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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Ada Mitchell Travel Diary
Date:	1938 July 30-1938 September 9
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.1369
Creator:	Mitchell, Ada, 1882-1958 (Creator) Griffith, Gordon (Donor)
Extent:	0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The collection documents the forty day driving trip made by Ada Mitchell and her son Cecil from Vancouver, Canada to Key West, Florida and back, August-September 1938. This diary was kept by Ada Mitchell and tracks their experiences in all of the places they visited.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated to the Archives Center by Ada Mitchell's great-grandson, Gordon Griffith in 2015.

Available Formats

Diary digitized in 2016. See repository for details.

Processing Information

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Biographical / Historical

Ada Mitchell was born on December 20, 1882 in Birmingham, United Kingdom and died in 1958 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She lived most of her life in Toronto, moving to Vancouver for a short period. Her son, Horace Cecil Mitchell, was born on June 5, 1908 in Birmingham, United Kingdom and died in 1966 in Toronto,

Ontario, Canada. He accompanied her on their trip from Vancouver, Canada to Key West, Florida and back to Toronto, Canada.

Scope and Contents

A diary chronicling a road trip taken in 1938 by Ada Mitchell and her son Cecil. The trip began in Vancouver, British Columbia, continued through the southern United States to Key West, Florida, and concluded in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Along the way Ada Mitchell commented on the places they visited, the prices of products, and other aspects of their trip. Two photographs of Mitchell and her son are included.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into one series.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Automobile travel
- Automobiles -- 1930-1940
- Tourism
- Travel

Types of Materials:

- Diaries -- 20th century
- Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 1900-1950

Places:

- Canada
- United States

Container Listing

Box 1, Folder 1	Ada Mitchell travel diary, 1938 July 30-1938 September 09
Box 1, Folder 2	Photographs and stamp, circa 1930s