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INTRODUCTION

The papers in this collection pertain to Jane Kathryn Conrad, who was known as an Atheist activist. These papers focus on the last years of her life. The collection consists of correspondences, publications, articles, and clippings.

DONOR INFORMATION

The entire collection was donated by John Rush, an associate of Conrad's, who corresponded with her from 1989 to 1996. The collection was donated to the University Archives and Special Collections in the spring of 2013.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Jane Kathryn Conrad was born in Philadelphia on March 12, 1916, where she was raised as a Quaker. She married R. Conrad in 1942 and gave birth to two daughters. She received a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Political Science at Metropolitan State University, Denver, Colorado, in 1974. She died in 1996 in Colorado.

She was an Atheist activist and columnist and some of her peers referred to her as a Humanist. She dedicated the last years of her life to challenging the public's view on Atheism, believing that America's most well-known Atheist, Madalyn O'Hair, was portraying religious thought and issues incorrectly. She would write to local and metropolitan newspapers to protest America taking a stance on religion. She wrote five books, two regarding religion, two regarding mobile homes, and one relating to the Madalyn O'Hair family. She also wrote several articles and a newsletter called the Irreverent Review.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Jane Kathryn Conrad Collection consists of four series: **Correspondence; Publications by Conrad; Clippings; and Other Publications** Conrad collected. The majority of letters in the Correspondence series were written by Conrad to John Rush. The Publications by Conrad series include an article and newsletters. The collection is arranged chronologically with undated items at the end.

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