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Mary Ardenne Hinson collection

Title: Mary Ardenne Hinson collection
Collection No: MSS.308
Extent: 0.33 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1913-1921 and undated

Abstract: The collection comprises a scrapbook and two photograph albums created by Mary Ardenne Hinson (1894-1979), a Memphis, Tennessee, dentist, during the 1910s. Also included is a diary written by an unknown woman in 1918, recording her everyday domestic activities.

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Biographical information

Dr. Mary Ardenne Hinson was born on August 18, 1894, in Memphis, Tennessee, the eldest child of Shelton Hinson, Jr. (1871-1952), a builder, and Mattie Daisy Fletcher (1875-1925). There were four other children in the family: Margaret, Henry, James and Arlene. Ardenne graduated from Central High School in 1914 and attended West Tennessee State Normal School. She became a teacher for a short time and then went to dental school at the University of Tennessee, following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Shelton Hinson, Sr. (d.1912), who practiced dentistry in Memphis for many years. Dr. Hinson initially practiced dentistry with her aunt, Dr. May Brooks, and then her nephew, Dr. Robert Black. She was a charter member and president of the Memphis Zonta Club, an avid photographer, an accomplished artist and hand-crafter, and traveler. She remained single and lived with her father and then her sister Margaret until her death on December 13 1979.

Scope and contents

The collection comprises a scrapbook and two photograph albums created by Mary Ardenne Hinson during the 1910s. The scrapbook contains memorabilia, photographs, notes and clippings. The photograph albums are of family and friends. Also included in the collection is a diary written in pencil in a notebook by an unknown woman in 1918, recording her everyday domestic activities.

Subject terms

Diaries.

Hinson, Mary Ardenne, 1894-1979.

Photograph albums—1910-1920.

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

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| Unfoldered | Scrapbook: Compiled by Mary Ardenne Hinson, circa 1915-1919. Contains clippings, notes, photographs, calling cards, envelopes and other memorabilia. |
| 1 | Loose items. Includes letters, clippings, photograph. |
| Unfoldered | Photograph album, 1913-1919 and undated. Includes images of Arlene Hinson, |

Mary Ardenne Hinson, H.R. Hinson. Locations include Memphis and Sewanee, Tennessee.

Photograph album, undated (circa 1910). Images of family groups, children and individuals, school class, buildings, and vehicles.

2 Diary, 1918 October 8-December 31. Unknown female author, possibly resident of Memphis, Tennessee. Records daily domestic activities, visits from people, family members' activities.

Inside cover note: Main 2237 Imployment Donner

Inside back cover note: Cadet Karl R. Gustafson, U.S.A. S.M.A. [School of Military Aeronautics] Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y.

People mentioned: Margaret, Mr. Bushell, Eugene (son?), Ed, John Jr. (son?), John, James, Pauline, James Taylor, Mr. Bolton, Mrs. Melvil, Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Williams, Edmund, Mr. Bucknell, Frank (brother?), Chick, Morris, Mr. Gates, Roney

Excerpts:

October 24: All went to mask dance at Melvils?, home at 12

October 31: Margaret & I went to Park Field home at 4

November 1: dressed, took flowers, Mrs. Buford's funeral...baked birthday cake for John

November 2: Margaret & I went to Park Field, take flowers to hospital, went to town

November 7: all went to town to Peace demonstration, home at 11

November 8: fixed Eugene a costume to wear to the dance

November 10: John & I went in to see papa home at 7

November 11: all went to town to Peace celebration, home at 12

November 12: John's birthday...sister here for all night

November 19: went in to Eds wedding, home at 10

December 5: got Margaret off to Park Field dance

December 19: address a lot of Xmas cards

December 31: went in town to Orgill Bro theatre party, home at 12