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Guide to the

**Shirley Carson Jenney manuscript material**

1951-1952

Pforz MS

## Summary

**Creator:** Jenney, Shirley Carson

**Title:** Shirley Carson Jenney manuscript material

**Date:** 1951-1952

**Size:** 3 items

**Abstract:** Shirley Carson Jenney (d. 1953), American psychic and clairaudient medium. She produced several volumes which she claimed to have been communicated to her by the spirit of Percy Bysshe Shelley, including *The Great War-Cloud* (1938); and *Moments with Shelley* (1941). · To Clifton Reynolds : 1 typescript letter signed : 24 Jun [1951] : (S'ANA 0947.J) : from 2172 Vista Del Mar Ave: Hollywood 28, California. U.S.A. : begins, "It was a very great pleasure to hear from you -- with the wonderful heading 'Shelley House' ..."; saying futher, "Shelley sends you this message -- 'I am in the Third heaven at the present time; and with you here some day, as is quite definite to me. Tides of memory encompass me, as I note your surroundings sometimes. My best regards always.'" With the 24 Sep 1951 letter from Reynolds to Clinton N. Rutan which enclosed the Jenney letter, and some enclosures: a typescript review of Jenney's "Fortune of Eternity"; two clippings from a printed publication relating to Jenney and Shelley; and a newspaper clipping from the Melbourne "Age" Literary Supplement, 22 Sep 1951, on the state of America.

**Access:** Restricted access.

**Physical Location:** Pforz MS

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· To Clinton N. Rutan of New Jersey : 2 letters : -- 1 typescript letter signed : 26 Feb 1952 : (S'ANA 0947.F1) : from 2172 Vista Del Mar Ave., Hollywood 28, California (printed stationery); on her "Shelley books"; including, "I have one more book to publish; it is finished, and the last. Six. Shelley says this. He is tired . . ."; with the envelope. Along with a typescript copy of a review of her Fortunes of Eternity, from Destiny magazine. -- 1 autograph letter signed : 20 Jul 1952 : (S'ANA 0947.F2) : from 2172 Vista Del Mar Ave., Hollywood 28, California (printed stationery); on various Shelley-related topics, including "... a friend from London sent me a photo of Ianthe Esdaile, Shelley's daughter by his first wife. She looks about 60 in the photo"; with the envelope. Along with a 25 Feb 1954 postcard to Rutan from an Edna Dumobin (S'ANA 0947.F3), informing him that Jenney had died "a year ago in January".

## Key Terms

### Titles

Jenney, Shirley Carson : manuscript material

### Subjects

Mediums -- United States -- 20th century -- Correspondence

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### Names

Jenney, Shirley Carson

Reynolds, Clifton

Rutan, Clinton N. (Clinton Norman), 1918-1986

Shelley, Percy Bysshe, 1792-1822, (Spirit)