

## FINDING AID FOR THE

# **YLLA ARCHIVE AG 138**

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## **DESCRIPTION**

Papers, photographic materials, and publications, 1937-1985, of the photographer Ylla (born Camilla Koffler, 1911-1955). Includes correspondence, writings, biographical information, clippings, photographs, transparencies, and publications. The bulk of the collection documents Ylla's career as an animal photographer. The collection is inactive. 7.5 linear feet.

## **PROVENANCE**

The collection was purchased in 1992.

## **RESTRICTIONS AND COPYRIGHT**

Copyright to Ylla's papers and photographs is held by Pryor Dodge, from whom permissions should be obtained. Contact the Archivist for further information.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The Ylla Collection was purchased in 1992 from Pryor Dodge, Ylla's godchild and heir. The collection contains correspondence, clippings, manuscripts, photographs, books, and other papers. The bulk of the correspondence in the collection, dating from 1954-1955, is from Charles Rado to Ylla and concerns commercial photography. Other correspondence and papers date from 1955 and are primarily concerned with Ylla's death. The clippings include articles written by Ylla, articles illustrated with her photographs, book reviews, and posthumous accounts of her life and work. The manuscripts include captions for Ylla's photographs, maquettes for her books and drafts of various stories. The photographs in the collection include a large number of animal photographs and a small number of portraits made by Ylla, and some portraits of Ylla by Ergy Landau and other photographers. The books in the collection include English and foreign language editions of Ylla's many publications.

While the collection does contain photographs made while Ylla lived in Paris, there are no papers or records of her life and work prior to her arrival in the United States in 1940, and very little material related to her work between 1940 and 1954.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL**

Description: Magazine articles, newspaper clippings, telegrams, and other accounts containing biographical information.

Arrangement:

Quantity: 4 folders

- AG 138:1/ 1 Biographical: Magazine articles
- 2 Biographical: Clippings: Arrival in U.S (ca. 1940): Plane crash (1953)
- 3 Biographical: Clippings: Activities in India, 1954-1955
- 4 Biographical: Death, 1955
- 5 Biographical: Miscellaneous ephemera

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Description: Primarily between Ylla and her agent Charles Rado, of Rapho-Guillumette, this material is concerned with the progress of Ylla's assignments, business matters, travel plans, and reports of photographs submitted by Ylla from overseas; most of this correspondence is from Charles Rado to Ylla. Other correspondents include the Parisian photographer Ergy Landau and Suresh Vaidya. The letters are primarily in English, but there are some by Ylla in French.

Arrangement: Chronological

Quantity: 5 folders

- AG 138:1/ 6 Correspondence, January - July 1954  
7 Correspondence, August - December 1954  
8 Correspondence, January - March 1955  
9 Correspondence, April - July 1955, 1960, 1969, 1991  
10 Correspondence, Suresh Vaidya to Charles Rado, 1955

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book Reviews**

Description: Brief reviews of Ylla's books, published in magazines and newspapers.  
Quantity: 4 folders

- AG 138:1/ 11 Publications: Book Reviews: *Two Little Bears*, 1954  
12 Publications: Book Reviews: *Animals in India*, 1958  
13 Publications: Book Reviews: *Animal Babies*, 1959  
14 Publications: Book Reviews: Miscellaneous

### **Magazine articles**

Description: Miscellaneous magazine articles by Ylla, or articles which include, as illustrations, photographs by Ylla.  
Arrangement: By magazine title; chronological thereunder  
Quantity: 13 folders

- AG 138:2/ 1 *Collier's*  
2 *Coronet*  
3 *Elks Magazine*, "In the Dog House, with Ed Faust"  
4 *New York Times Magazine*  
5 *Parade*  
6 *Sports Illustrated*  
7 *This Week*  
8 Miscellaneous U.S. magazines  
9 Miscellaneous English, French & Italian magazines  
10 Miscellaneous German & Scandinavian magazines  
11 Unknown magazines  
12 Illustrations: Miscellaneous magazine & newspaper  
13 Illustrations: Miscellaneous advertising

## Books

Description: Between 1937 and 1968 more than twenty books were published in English and other languages by Ylla or her estate; a number of these books were still in print as late as 1985. Also included in this series are book maquettes including photographs by Ylla, a 1940 calendar illustrated by Ylla, and drafts of the text for various projects. See Appendix A for a list of books.  
Location: The books can be found on the storage area book shelves

AG 138:3      Book maquettes: Two untitled maquettes; and maquettes for *Here's Jellybean Reilly* and *Let's Face It*  
Calendar: *Wild Life Calendar*, 1940  
Miscellany: Captions, article drafts

## Model Releases

Description: Releases signed by animal owners allowing Ylla use of photographs.  
Arrangement: By subject category  
Quantity: 1 box

AG 138:4      Model releases

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Description: Primarily 8x10-inch unmounted photographic prints; here are also color transparencies, 8x10-inch mounted, and 11x14-inch unmounted prints. These include photographs of animals and portraits made by Ylla, portraits of Ylla by Ergy Landau, and photographs of an exhibition installation.  
Arrangement: By subject  
Quantity: 12 boxes

AG 138:5      Miscellaneous: Color transparencies; ASMP scroll; Audio cassette tape of *Animal Language* interview from French radio, dated November 18, 1952

AG 138:6      Mounted Photographs [5 11x14-inch]

AG 138:7      Portraits by Ylla; Miscellaneous portraits of Ylla; Portraits of Ylla by Ergy Landau; Exhibition installation photographs

AG 138:8      Fish, aquatic mammals, turtles; Squirrels; Wild animals

AG 138:9      Circus animals; Elephants; Polar bears; Monkeys; India

- AG 138:10 Dogs; Cockers
- AG 138:11 Bear cubs; Duck book; Horses; "Iron Liege and Kentucky Horses" for *Sports Illustrated*
- AG 138:12 Farm animals; Cows; Baby animals; Seals; Birds; Swans and Pelicans; Penguins
- AG 138:13 Cats; Lions; Dogs and Cats
- AG 138:14 Prints not in books (Paris stamp); Prints not in books (51st Street Stamp)
- AG 138:15 Prints not in books [11x14-inch]
- AG 138:16 Book prints
- AG 138:17 Book prints
- AG 138:18 Posters

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