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Chapman, Meta J.

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Scope and Contents

Contains three handwritten diaries that once belonged to Meta J. Chapman of Pennsylvania. The first diary is for the year 1929, and contains information about the weather, family gatherings, birthdays, playing bridge, and other activities of daily life. There is an entry for everyday from January 1 through May 10, but the rest of the diary is blank. The second diary is for the year 1930, and is a travel diary of a trip Meta took through Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania from September 6 through September 20. The diary also includes mounted as well as look black and white photographs of the places she visited, including the Gettysburg battlefield, the Virginia Military Institute, family and friends, and Richmond, Virginia. Excerpts from this diary can be seen in the box list below. The third diary is a five year diary from 1931 through 1935. Each day has its on page but there are five entries, one for each year on that specific day. There are entries for most of the years from January through May, but then there are more sporadic entries for the rest of the months. Most of the entries detail the weather and various household chores. This diary also contains loose sheets of paper with some diary entries on them, as well as a loose negative. This diary has a lock and contains the original key with it.

Keywords

Pennsylvania--Social life and customs--20th century

Virginia--Description and travel

West Virginia--Description and travel

Dust Bowl Era, 1931-1939

Pennsylvania--Description and travel

African Americans

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Description of Subordinate Components

Diary

Unit ID id149193

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/28384

Unit Date 1929

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Unknown author, probably living with Robert and Meta Chapman. Diary entries from 1929 January 1-May 10. Diary talks about day-to-day life, attending club meetings, Robert's work, playing bridge, and the weather. Author and Chapman family moved from Schenectady, New York to Erie, Pennsylvania in April 1929.

Diary

Unit ID id149194

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/28385

Unit Date 1930

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scope and Contents

Travel Diary written by Meta J. Chapman. Diary entries from 1930 September 6-15. Travel started in Erie Pennsylvania, and headed south to South Hill, Virginia where Robert Chapman grew up. Stops included: State College, Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, Lexington (Virginia Military Institute), Virginia, Farmville, Virginia, Appomattox, Virginia, South Hill, Virginia, Norfolk, Virginia, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Richmond, Virginia, Fredericksburg, Virginia, and Washington, DC. She goes into detail about the sites, the people (both Black and white) and the history. Many comments about the Black people are derogatory. Mary Chapman also discusses the drought of 1930, and the differences in drought conditions between regions through Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia. Travel diary contains an attached road map of the United States. 35 black and white photos accompany the diary, showing landmark buildings, historic civil war sites, landscapes from the road, and the Chapman Family.

Diary

Unit ID id149195

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/28386

Unit Date 1931-1935

Mixed materials 1 (Box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scope and Contents

The third diary is a five year diary from 1931-1935. Each day has its own page, but there are five entries, one for each year on that specific day. There are entries for most of the years from January through May, but then there are more sporadic entries for the rest of the months. Most of the entries detail the weather and various household chores. This diary also contains loose sheets of paper with some diary entries on them, as well as a loose negative. This diary has a lock and contains the original key with it.