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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title: Dorothy H. Christian Collection
Identifier: NMAH.AC.0250
Date: 1881, 1913-1934
Extent: 0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Creator: Christian, Dorothy H.
Political History, Division of (NMAH)
Shakespeare, William, 1564-1616
Foley, James W.
Language: English

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Ownership and Custodial History
Transferred to the Archives Center from the Division of Political History, December 3, 1986.

Processing Information
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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.

Two small portrait photographs, one dated 1923, found in "The Kitchen Diary," are stored separately.

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
- Political History, Division of (NMAH)

Geographic Names:
- Washington (D.C.)
Container Listing

Box 1  Kitchen Diary: Your Daily Friend (Chicago: P. F. Volland & Co.), 1913

Box 1  Personal diary, 1921-1924, 1931, 1934
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
"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
"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
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
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.