

Gloria Hollister Anable

An Register of Her Papers in the Library of Congress

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Collection Summary

Title: Papers of Gloria Hollister Anable

Span Dates: 1916-2003

Bulk Dates: (bulk 1929-1936)

ID No.: MSS85249

Creator: Anable, Gloria Hollister, 1900-1988

Extent: 600 items; 3 containers; 1 linear feet

Language: Collection material in English

Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Abstract: Zoologist and naturalist. Journals, correspondence, notes, writings, clippings, photographs, and ephemera relating primarily to Anable's activities in the 1930s as a research associate on oceanographic expeditions with William Beebe. Also contains material related to her own travels into the interior of British Guiana for the New York Zoological Society in 1936.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Names:

Anable, Gloria Hollister, 1900-1988

Beebe, William, 1877-1962

New York Zoological Society

Subjects:

Ichthyology

Logbooks

Oceanography

Natural areas--New York (State)

Scientific expeditions--Bermuda Islands

Scientific expeditions--Guyana

Scientific expeditions--Pearl Islands (Panama)

Scientific expeditions--West Indies

Submersibles

Underwater exploration

Occupations:

Naturalists

Zoologists

Administrative Information

Provenance:

The papers of Gloria Hollister Anable, zoologist and naturalist, were given to the Library by her niece Gloria E. Kozel in 2005.

Processing History:

The papers of Gloria Hollister Anable were arranged and described in 2006.

Copyright Status:

Copyright in the unpublished writings of Gloria Hollister Anable in these papers and in other collections of papers in the custody of the Library of Congress has been dedicated to the public.

Preferred Citation:

Researchers wishing to cite this collection should include the following information: Container number, Gloria Hollister Anable, Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Biographical Note

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
1900, June 11	Born, New York, N.Y.
1924	B.S., Connecticut College, New London, Conn.
1925	M.S. in zoology, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
1928-1941	Research associate, Department of Tropical Research, New York Zoological Society, New York, N.Y.
1930-1934	Team member, oceanographic explorations in bathysphere designed by William Beebe and Otis Barton, Nonsuch Island, Bermuda
1934	Descended 1,208 feet in bathysphere, a record for a woman that stood for three decades
1936	Led scientific expedition to the Kaieteur plateau and falls, British Guiana, sponsored by the New York Zoological Society
1941	Married Anthony Anable (died 1980)
1942-1945	Joined the American National Red Cross serving on the blood donor program and the Speakers Bureau of the Public Relations Department
1953-1974	Cofounder and officer, Mianus River Gorge Wildlife Refuge and Botanical Preserve, Westchester, N.Y.
1988, Feb. 19	Died, Fairfield, Conn.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Gloria Elaine Hollister Anable (1900-1988) span the years 1916-2003, with most of the material concentrated in the period 1929-1936. Journals, correspondence, writings, clippings, notes, and photographs comprise the bulk of the collection. It is arranged alphabetically by type of material or name of topic and thereunder chronologically.

The collection primarily documents Anable's activities in the 1930s as a research associate on William Beebe's oceanographic expeditions under the auspices of the New York Zoological Society. During this period before her marriage she became widely known (under her maiden name Gloria Hollister) with the media generating publicity about her work. Joining Beebe's team in 1928, she helped establish his research station on Nonsuch Island, Bermuda, and participated in inaugural deep sea explorations in the bathysphere designed by Beebe and Otis Barton. Notable in the papers are mostly intact holographic journals from 1930 to 1933 that include Anable's ichthyological notes, ships' logs, comments on expedition personnel and the bathysphere, and other observations from expeditions in Bermuda, the West Indies, and the Pearl Islands in the Pacific Ocean. Photographs, Anable's articles, and clippings in the papers also relate to this period.

Anable earned further recognition as leader of a zoological expedition into the seldom explored interior of British Guiana in 1936. Material in the papers related to this trip include correspondence, clippings, background material, ephemera, and notes for articles and lectures. She left the zoological society in 1941 and devoted time to conservation issues, most notably as a

cofounder and leader of the Mianus River Gorge Wildlife Refuge and Botanical Preserve in Westchester, New York. The papers include a brief amount of printed matter relating to her work with this project.

Related Materials

Correspondence of Gloria Hollister Anable is also located in the [Records of the Society of Woman Geographers](#) in the Manuscript Division. Other papers of Anable are held by the Wildlife Conservation Society, New York, N.Y.

Arrangement of the Papers

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Container List

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BOX 1	Articles, 1926-1936, 1958, 1974, n.d. (5 folders)
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BOX 1	British Guiana expedition
BOX 1	Background articles, 1916-1936, n.d.
BOX 1	Flora and fauna notes, n.d.
BOX 1	Miscellaneous notes, 1936, n.d.
BOX 1	Photographs and motion picture notes and lists, 1936-1941, n.d. (2 folders)
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BOX 2	Clippings, 1929-1941, 1950, 1988, n.d. (4 folders)
BOX 2	Correspondence
BOX 2	Miscellany 1923-1941, n.d. (4 folders)
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BOX 3	Mianus River Gorge Wildlife Refuge and Botanical Preserve in Westchester, N.Y., 1970, 1980-2003 (2 folders)
BOX 3	Photographs, 1932-1934, 1956, 1971, n.d.