

# Barksdale, Martha, Papers

Martha Barksdale Papers

1918-1974

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### Unit ID

UA 6.004

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### Unit Date

1918-1974

### Unit Date

1918-1922

### Language

English

### Creator

Barksdale, Martha, 1900-1974

### Creator

Chamings, Dorothy Thurza Louise, d. 1958

### Extent

1.20 Linear Feet

### Repository

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## **Biographical Information:**

Martha Elizabeth Barksdale, a native of Redlands, Virginia, entered the College of William and Mary in 1918 as a member of the first class to include women. Barksdale worked to establish an intercollegiate sports program for women as a student and continued this work as a faculty member. After graduating, Barksdale was appointed to teach in the newly-established Department of Women's Physical Education. She received her M.A. in Physical Education from William and Mary in 1929. Barksdale lived in Williamsburg for fifty-six years and was a founder of the Williamsburg Community Council. She was also an organizer of the Williamsburg Auxiliary for Patrick Henry Hospital and helped to establish the hospital's therapy program.

## **Scope and Contents**

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The papers include Martha Barksdale's diary for 1918-1919, recording her experiences as a member of the first class of women at William and Mary. The bulk of the collection consists of photographs that document student activities and women's sports at the college from her student years to her teaching career. The bulk of the photographs date from the 1920s-1940s.

## **Related Materials:**

Mildred Barksdale Papers (UA 5.060); Virginia Hinkins Scrapbook (UA 5.081); Catherine Dennis Papers (UA 5.004); Janet Kimbrough Interview in the University Archives Oral History Collection (UA 43).

## **Keywords**

Diaries  
Photographs  
Scrapbooks  
Athletics--Study and teaching  
Athletics--United States  
Athletics--Women  
College of William and Mary--History--20th century  
College sports--United States--History--20th century  
College sports--Virginia--Williamsburg  
Intramural sports  
Students--Women--Admission in 1918

Women college students  
Women--Education--Virginia  
Women--Education--Virginia--History  
Women--History--Virginia  
Influenza Epidemic, 1918-1919

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Box 1

**Unit ID** id15808

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71371

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

#### **Diary of Martha Barksdale [don't serve original]**

**Unit ID** id15809

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71374

**Unit Date** 1918-1919

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

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In her diary, Martha Barksdale recorded the events of her first year at college as a member of the first class of women to enter the College of William and Mary. The entry for 26 November 1918 reads: "[...] were quarantined for Spanish influenza. This was a good thing for us. None of the girls had it so we used our time in getting well acquainted. We had met none of the boys and the quarantine served to make them want to meet us."

#### **Photocopy and Transcription of Diary**

**Unit ID** id15810

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71375

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### **Gymnastic Peoples College Diploma**

**Unit ID** id15811

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71376

**Unit Date** 1926

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

The diploma from Gymnastic Peoples College in Ollerup, Denmark, reads: "Martha Elizabeth Barksdale has successfully completed the six weeks summer course for American women teachers of physical education and is hereby endorsed as an exponent of fundamental gymnastics in America."

#### **Faculty Information Form**

**Unit ID** id15812

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71377

**Unit Date** 1938

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Two Pages. Completed form for Martha Barksdale, giving her department and title; degrees held and

other education; date and place of birth and parents' names; clubs and fraternities; publications; hobbies; teaching experience; other positions held

## **Volumes**

**Unit ID** id15813

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71378

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Photo Album (gift to Florrie in 1892) filled with cartes de visite and cabinet cards.**

**Unit ID** id15814

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71438

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Photo album containing black and white photos of family, friends, and farm scenes**

**Unit ID** id15815

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71439

**Unit Date** 1910s-1920s

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

**Autograph book of Dorothy Chamings**

**Unit ID** id15816

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71440

**Unit Date** 1926-1927

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

## **Box 2**

**Unit ID** id15817

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71372

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Athletics--Fencing**

**Unit ID** id15818

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71379

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

**Barksdale, Martha**

**Unit ID** id15819

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/71380

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

As a student in her basketball uniform.

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