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Biographical / Historical

Mary Deyerle Guy was born in Salem, Virginia in 1893, the daughter of Hattie and Overton Deyerle. Suffering from many illnesses over the course of her life, Mary went on to have a son Richard, whom she almost lost to the flu. Following the death of her husband in 1918, Mary relocated back to her parents home. In her free time, Mary sketched, wrote poetry and books, and was employed by the Roanoke County commissioner of revenue's office. She became known as "The Walking Lady of Salem," as she never learned how to drive. Mary Deyerle Guy lived to be 103 years old, passing away in 1996.

Content Description

Collection contains a typed manuscript titled "Fifty Years of Living"- A Southern Woman's Life at Salem-Roanoke Virginia, 1890s-1940s.

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Scope and Contents

The publication is a typed narrative of Mary Deyerle Guy's life from the 1890s to the 1940s. It chronicles her childhood and early adulthood troubled by frequent illness, the birth of her son in 1917, the death of her husband in 1918, and her subsequent struggles to raise her family. The manuscript details the different people she met and places she experienced throughout her life. It is stapled between red, leather-textured card wrappers.