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Title STEWART, EVA SOUTHGATE. Papers

Approximate inclusive dates ca. 1917- 1923

Date of receipt Unknown

Received from Unknown

Volume on arrival Unknown

Number of boxes (after reboxing) 7 AB

Condition Fair; some notes are deteriorating

Restrictions None

Description Stewart wrote The Ancient Cipher: or "God's Wisdom in a Mystery" a projected seven volume work begun ca. 1917 and published in 1932. Evidently a devout Christian, Stewart believed that a "mathematical cryptograph", concealing divine meaning within the everyday sense of certain phrases and words could be deciphered through the use of gematria, a form of numerology based on the substitution of numbers for letters which was originally developed by Jewish Cabalists but was also adopted by Christian Mystics. Stewart believed that she revealed divine truth and knowledge by grouping phrases and sentences, drawn from unidentified sources, to form a text of the "Sacred Word".

The collection includes a typescript of the first two volumes of The Ancient Cipher, along with bound notebooks and loose notes, 1917- 1923. The typescript is concerned with themes from both the Old and the New Testaments; also included are chapters on the existence of the Civilization of Atlantis and the Holy Grail. The bound notebooks and loose notes consist mostly of collected phrases evidently to be used in the actual text of The Ancient Cipher.

Special Formats ☐ Photographs ☐ Maps ☐ Audio Tapes ☐ Films ☐ Graphics
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Temporary catalog card added entries Mysticism-Christianity; Religion and Language; Symbolism of Numbers; 1900- 1924

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EVA STEWART, PAPERS

CONTAINER LIST

Box

- 1-2 Typescript of The Ancient Cipher
- 3-5 Bound Notebooks
- 6-7 Loose Notes