



## Legacy Finding Aid for Manuscript and Photograph Collections

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## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FINDING AID

**Reference Code:** MS 0934

**Title:** Marie Ahnighito Peary scrapbooks

**Name of Creator(s):** Marie Ahnighito Peary Stafford

**Subject(s):** Famous figures; public buildings, historic buildings, schools, parks, and gardens in Washington, D.C.

Jackson, Andrew, 1767-1845

Jones, John Paul, 1747-1792

Mills, Robert, 1781-1855

Randolph, John, 1773-1833

Archives.

Arlington National Cemetery (Arlington, Va.)

Blair House (Washington, D.C.)

Cartoons and comics.

Cemeteries Washington Region.

Cherry trees -- Washington, D.C.

Columbus, Christopher.

Decatur House (Washington, D.C.).

Dumbarton House.

**Dates:** 1880, 1925, 1928, 1931-1938, 1945, 1964.

Many articles are undated.

**Name and Location of Repository:** Historical Society of Washington, D.C. 801 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20001 (202) 249-3954 [library@dchistory.org](mailto:library@dchistory.org)

**Description Control:** Clippings from publications (e.g., the *Washington Star* (including James Clagett Proctor columns and photogravure sections), *New Yorker*, *Saturday Review*, *National Geographic Magazine*, *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, *New York*

*Times*), articles, cartoons, quizzes, jokes, poetry; souvenirs from visits to Washington sights. Collection processed in August 2018 by Beth Purcell.

**Administrative/Biographical History:**

Marie Ahnighito Peary Stafford (1893-1978) was born in Northwest Greenland on September 12, 1893, to arctic explorer Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary and his wife, Josephine Diebitsch Peary, of Portland, Maine, and Washington, DC. Their daughter became known world-wide as the "Snow Baby," a name given to her by the Greenland natives who had never before seen a white baby. In 1909, when Marie was 16 years old, Admiral Peary became the first white man to lead a successful expedition to the North Pole. In 1917, Marie Peary married Edward Stafford, a Washington attorney and during the next three years they had two sons. In 1920, Peary Stafford's father died. In 1932, she set sail to the Arctic to erect a monument in honor of her father and to memorialize his accomplishments.

Peary Stafford was also an important political figure: during World War II. She was part of the Danish-American Commission, which stabilized the dollar as well as established security for Denmark and Greenland. For her contributions to the Commission, Peary Stafford was awarded the Liberation Medal by the Danish government. In 1950, she was awarded the Henry B. Bryant medal for her contributions to geographical information.

After both her husband and her mother died in 1955, Peary Stafford moved to Brunswick, Maine, and, in 1967, she married her second husband, William Kuhne, a retired seaman. Peary Stafford lived the remainder of her life in Brunswick until her death in 1978. Marie Peary Stafford was the author of five books and many articles, and held an honorary Master of Arts Degree from Bowdoin College.

Source: Finding aid, Marie Ahnighito Peary Papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine.

Marie Ahnighito Peary Stafford created the scrapbooks during the time she lived in Washington, D.C. University of New England holds her papers.

**Scope and Content:** Materials are pasted into pages in two bound scrapbooks, embossed "Marie Ahnighito Peary." Pages are numbered by the processor.

**System of Arrangement:** The materials were arranged by the creator; no changes have been made.

**Extent:** 0.5 cubic ft. (one container).

**Conditions Governing Access:** The collection is open for research use.

**Physical Access :** The scrapbooks are fragile.

**Technical Access:** Not applicable.

**Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use:** Some material may be copyrighted or restricted. It is the patron's obligation to determine and satisfy copyright or other case restrictions when publishing or otherwise distributing materials found in the collections.

**Languages and Scripts of the Material :** English.

**Finding Aids:** A folder-level container list is available in repository.

**Appraisal, Destruction, and Scheduling Information:** Not applicable.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**Existence and Location of Originals :** Not applicable.

**Existence and Location of Copies:** None.

**Related Archival Materials:** The Marie Ahnighito Peary Papers, Maine Women Writers Collection, University of New England, Portland, Maine, contain scrapbooks.

**Publication Note:** There are no known publications derived from the material.

**Citation:** Marie Ahnighito Peary scrapbooks (MS 0934), Historical Society of Washington, D.C.

**Separately Cataloged Materials Physically Maintained with the Collection:** None.

**Separately Located Cataloged Materials:** This refers to items that were received as part of the collection and are *stored separately* from the manuscript collection. None.

**Container 1**

**Folder 1:** Dates: 1928, 1931-1938, 1945, 1964.

Capitol  
Arlington Cemetery  
Rock Creek bridges  
Native Americans  
Cherry blossoms (cartoon)  
L'Enfant Plan  
Robert Mills  
Tomb of the Unknown Soldier  
U.S. Supreme Court  
Folger Shakespeare Library  
Dumbarton House  
Embassy of France garden  
Christopher Columbus  
First Presbyterian Church on John Marshall Place and other churches  
Briggs Mansion/Friendship House  
Franciscan Monastery  
Theodore Roosevelt Island (Analostan Island)  
Rock Creek  
Bancroft House, 1625 H Street  
McLean Mansion  
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception  
Dower House  
White House  
Jokes  
Fountains  
Rock Creek Park  
Smithsonian Institution, 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
Titanic Memorial  
Mount Vernon  
General Andrew Jackson  
Montgomery Farm Woman's Cooperative Market  
History of National Gallery of Art site  
Massachusetts Avenue history  
Pennsylvania Avenue history  
Aspen Hill pet cemetery  
Handkerchief map of Washington  
9<sup>th</sup> Street history  
John Paul Jones  
Grace Methodist Episcopal Church  
16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Meridian Hill  
Glastonbury Thorn, National Cathedral

All Hallows Guild herb garden  
 Washington Memorials  
 Good Hope Road/Concordia Lutheran Church  
 East Washington  
 Post Office mural by Rockwell Kent  
 Archives Building  
 Spencer F. Baird  
 Russian Orthodox Church, 1770 Church Street, N.W.  
 Woodend  
 Masonic Lodge, 11<sup>th</sup> Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
 Ghosts in Washington  
 Georgetown gardens  
 Pierce's Mill  
 Pierce's Mill price list  
 Decatur House  
 Decatur House souvenir booklet  
 Robert Mills  
 Steven B. Elkins house, 1626 K Street, N.W.  
 Florida Avenue pioneers, LeDroit Park, Bloomingdale  
 White House  
 Navy and Marine Memorial  
 Envelope mailed to Mrs. Edward Stafford, 265 Maine Street, Brunswick, Maine (date illegible)

- Map of Washington
- Ambassadors' houses in Washington
- Washington survey of social work
- Blair-Lee House
- Christmas card (from illegible name)
- Christmas card from Mr. Justice Burton
- Chateau of Rastignac
- John G. Garand
- Jacqueline Kennedy's house on N Street, N.W.
- USO building, Lafayette Square
- Quiz on unknown city
- National Gallery of Art souvenir

**Folder 2:** Dates: 1880, 1925, 1935-1938.

Cherry blossoms at Tidal Basin  
 Cosmos Club  
 The Lindens  
 White House in Lincoln's time  
 Federal Trade Commission statues  
 Beau Hickman  
 Central High School  
 Edward A. Paul

14<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Frank R. Jelleff, Inc., Washington in Miniature  
William A. Stone, General Logan, Garfield Memorial Hospital  
Washington Monument  
Linnaean Hill  
Historic houses in Hyattsville, Md.  
Omnibuses in Washington  
Mary altar at Shrine of Immaculate Conception  
John Randolph  
COWTOWN (Washington, D.C. neighborhood)  
1925 F Street Club  
Squares 380 – 382  
Franciscan Monastery  
Moreland's Tavern  
Brightwood  
Yost/Kuhn House  
Georgetown House Tour  
Supreme Court seating plan  
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal  
Pierce Mill (corn meal sack)  
Library of Congress  
Old Stone House, 3000 block M Street, N.W.  
Barney Neighborhood House  
The Lindens  
Zoological statuary  
Rural old 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Historic estates on Boundary Street (Florida Avenue)  
Kalorama  
Water lilies  
Questions and answers on Washington history (typewritten)  
National Gallery  
Folger Library  
Travel Office, Woman's Home Companion (sightseeing in Washington, D.C.)  
Meridian Hill  
Shipstead Act planning for buildings, bridges  
Volta Bureau  
Roads from Washington  
Wisteria  
Famous early homes near the White House  
Embassy Row  
Concourse, Union Station (cartoon)  
Library of Congress (cartoon)  
Northwest Rectangle, new War Department site

