

# Velma West Sykes Papers

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## Collection Summary

**Title:** Velma West Sykes Papers

**Span Dates:** 1820-1975

**Bulk Dates:** (bulk 1963-1975)

**ID No.:** MSS50005

**Creator:** Sykes, Velma West, b. 1892

**Extent:** 350 items ; 2 containers ; 0.8 linear feet

**Language:** Collection material in English

**Location:** Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

**Summary:** Author. Correspondence, writings, printed matter, and research material relating primarily to an unpublished work by Sykes entitled "Widowed by the Gallows, a Biography of Mrs. John Brown."

## Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### People

Brown family--Correspondence.

Brown, John, 1800-1859.

Brown, Mary Ann Day, 1816-1884.

Gee, Clarence S.--Correspondence.

Stutler, Boyd B. (Boyd Blynn), 1889-1970--Correspondence.

Sykes, Velma West, 1892-

### Occupations

Authors.

## Administrative Information

### Provenance

The papers of Velma West Sykes, author, were given to the Library of Congress by Sykes in 1972-1975.

### Processing History

The collection was housed and listed circa 1975. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

### Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Velma West Sykes is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

### Access and Restrictions

The papers of Velma West Sykes are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

### Preferred Citation

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Velma West Sykes Papers, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

## **Scope and Content Note**

The papers of Velma West Sykes (born 1892) span the years 1820-1975, with the bulk of the material from 1963 to 1975. The collection consists of correspondence, writings, newspaper clippings, printed matter, and other research material relating primarily to an unpublished work by Sykes entitled "Widowed by the Gallows, a Biography of Mrs. John Brown." Correspondents include Clarence S. Gee and Boyd Blynn Stutler, and several descendants of John Brown (1800-1859) and his widow, Mary Ann Day Brown.

## **Arrangement of the Papers**

The collection is organized by type of material.

## Container List

<i>Container</i>	<i>Contents</i>
BOX 1	General correspondence, 1963-1975
BOX 1	Miscellaneous, B-Y
BOX 1	Institutions, Ak-Wh
BOX 1	Special correspondence, 1963-1973
BOX 1	Fablinger, Mary
BOX 1	Gee, Clarence S.
BOX 1	Groves, Nell Brown
BOX 1	Huxtable, Elizabeth Burke
BOX 1	Stutler, Boyd Blynn
BOX 2	Book file, "Widowed by the Gallows, a Biography of Mrs. John Brown" 1820-1975, undated
BOX 2	Drafts
BOX 2	Research material (3 folders)
BOX 2	Miscellany, 1963-1973, undated
BOX 2	Newspaper clippings
BOX 2	Printed matter