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## Elinor S. Miller Paper Doll Collection

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## Collection Overview

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| <b>Repository:</b> | Archives Center, National Museum of American History  |
| <b>Title:</b>      | Elinor S. Miller Paper Doll Collection  |
| <b>Identifier:</b> | NMAH.AC.1110  |
| <b>Date:</b>       | circa 1909-1940   |
| <b>Extent:</b>     | 0.03 Cubic feet (1 box)   |
| <b>Source:</b>     | Salak, Dorothy E.<br>Ware, Dorothy<br>Miller, Elinor S.   |
| <b>Language:</b>   | English<br><br>Collection text is in English.   |
| <b>Summary:</b>    | This collection consists of paper dolls, cut figures from magazines, and magazines belonging to Elinor S. Miller and Dorothy Ware from circa 1909-1940. |

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This collection was donated by Dorothy E. Salak in 2007.

### Related Materials

#### **Materials in the Archives Center**

Kitty Cucumber Collection (AC0276)

Carolyn and Donald Grepke Collection of Paper Dolls (AC0752)

Beatrice Litzinger Postcard Collection (AC0530)

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## Biographical / Historical

The collection consists of paper dolls and figures cut out from magazines that belonged to Dorothy E. Salak's mother, Elinor S. Miller and grandmother, Dorothy Ware. Ware was born circa 1902 and grew up in rural Georgia. She died in 1944. Miller, was born in 1931 and grew up in Chicago. She earned a Ph.D in French Literature from the University of Chicago. All three women played with the paper dolls.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection consists of magazine cut-outs, tabbed paper dolls, and various outfits for the dolls, circa 1909-1910 and beginning again circa 1934-1938. Some of the figures cut from magazines are colored with crayon or colored pencil. It is arranged according owner of the paper dolls. The magazines in which the dolls were held can be found in the smaller, letter-sized folders. In *Pineview Public Schools*, Ware documented the name and age she of each doll and how many "outfits" belonged to each doll. Researchers interested in fashion for men, women, and children during these time periods will find the collection of use.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two series.

Series 1: Paper Dolls, Ware, circa 1909-1910

Series 2: Paper Dolls, Miller, circa 1934-1938

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Children  
Dolls  
Paper dolls

Names:

Salak, Dorothy E.

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Paper Dolls, Ware, circa 1909-1910

Box 1                      Pineview Public Schools, 1909-1910

Box 2                      Pineview Public Schools, 1909-1910

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## Series 2: Paper Dolls, Miller, circa 1934-1938

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|-------|----------------------------|
| Box 1 | <i>Adult Student, 1934</i> |
| Box 2 | <i>Adult Student, 1934</i> |
| Box 1 | <i>Child Welfare, 1934</i> |
| Box 2 | <i>Child Welfare, 1934</i> |
| Box 1 | <i>Adult Student, 1935</i> |
| Box 2 | <i>Adult Student, 1935</i> |
| Box 1 | <i>Child Life, 1938</i>    |
| Box 2 | <i>Child Life, 1938</i>    |
| Box 1 | <i>Time, 1938</i>          |
| Box 2 | <i>Time, 1938</i>          |

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