

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: **Brooks, Hazelle Myra Allen (1912-)** **MC 2011.3**

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 dairies 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 dairies 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 dairies kept by Hazelle's mother, Essie from 1928 to 1970. The dairies 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
  - Diary - 1933
- Folder 02) Diary - 1934
  - Diary - 1938
- Folder 03) Diary - 1941-1945

#### ESSIE MYRA COMSTOCK ALLEN

- Folder 04) Diary - 1928
  - Diary - 1933-1937

### **BOX 2 - MC 2011.3**

#### ESSIE MYRA COMSTOCK ALLEN (cont.)

- Folder 01) Diary - 1937
  - Diary - 1938-1942
- Folder 02) Diary - 1948-1952
  - Diary - 1953
- Folder 03) Diary - 1955-1959
  - Diary - 1960 - 1964
- Folder 04) Diary - 1970

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