

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Hardesty, Ethelyn Merriken (1880-1949)** **MC 2002. 9**

Material: Papers, scrapbook (1899-c1905)

Volume: 1.0 linear feet (1 Document Box, 1 Oversized Box, 1 Photograph Folder, and 1 Artifact Box)

Donation: Gifts of Charlotte Cleaver, 1951 and 1987

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ethelyn Merriken Hardesty was born on January 15, 1880 in Frederica, Delaware to William Garretson and Eugenie Merriken Hardesty. She attended high school in Felton, Delaware and the Wilmington Conference Academy. In 1899, she entered the freshman class of Dickinson College. While at Dickinson, Ethelyn Hardesty was a member of the Phi Alpha Pi, a local sorority that became the Pennsylvania Gamma Chapter of Pi Beta Phi in 1903. Hardesty was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Harman Literary Society. She earned her Bachelor of Philosophy in 1902.

After graduation, Hardesty began teaching at a high school in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. On September 5, 1907 Ethelyn Hardesty married Clarence G. Cleaver (Dickinson class of 1894), who was also a teacher at Lock Haven. They had three daughters, Charlotte, Priscilla, and Eugenia, and a son Charles Grant, Jr. Ethelyn remained active in various civic and church organizations throughout her life, serving a term as president of the Dickinson College Alumnae Club of New York, among other activities. She wrote poetry and articles, and often spoke before women's clubs. Ethelyn Hardesty Cleaver died on October 15, 1949 after a long illness.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Ethelyn Merriken Hardesty Collection was donated in 1951 (with additional materials being added in 1987) by Charlotte Cleaver. The collection primarily contains materials relating to Ethelyn Hardesty's time at Dickinson College from 1899 to 1902. The Hardesty Collection is divided into seven series: Correspondence, Diaries, Grade Reports, Notes,

Miscellaneous, Scrapbook, Photographs, and Artifacts. The collection is housed in one document box, one oversized box, one photograph folder, and one artifact box.

The Correspondence series contains two letters and a telegram sent to Ethelyn Hardesty in the Spring of her senior year. They are arranged in chronological order. The Diaries series contains one diary from Hardesty's senior year at Dickinson College. The Grade Reports series contains several monthly grade reports spanning Hardesty's three years at Dickinson College. They are arranged chronologically. The Notes series is divided by college courses: Chemistry, English, Mathematics, and Religion/Philosophy. The papers within this series are listed alphabetically by type under the appropriate sub-series. The Miscellaneous series contains one item, a program from an 1899 "Day of Prayer for Colleges."

The Scrapbook series contains one scrapbook of Ethelyn Hardesty during her years at Dickinson College, and is housed separately in one oversized box, designated OC 2002.9. The Photographs series, designated PC 2002.9, contains three pictures of Hardesty's sorority and are housed separately in one photograph folder. The Artifacts series, designated AC 2002.9, consists of two embroidered pillow covers with Dickinson themes by Ethelyn Hardesty. The first item, a red pillow cover with red and white braided trim, was reportedly made by Hardesty as a present for her husband and fellow Dickinson alumni before their marriage, c1905.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2002.9

CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 01) Letter from Ella L. Reed - Feb. 15, 1902
Telegram from Merriken - May 1902
Letter from Bessie Craighead - May 19, 1902

DIARY

- Folder 02) Diary of Senior Year - Sep. 8, 1901-June 15, 1902

GRADE REPORTS

- Folder 03) Grade reports - 1899-1902

NOTES

Chemistry

- Folder 04) Laboratory exercise pages
- Folder 05) Laboratory notebook
- Folder 06) Laboratory work sheets
- Folder 07) Notes
- Folder 08) Quiz and test questions

English

- Folder 09) Drama notebook
- Folder 10) Quiz and test questions on "Josephine to Bonaparte" and "The Pioneers of Col."

BOX 1 - MC 2002.9 (cont.)

NOTES (cont.)

Mathematics

Folder 11) Quiz and test questions

Religion/Philosophy

Folder 12) Quiz and test questions

MISCELLANEOUS

Folder 13) "Day of Prayer for Colleges" at Allison Memorial Church - Jan. 29, 1899

OVERSIZED - OC 2002.9

SCRAPBOOK

Item 01) Scrapbook of Ethelyn M. Hardesty - 1899-1902

PHOTOGRAPHS - PC 2002.9

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Folder 01) Three images of Phi Alpha Pi [Pi Beta Phi] - c1900

ARTIFACTS - AC 2002.9

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Item 01) Pillow cover, red with red and white braided trim, embroidered in white with "D" and bow, with "Dickinson" on the reverse

Item 02) Pillow cover, white with red ribbon trim, embroidered on one side in red with " '02" and names