

# Martin, Opal, Diary

Opal Martin Diary

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### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1945-1946

### Language

The material in this collection is in English.

### Abstract

This collection contains Opal Martin's diary, written between 1945-1946. The diary includes paragraph-long entries on each page about her daily activities, such as going to the movies and visiting friends. Opal Martin lived from 1928 to 2018, and lived in Tannersville, Virginia for the majority of her life.

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## Biographical Note

Opal Katherine Prince Martin was born in Lookout Mountain, Georgia, on August 12, 1928. Her diary was written 1945-1946 and she moved to Tannersville, Virginia, in 1946. She was married to Roy C. Martin for 40 years and worked at a Deskins supermarket until leaving to work with the elderly. She died on October 21, 2018.

External source:

Obituary for Opal Martin, D.R. Henderson Funeral Home

## Scope and Content

This collection contains Opal Martin's diary, written between 1945-1946. The diary includes paragraph-long entries on each page about her daily activities, such as going to the movies and visiting friends, while living in Bassetts, Virginia. There are two handwritten notes at the end of the diary.

## Keywords

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