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
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

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.