Archives and Special Collections
Dickinson College
Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: Clarke, Elizabeth H. (1910-1963) 2009.07
Material: Dance cards (1915-1932)
Volume: 0.5 linear feet (1 Document Box)
Donation: Original accession
Usage: These materials have no restrictions on usage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Elizabeth Horn Clarke was born on April 1, 1910 to William C. Clarke and Laura Horn Clarke of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Clarke attended Carlisle High School and graduated in 1928. She entered Dickinson College in the fall of the same year. During her time at Dickinson, Clarke studied English, French, and Psychology. She served as class historian during her freshman year, was a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority, and was involved in the Dramatic Club and the Microcosm editorial board. Based on her yearbook entry and the number of dance cards that she collected, it appears that Clarke was also a frequent attendee of school and fraternity-sponsored dances, and was complimented for her prowess on the dance floor. Clarke graduated from Dickinson in 1932 and at some point later married Guy Hamilton Jr. She lived in New Jersey and then Detroit, MI with Mr. Hamilton until 1962, at which point the couple divorced. Clarke then married Hurbert B. Bournique in 1962 and moved to Baltimore, MD. On Dec. 25 of 1963, Clarke died at her home in Baltimore at the age of 53.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Elizabeth Horn Clarke collection is housed in one document box and is organized into two series: Dances cards and Miscellaneous.

The Dance Cards series contains dance cards from Dickinson College and fraternity dances dating from 1928 to 1932. Each card lists the dances programmed for that evening, and in many cases the cards also include the names of the men who claimed each particular dance. This series is organized chronologically.

The Miscellaneous series contains ephemera from Clarke’s student days, including student handbooks, as well as programs and invitations from college events.
COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2009.07

DANCE CARDS

Folder 01) Pledge Dance, Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma - Oct. 27, 1928
PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Annual Pledge Dance - Nov. 10, 1928
Sophomore Hop of the Class of 1931 - Dec. 14, 1928

Folder 02) Beta Theta Pi’s “Pleasure Insurance Association” Dance - Jan. 11, 1929
Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma Mid-Semester Dance - Feb. 2, 1929
Junior Prom, Class of 1930 - Feb. 23, 1929
PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Spring Formal - Mar. 16, 1929

Folder 03) PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Spring Formal - Mar. 16, 1929
Spring Annual at Phi Kappa Psi House - Apr. 5, 1929
Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma’s Annual Spring Dance - Apr. 13, 1929

Folder 04) Pi Beta Phi Informal Dance - May 17, 1929
Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma Commencement Dance - Jun. 6, 1929
Phi Kappa Sigma Annual Pledge & Founder’s Day Dance - Oct. 26, 1929

Folder 05) Homecoming Dance of Phi Kappa Sigma - Nov. 2, 1929
Pi Beta Phi Fraternity Pledge Dance - Nov. 9, 1929
Sophomore Prom - Nov. 23, 1929

Folder 06) Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma Midwinter Dance - Feb. 1, 1930
Junior Prom of Dickinson College - Feb. 14, 1930
PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Informal Dance - Mar. 1, 1930

Folder 07) PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Spring Formal - Apr. 12, 1930
Skull and Key Pledge Dance - May 24, 1930
Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma Commencement Dance - June 5, 1930

Folder 08) Pi Beta Phi Fraternity Pledge Dance - Oct. 11, 1930
Fall Formal of Phi Kappa Sigma and Phi Kappa Psi - Nov. 8, 1930
Sophomore Hop Formal Dance - Nov. 22, 1930

Folder 09) Skull and Key Holiday Dance - Dec. 6, 1930
Annual Pledge Dance of Phi Kappa Sigma - Feb. 7, 1931
Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pledge Dance - Feb. 14, 1931

Folder 10) Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity Informal Dance - Feb. 28, 1931
Dickinson College Junior Promenade - Mar. 7, 1931
Freshman Dance - Mar. 14, 1931

Folder 11) PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Spring Formal - Apr. 12, 1931
Skull and Key Pledge Dance - May 15, 1931
Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma Annual Spring Dance - May 23, 1931

Folder 12) Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma Commencement Dance - Jun. 4, 1931
Beta Beta of Zeta Tau Alpha Pledge Dance - Oct. 10, 1931
Epsilon of Phi Kappa Sigma Annual Pledge & Founder’s Day Dance - Oct. 24, 1931

Folder 13) PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Pledge Dance - Oct. 31, 1931
Skull and Key Christmas Formal - Dec. 4, 1931
Sophomore Hop - Feb. 12, 1932
DANCE CARDS (cont.)

Folder 14) PA Gamma of Pi Beta Phi Informal - Feb. 26, 1932
Miami Triad Dance, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi - Mar. 5, 1932
Alpha Chi Rho Spring Formal - Apr. 2, 1932

Folder 15) Dickinson College Junior Prom - Apr. 8, 1932
Phi Kappa Sigma Annual Spring Dance - Apr. 16, 1932
Senior Ball - Apr. 22, 1932

Folder 16) PA Epsilon of Phi Delta Theta Founder’s Day Dinner Dance - Apr. 23, 1932
Delta of Chi Omega Annual Spring Dance - May 14, 1932
Skull and Key Pledge Dance - May 20, 1932

MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 17) Announcement for Robert S. Conway’s James Henry Morgan Lecture titled “The Roman Builders of Europe” - 1930
Folder 18) Freshman “D-book” (Student Handbook) - 1928-29
Freshman “D-book” (Student Handbook) - 1929-30
Folder 19) “1932 Day” Program - Jun. 2, 1932
Dickinson College Commencement Invitation and Program - 1932
Folder 20) Dickinson College Pan-Hellenic Regulations - 1928-29
Folder 21) Leather wallet with handkerchief and mirror
Folder 22) Program, The Dickinson Players, Children of the Moon - Dec. 12, 1928
Program, The Dickinson Dramatic Club, The Importance of Being Earnest - undated
Program, Commencement Play: The Dickinson Players, “Not-So-Fast” - Jun. 7, 19??
Folder 23) Letter, President Howard L. Rubendall to Mr. & Mrs. William C. Clark - Oct. 20, 1972
Folder 24) Invitation to the Epsilon of the Phi Kappa Sigma Fraternity’s Spring Dance - Apr. 19, 1929
Folder 25) Dickinson Club of New York City Commencement Ribbon - 1915

This collection register was prepared by Nick Bloom, January 2010.