

# Guide to the Dorothy Dunn Collection

## New Mexico Museum of Art Library and Archives

**Extent:** 1.85 linear feet

**Dates:** 1932-1948

**Language:** English

### Biography

Dorothy Dunn Kramer was an artist and educator born in St. Marys, Kansas in December 2, 1903. She is primarily known for establishing and directing the art department of the U.S. Indian School in Santa Fe from 1932-1937. Her formal academic training was at the Art Institute of Chicago from which she graduated in 1933. In addition to teaching she also wrote the book *American Indian Painting of the Southwest and Plains Areas* as well as articles for the periodicals *El Palacio* and *School Arts*. She died in Mountain View, CA on July 5, 1992.

### Scope and Content

Hand-embroidered dress, photograph, bookplates, handmade gift cards, a plate and cup

### Access and Use

No restrictions

### Acquisition information

Gift of Kelly Klosterman, 2001.

### Related Material

Dorothy Dunn served as judge to several Indian art exhibitions held at the New Mexico Museum of Art and information on these exhibitions can be found in the museum's exhibition history files and catalogs. The library also has an artist biographical file on Dorothy Dunn.

The Marjory Hansen Collection contains a card made by Dorothy Dunn.

### Contents

Box 1            Long-sleeved white linen dress hand-embroidered in red and blue floral design 3.5 feet long. Worn by Dorothy Dunn and her daughter.

5 x 7 inch black and white photograph by A J. Veneklasen of Dorothy Dunn Kramer wearing above dress pictured next to her daughter Etel Thea Kramer.

Writing on back states photo was taken in 1948 at University of Illinois, Champagne, IL

56 copies of same library plate with ship illustration containing words "ex-libris" and Dorothy Dott Dunn on bottom

Twelve 3.5 x 2.25 inch gift cards with paint and feathers, one is signed "Greetings, Dorothy"

White handkerchief 11 x 11 inches with cursive "D"

Green painted clay cup with 3.5 inch diameter signed "D. D. Dunn 1932"

Green painted plate with 10 inch diameter signed "Dorothy Dunn 1932"