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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

UA 6.004

Unit ID

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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

Special Collections Research Center

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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

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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

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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)

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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

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Container 5 (folder)

Autograph book of Dorothy Chamings

Unit ID id15816

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71440

Unit Date 1926-1927

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Box 2

Unit ID id15817

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71372

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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)

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Scope and Contents

As a student in her basketball uniform.

Bland, Tommy

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Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71381

Mixed Materials 2 (Box)

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Briscoe, Marjorie Jane

Unit ID id15821

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71382

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Christmas Activities

Unit ID id15822

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71383

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Dances

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Freshman Class of 1918

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