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Guide to the

Jane Priestley papers

1940-1946

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Summary

Creator: Priestley, Jane Holland (Winifred Mary)

Title: Jane Priestley papers

Date: 1940-1946

Size: .21 linear feet (1 box)

Abstract: Winifred Mary Holland Priestley, commonly known as Jane, was the second wife of novelist and playwright J.B. Priestley. The collection consists mainly of correspondence between Priestley and Miss Constance M. Holder, and to Miss Holder from Priestley's sister, Mrs. Ruth Holland Jones, charting the creation and operation of the Priestly Nurseries, 1940-1946. These nurseries were established in Herefordshire and Cornwall, England, for children and their mothers evacuated during the Blitz. Letters also discuss works by J.B. Priestley written during this period. The collection also includes a photograph album entitled "The Story of Broxwood," which tells the story of the Broxwood nursery and includes many photographs of the children who stayed at the nursery during World War II. Additional family photographs, including photographs of J.B. Priestley are included.

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Key Terms

Geographic Names

Cornwall (England : County) -- History -- 1937-1945

Cornwall (England : County) -- Social life and customs

Herefordshire (England) -- History -- 1937-1945

Herefordshire (England) -- Social life and customs

Genre/Physical Characteristic

Photograph albums

Photographs

Subjects

World War, 1939-1945 -- Children

World War, 1939-1945 -- Evacuation of civilians -- Great Britain

Names

Priestley, J. B. (John Boynton), 1894-1984