

3. Box: Emelita Cohen: Memoirs

Cataloged by Mara Melandry October 2024

Unless otherwise indicated all handwritten items are by Emelita

1. Memories of August Bray coming to California
2. Memories of servants, life at 1440, family activities; used in Mara's book
3. Memories of Emma 1977, from friends in Mara's book
4. Short story typed probably by Emelita probably about potential maid Hester. (Hester's quotes in black English.) List of servants, dogs and horses
5. Xmas memories handwritten; in Mara's book
6. Memories of dogs at 1440
7. Memories of dogs
8. Memories of Doug, her brother, in book
9. Duplicate memories of Augustus Bray coming to California
10. Marie, the cook who broke Canton bowl
11. Memories of games played and clothes being made by dressmakers. Typed memories of Fernside
12. Memories of Fernside, included in Mara's book. Hand-painted Xmas paintings/card from Julia and Dorothea
13. Memories of life as a child and as teen-ager
14. Drawings of dogs and sailboat. Quote from Emma's will and distribution of some items from house
15. Notes on personality traits
16. Typed thank-you to Emma from Howard Bray, Emma's youngest brother 1942. Gift was shirt
17. Short story
18. "Flowers that are special to me" in Mara's book
19. Testimonials to Emelita, no date. Five writers, all on one page. Perhaps comments at her funeral?
20. Changes in the house; no date
21. Long-term plans for house; no date
22. Thoughts on fund-raising for house. No date
23. Memories of Doug, Emelita's brother, 1981. Included in Mara's book
24. About the house room by room; three pp. Random memories of my life at 1440 y Emelita: very comprehensive. Transcribed for Mara's book
25. Two versions of same short story
26. Short story by Emelita. No date
27. 23-page short story by Emelita. No date
28. Two short stories by Emelita; handwritten. One story is only three pages, the other 25 pp.

29. Short story, typed, eight pp long: several versions. Probably by Emelita. No date.
30. Emelita's obituary Oakland Tribune. 10/18/1988
31. Typed letter to Ladie's Home Journal sending short story. No date; no signature but probably from Emelita. Copy of story not included. Typed guidance for manuscript submittals; no date
32. Typed short story; several copies with slight differences. No date. Probably by Emelita
33. Emelita's handwritten notes for memories; not used in Mara's book. Hand-written letter inviting Herb Caen to centennial: did she send it? Did he attend?
34. Snippets of short stories
35. Story ideas
36. Hand-written philosophical thoughts
37. Inventory of mother's locked cupboard dated 6/8/46. Mostly silverware
38. Notes on Timbertall, 2 pp.
39. Handwritten poem, not Emelita. Dated 2/4 with initials GB
40. Emelita's letter to Stanley Daggett; 1/8/1918
41. Receipt for dues to American Camping Assn 1939. List of dogs at 1440. Dog postage stamps.
42. Thank you letter to Emelita for being interviewed