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Helen Tucker Peter Papers
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Introduction

Helen (Tucker) Andrews Macondray Peter (1900-1995), the second wife of Armistead Peter 3rd (1896-1983), served as a vice president of Tudor Place Foundation, Inc. These papers were a part of the estate Armistead Peter 3rd placed under the auspices of the Carostead Foundation, Incorporated, in 1966; the name of the foundation was changed to Tudor Place Foundation, Incorporated, in 1987. Use and rights of the papers are controlled by the Foundation. The collection was processed and the register prepared by Anne Webb, the Foundation archivist, with the help of volunteers. This document was reformatted by Emily Rusch and revised by Tudor Place archivist Wendy Kail in 2020.

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Biographical Sketch

Helen Cowles (Tucker) Peter was born August 22, 1900, to Helen (Zimmerman) Tucker (1875-1922) and Charles Cowles Tucker (1873-1922), a respected lawyer. The family resided in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and soon included a younger sister. By 1910 Charles Cowles Tucker moved his family into the District of Columbia. Helen Cowles Tucker attended the Holton Arms School in Bethesda, Maryland. She made her debut into Washington society at an elaborate tea party on December 3, 1919.

In 1920 her mother escorted her daughters on a grand tour of Europe, including France, Belgium, Switzerland, and England. On April 9, 1921, Helen Cowles Tucker married Eliphalet Fraser Andrews, Junior (1898-1932), a noted sculptor in stone and metal, whose father, Eliphalet Fraser Andrews, Senior (1835-1915) was the director of the Corcoran School of Art and whose mother, Marietta (Minnigerode) Andrews (1869-1931), was an established artist and writer in the Washington community. The couple resided in Alexandria, Virginia. On January 28, 1822, Helen (Tucker) Andrews' parents were killed when the roof of the Knickerbocker Theater on the corner of 18th Street and Columbia Road NW, Washington, D.C., collapsed.

Eliphalet Fraser Andrews, Junior, died in 1932 of wounds suffered in the First World War, leaving the young widow with three daughters. During World War II Helen (Tucker) Andrews served as a Red Cross volunteer at Bethesda Naval Hospital. She married Rear Admiral Atherton Macondray of the United States Navy (1900-1950) on June 4, 1945; the Admiral died in 1950.

Helen (Tucker) Andrews Macondray married Armistead Peter 3rd (1896-1983) on June 28, 1973, and resided with him at Tudor Place. She was vice-president of the Tudor Place Foundation, Inc., chairman of the Woodlawn Property Council, a director of the Scottish National Trust, president of the Washington chapter of Colonial Dames, a member of the Junior League, a member of the Alexandria Garden Club, a member of the Stratford Hall Committee, and of the Corcoran Women's Committee. According to her husband's wishes, after Armistead Peter 3rd's death in 1983, Helen (Tucker) Andrews Macondray Peter resided at 1630 31st Street NW, the house on the property of Tudor Place. Helen (Tucker) Andrews Macondray Peter died on May 3, 1995 at the Bethesda Nursing and Rehabilitation Home.

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Series Description

Helen (Tucker) Andrews Macondray Peter's papers consist of a photograph and slide album documenting her early childhood, debutante years, her first and second husbands Eliphalet Fraser Andrews, Junior, and Rear Admiral Atherton Macondray, her marriage to Armistead Peter 3rd of Tudor Place and Content Farms, Cambridge, New York, and travels abroad. Her papers contain a condolence note and newspaper clipping on the death of her first husband, brief correspondence about the copyright of Marietta (Minnigerode) Andrews', her first mother-in-law's, book and artwork, and the placement of the work and objects of her first father-in-law, Eliphalet Fraser Andrews. Her papers also hold correspondence with the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation, the Williamsburg Holding Company, The George Wythe House, University of Virginia Library, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, and the Smithsonian Institution. A scrapbook of congratulatory notices upon her marriage to Armistead Peter 3rd of Tudor Place is held in this collection.

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Box 1

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1	Correspondence, Newspaper Clipping: Death of Eliphalet Fraser Andrews, Jr.	Jun 7, 1932; ND
2	Correspondence: Williamsburg Holding Corporation; The George Wythe House, Williamsburg, Virginia	Aug 16, 22, 1934
3	Correspondence: E.P. Dutton & Company, Incorporated, New York City, New York	Aug 8, 1955
4	Correspondence: University of Virginia Library, Alderman Library, Charlottesville, Virginia	Jun 20, 1973
5	Correspondence: Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation Charlottesville, Virginia	Jun 1973
6	Correspondence: Theodore Fred Kuper, Copies	Jun 1973
7	Correspondence: The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.	Apr 18, 1957; Jul 29, 1957; Dec 20, 1976
8	Correspondence: Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.	1965; 1971; 1973; 1975; 1976; 1981
9	Correspondence: Sulgrave Club, Washington, D.C.	Jun 24 ND
10	Memorial Service Brochure: <i>A Celebration of the Life of Helen Tucker Peter 1900-1995</i>	May 8, 1995
11	Stationary, Calling Cards, Labels, Postcards	ND
12	Peter, Helen T. <i>A Brief Record of The Colonial Dames of America, Chapter 3rd Washington, D.C. 1898-1975</i>	ND
13	Wedding Place Cards: Helen, Jean, Delphine	ND
14	Preliminary Exhibition Script: <i>My Studio Window</i> by Gale Shipman Alder [re: Marietta Minnigerode Andrews]	ND [Ca.1981]
15	Correspondence: Gale Shipman Alder [Requesting information and support for exhibition] [re: Marietta Minnigerode Andrews]	May/Jul 1980

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| 16 | Correspondence: Gale Shipman Alder
[Requesting information and support for exhibition]
[re: Marietta Minnigerode Andrews] | Apr 1981 |
| 17 | Correspondence: Gale Shipman Alder
[Replies to requesting information and support for exhibition]
[re: Marietta Minnigerode Andrews] | Nov 1980
Mar/Apr 1981 |
| 18 | Correspondence: Gale Shipman Alder to Helen T. Peter
[re: Marietta Minnigerode Andrews] | May/Jul 1980
Apr 1981 |
| 19 | Scrapbook: Wedding Congratulations | 1973 |
| 20 | Talbot, Godfrey. <i>The Country Life Book of Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother</i> . Country Life Books. Middlesex, England:
The Hamlyn Publishing Group Limited, 1983.
[Inscribed: <i>Elizabeth R/1985</i>] | 1983 |
| 21 | Newspaper Clipping: <i>The New York Times, Picture Section</i>
[Mourners for Ex-President Woodrow Wilson] | Feb 10, 1924 |

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Box 2

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1	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	ND; Dec 8, 1983
2	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 9-10, 1983
3	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 11, 1983
4	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 12, 1983
5	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 13, 1983
6	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 14, 1983
7	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 15, 1983
8	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 16, 1983
9	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 17, 1983
10	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 18, 1983
11	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 19, 1983
12	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Dec 20-30, 1983
13	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Jan 1984
14	Correspondence: Death of Armistead Peter 3rd	Feb-Mar 1984

Photograph and Slide Album

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