

Reference Number: **2013.0046**

Collection/Series Title: **DERHAM, ENID**

Creator	Derham, Enid
Creator's Activity/Occupation	Poets - Academics - English
Creator's Historical Note	
<p>Enid Derham was an Australian university lecturer and poet. She was born on 24 March 1882 in Hawthorn, Melbourne, to Thomas Plumley Derham, Bristol-born solicitor, and Ellen Hyde. She began her education at Hesse College and was later admitted to Presbyterian Ladies College. In 1900, Enid enrolled at The University of Melbourne, studying Classical Philology under Professor T. G. Tucker. After enrolling at The University of Melbourne, she became a member of the Princess Ida Club, whose purpose was to "promote the common interests of, and to form a bond of union between the present and past women students". Enid became extensively involved in the club, and was eventually appointed to the committee. In 1903, she graduated with a B.A. (first class honours), and went on to complete an M.A. in English and modern languages in 1905. During this time she began writing poetry. After graduating, Enid remained involved in the University of Melbourne community, tutoring English at Trinity and Ormond Colleges, the University Extension Board, and the Workers' Educational Association. In 1910, she and eighteen other women formed the Catalysts Society, a club for intellectual discussion based on the Lyceum Clubs in England. Enid presented the first paper to the society, entitled The Works of Thomas Hardy. Building on the success of the Catalysts, Derham and other original members of the group, along with other female intellectuals formed The Lyceum Club, Melbourne. Enid was also a founding member of the Classical Association of Victoria.</p> <p>In 1912, a small collection of her poetry was published, entitled The Mountain Road and Other Verses along with a short play entitled Empire: A Morality Play for Children. In 1921, she was given the post of temporary lecturer at the University of Western Australia. In 1922, she was appointed as a lecturer in the English department of The University of Melbourne, a position which she held until her death in 1941. In 1924, Enid attended the Locarno Conference on New Education in Locarno, Switzerland. In 1927, she took a twelve month leave of absence, and travelled extensively throughout Egypt, the Mediterranean, Europe, and England.</p> <p>Enid Derham died on 13 November, 1941. In 1958, a posthumous collection of her poetry entitled Poems was published by the Melbourne University Press.</p> <p>Rosemary Francis and Jane Carey, The Catalysts' Society (1910 -), The Australian Womens Register, http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0550b.htm, accessed 28 June 2013.</p> <p>Anne Heywood, Derham, Enid (1882 - 1941), The Australian Womens Register, http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0312b.htm, accessed 28 June 2013.</p> <p>Imelda Palmer, 'Derham, Enid (1882-1941)', Australian Dictionary of Biography, National Centre of Biography, Australian National University, http://adb.anu.edu.au/biography/derham-enid-5960/text10169, accessed 28 June 2013.</p> <p>University of Melbourne Archives, Melbourne University Princess Ida Club, 1963.0030, Box 1, Minute Book March 27 1897-August 13 1908.</p>	
Date Range of Collection/Series	16 April 1878-10 October 1925
Size/Extent	3 files (0.02m)

Access Conditions

Access: Open

Scope and Content of Collection/Series

Includes manuscripts of poetry and prose, along with other personal writings and ephemera. Also includes materials relating to Derham's attendance at the Locarno Conference on New Education, including: notes, conference ephemera and correspondence, postcards, and photographs.

Collection Category

University, individuals

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Unit/Box	Item Number	Title	Date Range	Description
1984.0030 Unit 1	2013.0046.0001	Prose and Poetry and Manuscripts	16 April 1878-10 October 1925	Includes cards describing the condition and publication information of books, poetry manuscripts, an expense book for the Victorian Women Graduates Association, greeting cards, an illustrated manuscript of 'The Oubliette' and 'A Letter to the Reverend XX'.
1984.0030 Unit 1	2013.0046.0002	Poetry Typescripts	July 1902-24 December 1904	
1984.0030 Unit 1	2013.0046.0003	Locarno Conference on New Education	3 August-16 August 1924	Includes notes, conference ephemera and correspondence, photographs, postcards, and other printed ephemera.

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