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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Dorothy H. Christian Collection
Date:	1881, 1913-1934
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0250
Creator:	Christian, Dorothy H. Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616 Foley, James W.
Source:	National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Political History
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	Collection documents Dorothy Christian's life and social events from the 1920s.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Collection donated by Estate of Dorothy H. Christian, through Elwood Davis, July 21, 1986.

Provenance

Collection transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Political History (now Division of Political and Military History, December 3, 1986.

Processing Information

Collection processed by David Haberstich, 2001.

Preferred Citation

Dorothy H. Christian Collection, circa 1881-1934, Archives Center, National Museum of American History.

Restrictions

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Dorothy Christian's father was secretary to President Warren G. Harding. The three books illustrate, to a small extent, events of interest to a woman in the social world of Washington, D.C. in the 1920s.

Scope and Contents

The collection contains three books and two photographs: Kitchen Diary: Your Daily Friend (Chicago: P. F. Volland & Co., 1913) contains birth dates, addresses and appointments sporadic entries, 1921-1934. The Shakespeare Birthday Book (Mary F. P. Dunbar, ed., London, 1881) has a quotation from Shakespeare for every day in the year; scattered throughout the book are names of relatives and friends. Some One Like You by James W. Foley is a book of five pages of poetry and five illustrations, copyrighted 1916, with a box. Two small portrait photographs, one dated 1923, found in Kitchen Diary, are stored separately.

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Arrangement

Collection is unarranged.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Poetry
- Portraits -- 1920-1930
- Socialites -- Washington (D.C.)

Types of Materials:

- Appointment books -- 20th century
- Books
- Diaries
- Photographs -- 1900-1950

Names:

- Harding, Warren G. (Warren Gamaliel), 1865-1923
- National Museum of American History (U.S.). Division of Political History

Places:

- Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Box 1	Kitchen Diary: Your Daily Friend (Chicago: P. F. Volland & Co.), 1913 Notes: Book; "The Kitchen Diary: Your Daily Friend" (Chicago: P. F. Volland & Co., 1913) contains birth dates, addresses, appointments and sporadic entries, 1921-1934.
Box 1	Personal diary, 1921-1924, 1931, 1934 Notes: It is sporadic, with nothing in the summer until Oct. 4, 1922.
Box 1	The Shakespeare Birthday Book (Mary F. P. Dunbar, ed., London), 1881 Notes: "The Shakespeare Birthday Book" (Mary F. P. Dunbar, ed., London, 1881) has a quotation from Shakespeare for every day in the year; scattered throughout the book are names of relatives and friends.
Box 1	Someone Like You, circa 1916 Notes: "Some One Like You" by James W. Foley: five pages of poetry and five illustrations, copyrighted 1916, with a box.
Box 1	Portrait photograph, undated Notes: Silver gelatin photoprint, found between the pages of Kitchen Diary, approx. 2 x 1-1/2 in., depicts a smiling woman in a fur coat, with eyes closed (possibly Dorothy H. Christian?).
Box 1	Portrait photograph, undated Notes: Silver gelatin photoprint, found between the pages of Kitchen Diary, approx. 2 x 1-1/2 in., depicts a young boy. It is inscribed "Charles, June 1923 / 8 yrs." on the verso.