

Graduation Days Scrapbook Collection

C-110

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Noblesville, IN 46060

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Collection Overview

Title: Graduation Days Scrapbook Collection

Collection ID: C-110

Creator: Haworth, Audrey (1898-1989)

Extent: .5 cubic feet

Arrangement: This is one object, the "Graduation Days" scrapbook

Date Acquired:

Languages: English [eng]

Scope and Contents of the Materials

This collection can be used for a number of research inquiries. It is an artifact of a Noblesville High School student and the community she lived in in the 1910s. It's also an artifact specifically of Audrey Haworth, the creator. Thirdly, it's related to library history, since Haworth was such a driving force in the development of the library. From a selection point of view, she chose to give these materials to the library to keep as a curator of Indiana Room materials.

The collection consists of a single item, a scrapbook, which includes multiple media types and information related to several aspects of student and community life in Noblesville and central Indiana in the 1910s.

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The collection also includes digitized scans of the scrapbook pages, available for viewing.

The collection was named to establish the scrapbook as an artifact in its own right. For discoverability purposes, this finding aid is structured with the artifact acting as a library history item, an item related to Audrey Haworth, and a Noblesville schools/community item.

Collection Historical Note

This type of scrapbook with photographs, ephemera, and other materials was popularized after the Civil War and was extremely common during this World War I era. This particular scrapbook is a great example from this time period because of the breadth of materials and media types included, but also because of its arrangement in an artistic manner.

The popularity of scrapbooking is evident because the book itself was a commercial item, purchased with some templates and the name "Graduation Days" already printed in the book.

During the time this scrapbook was created, Noblesville had a population of approximately 5,000. There were 38 high school seniors in 1917.

Historical information on the library is supplied in the biographical note.

Sources

<https://rememberingwwi.villanova.edu/scrapbooking/?testvufw=1>

<https://www.neh.gov/humanities/2015/julyaugust/iq/scrapbooking-was-big-during-and-after-the-civil-war-why>

Biographical Note

Born in Aroma, Indiana, on June 20th, 1898, to Olive "May" (Williams) Haworth and Emmett Terrence Haworth, Audrey Viola Haworth was a librarian at the Noblesville Public Library. Audrey lived in Aroma and attended Aroma Grade School until moving to Noblesville in 1913. In Noblesville, she attended Noblesville High School and graduated in 1917. When Audrey graduated, she created a scrapbook detailing the social events of her and her friends as they went through their senior year and beyond.

Following her graduation from Noblesville High School, Audrey attended Earlham College and worked at Butler for a short time. On November 1st, 1923, she began work as an assistant librarian under chief librarian Lulu Miesse, earning a salary of fifty dollars monthly. She described her interest in library work stemming accidentally after she was urged by Lulu Miesse and her father to join the library, as she was not doing "anything else." At the time of her retirement, Audrey said that she "couldn't have found anything I like any better." Over her career, Audrey explained that she had done "everything" at the library, from scrubbing to the book work.

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Between 1923 and 1930, Audrey ran the Bookmobile, “Parnassus,” for the Library. The Bookmobile was essentially a truck from the Dodge Brothers Company that fit around 300 books. She would make seven trips monthly- with each trip taking approximately eight hours- to visit families living in rural areas and seven Noblesville schools. She knew what genres each person enjoyed and selected books that she knew would interest people.

In 1945, after the passing of Lulu Miesse, Audrey Haworth took over as chief librarian. She completed an eight-week course in library sciences in Chautauqua, New York, to take on this new role. She served as Chairman of District 4 Librarians for a period of time and was a member of the National Association of Librarians. Audrey retired as head librarian after fifty years of service on January 15th, 1973.

During the late 1980s, Audrey suffered from health issues and was frequently admitted to Riverview Hospital. In 1985, when asked what she would do if she were a teenager again, Audrey responded by saying that she would “travel throughout the United States.” She celebrated her ninetieth birthday with a big party hosted by cousin Carolyn Johnson, which was attended by family and friends in 1988. Audrey passed away at the age of ninety on February 11th, 1989.

Sources

<https://hamiltoneastpl.org/audrey-haworths-graduation-days/>

Related Material

Separated Material

[Description]

Subject/Index Terms

Haworth, Audrey

High school student activities

High school students

Noblesville High School

Noblesville (Ind.)

Scrapbooking

Scrapbooks

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World War I (1914-1918)

Forms of Material:

Photographs,

Newspaper clippings,

Paper ephemera,

Documents,

Flyers,

Letters,

Cards,

Programs,

Administrative Information

Repository: Hamilton East Public Library

Alternate Extent Statement: one document box

Access Restrictions: Prefer for patrons to access the digitized pages of this collection, available on site in the Crossroads Discovery Center. Access to the original scrapbook may be granted on a case-by-case basis based on the recommendation of the Archives Manager.

Use Restrictions: none

Acquisition Source: Haworth, Audrey

Acquisition Method: donation

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Box and Folder Listing

Box 1 of 1:

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- Contains an 8x11 inch scrapbook and various loose materials

Digital Content:

- Contains 217 digitized images of scrapbook pages and loose materials
- Note for staff: Long-term access available on F Drive