Archives and Special Collections
Dickinson College
Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: Brooks, Hazelle Myra Allen (1912-)  
Material: Diaries (1928 – 1970)  
Volume: 1 linear foot (Document Boxes 1-2)  
Donation: Purchase, 2011  
Usage: There are no usage restrictions on these materials.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Hazelle Myra Allen was born May 21, 1912 in North Mehoopany, Pennsylvania, to Howard Augustus Allen and Essie Myra Comstock Allen. She attended the Tunkhannock High School and went on to receive her bachelor of arts degree from Dickinson College in 1934. While at Dickinson, she reported for the college newspaper, the Dickinsonian, and was on the Microcosm yearbook staff. Hazelle also played basketball and was involved in the Harmon Literary Society, Greek Club, Dramatic Club, International Relations Club, Glee Club, and Women’s Student Government. In 1962, Hazelle earned a M.S. degree in library science from Marywood College in Pennsylvania. During her professional career, she taught and served as the assistant principal of Mehoopany High School, and later, held the position of librarian and audio-visual specialist for the Tunkhannock School District in Pennsylvania. Hazelle married Foster Brooks, and together they spent their summers at home in Pennsylvania and winters in Clearwater, Florida. There Hazelle volunteered at the Clearwater High School, helping adults to read. She also wrote poems for several of her Dickinson College class reunions. Hazelle currently resides in the Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania area.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Hazelle Myra Allen Brooks Diaries are housed in two document boxes. The collection is organized into two series: Hazelle Myra Allen Brooks and Essie Myra Comstock Allen.

The first series, Hazelle Myra Allen Brooks, consists of five diaries kept by Hazelle from 1931 to 1945. Three of the diaries document her life at Dickinson College, detailing her experience with classes, student life, social events, and personal matters. Hazelle’s diaries cover
mainly her career as an undergraduate student at Dickinson College, although two of the five dairies illustrate her early family life with her husband and her first two children.

The second series, Essie Myra Comstock Allen, includes nine diaries kept by Hazelle’s mother, Essie from 1928 to 1970. The diaries document her daily life, sometimes only remarking on the weather forecast. However, several of the dairies correlate to the years Hazelle attended Dickinson, remarking on Hazelle’s activities while at home over breaks and holidays.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2011.3

HAZELLE MYRA ALLEN BROOKS
Folder 01) Diary - 1932
Folder 02) Diary - 1934
Folder 03) Diary - 1938
Folder 04) Diary - 1941-1945

ESSIE MYRA COMSTOCK ALLEN
Folder 04) Diary - 1928
Folder 05) Diary - 1933-1937

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ESSIE MYRA COMSTOCK ALLEN (cont.)
Folder 01) Diary - 1937
Folder 02) Diary - 1948-1952
Folder 03) Diary - 1955-1959
Folder 04) Diary - 1960-1964
Folder 05) Diary - 1970

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