

A Guide to the Sara Armstrong Collection, 1940-1960

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Descriptive Summary

Collection number

M 064

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English

Abstract

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Repository

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

Collection open for research.

Use Restrictions

No physical characteristics affect use of this material.

Acquisition Information

Mary Fishback, Leesburg, VA

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Sara Armstrong Collection, 1940-1960 (M 064), Thomas Balch Library, Leesburg, VA.

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None

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Related Material

None

Bibliography

Ancestry Library Edition, U.S. Public Records Index, www.ancestrylibrary.com (Accessed 31 May 2011).

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Other Finding Aid

None

Technical Requirements

None

Biographical Information

Mary Armstrong (1882-1980) lived in Altoona, Pennsylvania. She never married, was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, and contributed to charitable organizations such as the YMCA. For a non-consecutive period of ten years, 1945-1950 and 1955-1960, she kept detailed diaries of her social life, noting her participating in local parties as well as church-sponsored events and conventions.

Upon her death, her diaries were inherited by a nephew, Irvine Armstrong (1908-2001) and his wife, Sara Armstrong (1916-ca. 2003). The Armstrongs lived in downtown Leesburg and remained active in local preservation initiatives until their deaths.

Scope and Content

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Arrangement

Folder

Contents List

Box 1

Folder 1: Five Year Diary, 1945-1950

Folder 2: Five Year Diary, 1955-1960

Folder 3: Address Book

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