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Dorothy Hackney diary
June 20, 1914-December 31, 1918

OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Number: 055-02

Title: Dorothy Hackney diary

Creator: Hackney, Dorothy 1900-1978

Dates: May 17, 1914- December 31, 1918

Quantity: 1 folder

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Acquisition: Purchased, 2017

Accruals: No accruals are expected

Custodial history: Unknown

Processed by: The collection was processed in 2017 by Erica Florenz

Conservation: Not applicable

Language: Materials are in English

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INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

Separated material None

Published descriptions Not applicable

Location of originals Not applicable

Location of copies Not applicable

Publication note	Not applicable
Subject headings	<p>Journals (diaries) Hackney, Dorothy, 1900-1978 Hackney family Massachusetts -- Description and travel Rhode Island -- Description and travel Providence -- Rhode Island Brown University Wheeler School Knitting (process) First World War -- 1914-1918 Dobbs Ferry School -- boarding school -- New York Teenage girls -- 1910-1920 -- United States Progressive Era -- 1890-1920 Richardson, Laura -- 1900-2003 Richardson, James Herreshoff, Sydney Dewolf Chapin family -- Rhode Island Turks Head Club -- Providence -- Rhode Island Easton's Beach -- Newport -- Rhode Island Fairfield Beach -- Connecticut Teenagers and the environment -- United States</p>

SEE ALSO

Not applicable

HISTORICAL NOTE

Dorothy Hackney (1901-1978), born in Providence to Walter P. Hackney, treasurer of a fire extinguisher company, and his wife, Clara Child. The family lived at 231 George Street, Providence. She was educated at the Wheeler School, Dobbs Ferry Masters School in Westchester County, NY and Brown University. She married Stanley H. Smith, an attorney, who died in 1953. She owned the Town and Country Dress Shop in Providence. Dorothy passed away April 17, 1978 and is buried with her husband at Swan Point Cemetery.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION

The collection includes a line-a-day diary of Dorothy Hackney kept while she lived in Providence and Dobbs Ferry, New York during the years of the First World War. The diary represents the musings and activities of a young female student from an upper class family who lived on the East Side of Providence. Prominent Providence families are mentioned throughout the years such as Chapin, Herreshoff, Allen and Rathbun. The bulk of the diary describes her social life, school, friends and experience as part of the war effort including her volunteer work for the French Wounded and the Red Cross.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION

This collection consists of one volume.