979, 2 p. + enclosures
- Ltr. Sept. 8, 1979, 2 p. [same enclo.
as preceding?]
Grand Canyon, West

CONTENTS

- Ltr. Oct. 31, 1980, 2 p. + enclosure
- Ltr. Dec. 5, 1980, 2 p. recto and verso
- Ltr. Jan. 5, 1982, 1 p.
- Ltr. Mar. 23, 1983, 2 p.
- Ltr. Dec. 15, 1983, 3 p.
- Ltr. Dec. 21, 1984, 4 p.
Newcomb Class Reunion. Rome, Aegean, Nice.
- Ltr. Aug. 18 - Oct 6, 1986, 17 p. + enclosures
Soviet Union 1985, p. 1-3. Key Marathon 1986, p. 5
- Ltr. June 11, 1991, 8 p.
- Ltr. January, 1992, 22 p.
Greece, 1987, p. 1-13
- Ltr. Oct. 16, 1992, 19 p. recto and verso
- Ltr. Winter, 1993, 20 p. + half cover; recto and verso
- Ltr. July 30, 1993, 4 p. recto and verso + enclosures
- Ltr. (to companions in Canada) Oct. ~~8~~⁹, 1993, 12 p. recto and verso
- Ltr. (to friends who wrote me after a traffic accident) March 27,
1994
- Ltr. Aug. 28, 1994, cover sheet + 26 p., recto and verso