
Witter Bynner letter to Helen Bramble
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Biographical Notes

Witter Bynner

American poet, editor, lecturer, and translator Witter Bynner became widely known through a literary hoax, a parody of free verse titled *Spectra*, which he created with Arthur Ficke. Bynner was literary editor and assistant editor for *McClure’s Magazine* from 1902-1906 and later was a lecturer on poetry throughout the United States. His work, *The Jade Mountain*, was the first complete volume of Chinese poetry to be translated by an American.

Witter Bynner was born August 10, 1881, in Brooklyn, New York, and died in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on June 1, 1968.

Helen Bramble

Helen Bramble was an editor at *The Forum* magazine.

Sources:


Biographical note about Helen Bramble derived from the letter.
Scope and Content Note

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Selected Search Terms

Personal Names


Bramble, Helen--Correspondence.

Bynner, Witter, 1881-1968--Correspondence.

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The Forum.

Topical Terms

American poets--20th century--Correspondence.

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Correspondence.

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Personal Contributors

Bramble, Helen, correspondent.

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