

# **Elizabeth Hoffman Honness papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Free Library of Philadelphia: Children's Literature Research Collection
<b>Creator</b>	Honness, Elizabeth Hoffman, 1904-
<b>Title</b>	Elizabeth Hoffman Honness papers
<b>Call number</b>	CLRC.HONNESS
<b>Date [inclusive]</b>	circa 1957-1966
<b>Extent</b>	0.75 linear feet
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	This collection contains typescripts, galley proofs, and engraver's proofs for books by children's author Elizabeth Hoffman Honness (1904-2003), including <i>Mystery in the Square Tower</i> (1957), <i>Mystery of the Secret Message</i> (1961), and <i>Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost</i> (1966).

**Cite as:**

[Description and date of item], [Box and folder number], Elizabeth Hoffman Honness papers, circa 1957-1966, Free Library of Philadelphia, Children's Literature Research Collection.

## Biography/History

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Elizabeth Hoffman Honness was born on June 29, 1904 in Boonton, New Jersey. She graduated from Skidmore College in 1926, settling in New York to write advertising copy for Macmillan Company, Century Company, and Shelton Looms from 1927 to 1934. She also worked as the managing editor for the magazine *American Girl*. She married Jesse Alfred McKaughan in 1936. That same year, she published her first children's book, *The Tale of the Sorry Sorrel Horse*. She went on to publish a series of mystery novels, including *Mystery of the Diamond Necklace* (1954) and *Mystery at the Villa Caprice* (1969), travelling extensively in order to research the various locations for her books. She also wrote two volumes of Bible stories, *People of the Promise* (1949) and *We are His People* (1959). Her final novel, *The Spy at Tory Hole* (1975) was a work of historical fiction for adults. She died on August 12, 2003.

### Bibliography

*Something About the Author*, vol. 2.

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection contains typescripts, galley proofs, and engraver's proofs for books by children's author Elizabeth Hoffman Honness (1904-2003), including *Mystery in the Square Tower* (1957), *Mystery of the Secret Message* (1961), and *Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost* (1966). There is also a small amount of correspondence between the publisher and printer regarding reset type for *Mystery of the Secret Message*.

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## Arrangement note

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This collection is arranged alphabetically in three series: 1. *Mystery in the Square Tower*; 2. *Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost*; 3. *Mystery of the Secret Message*. Within each series, materials are arranged in order of probable creation.

The galley proof and page proofs are housed in a box with the galley proofs from the Elizabeth Ripley papers.

## **Administrative Information**

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### **Sponsor**

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition note**

Gift of Elizabeth Hoffman Honness, 1968.

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Related Archival Materials note**

University of Minnesota: Velma Ilsley papers, 1955-1950, CLRC-145.

## Controlled Access Headings

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### Form/Genre(s)

- Engraver's proofs
- Galley proofs
- Proofs (printed matter)
- Typescripts

### Subject(s)

- Children's authors--20th century
- Children's literature--20th century

## Mystery in the Square Tower

## Collection Inventory

### Mystery in the Square Tower, 1957.

	Box	Folder
Draft, revised typescript.	1	1

### Mystery of the Pirate's Ghost, 1966.

	Box	Folder
Draft, revised typescript.	1	2
Corrected galley proofs.	G	6

### Mystery of the Secret Message, 1961.

#### Scope and Contents note

Working title was *Mystery of the Hanging Scroll*.

	Box	Folder
Draft, revised typescript.	1	3
Corrected galley proofs, 1961 February 27.	G	3
Page proofs.	G	4
Engraver's proofs, circa 1961.	1	4

**Mystery of the Secret Message**

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Author's corrected partial galley proofs with related correspondence,  
1961 June-October.

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