Gladys (Mills) Gardner Scrapbook collection

MCC-00532

Total boxes: 1 + 1 oversized folder
Linear feet: 1.5 ft

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Collection Overview

Creator

Gladys (Mills) Gardner (1893-06-18 - 1977-06-29)

Dates

Undated [bulk dates];
1926-10-14;
1935;
1941-1945[bulk dates]

Extent

1 scrapbook; 3 rolled up documents

Provenance

Donated by Clara Gardner McBreairty in memory of her mother Gladys (Mills) Gardner.

Language

English

Conservation Notes

A shoelace that was tied inside the spine was removed as it didn't appear to be offering support and does not follow best practices.
The scrapbook itself is frail and has materials that are loosely bound to the pages by only one edge or folded up.

Conditions Governing Access and Use

Restrictions

Access:

No restrictions

Physical:

No restrictions

Technical:

No restrictions

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Collection Description

Historical and Biographical Information

Gladys Gardner was born in Kingsclear, New Brunswick on June 18, 1893 to Abraham and Christy (Morrison) Mills. She attended the Madawaska Training School and taught in the Allagash schools for 24 years. After retiring as a teacher, Gladys was a member of the Orja of the Eastern Star, Tilikum Chapter No. 99 of Ashland, and the National Retired Teachers Association.She was the widow of Thomas V. Gardner. She died at the age of 84 at the Fort Kent Hospital. [Information taken from obituary]

Scope and Content

Anything in the collection inventory written in [] signifies that the processing archivist was not 100% sure of the word or dates. The use of quotation marks signifies a direct quote from the text.

The scrapbook consists of holiday cards; correspondence from male family members during their time in the armed service during World War II; a couple of wedding invitations/announcements; newspaper clippings and anniversary cards. Two of the posters pertain to the history of the Madawaska Training School and Gladys (Mills) Gardner's family ties to the school. The third poster is a letter (or copy of a letter) concerning St. Bruno Parish in Van Buren, ME being aggregated into the Society of Saint-Vincent de Paul in 1926.

Arrangement

The scrapbook was left in the condition/order it was accepted by the archives staff minus a shoelace-like string that appears to have served as a binding for the pages

which was removed and discarded. The scrapbook was put in an archival box to preserve the brittle loose-leaf pages and loose items that were once attached to the scrapbook pages.

The posters were brought in with the scrapbook rolled up; the two pertaining to the Madawaska Training School were rolled up within each other and separated by the processing archivist. The posters were flattened to the best of their ability and put in an oversized folder in a map case drawer.

Separated Materials (If Applicable)

Not applicable.

Subject Headings

Christmas cards
Letter writing
Scrapbooks
World War, 1939-1945

Related Materials

Christmas in Allagash: the early years. Pelletier, Cathie (editor). Allagash Historical Society. 2009. F29 .A47 C475 2009.

Darrell McBreairty oral histories, MCC-00263, Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent

Jane E. Helgesen oral histories, photographs, and papers, MCC-00063, Acadian Archives / Archives acadiennes, University of Maine at Fort Kent.

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Collection Inventory

Series I: Scrapbook

Box	Page	Description	Date
1	Covers	Brown covers. Front cover is embossed with a scrapbook in gold lettering and has an image of a ship sailing the waters. Framed by design.	Undated
1	1	Looseleaf printout of a newspaper clipping of Gladys' obituary.	Undated

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1	1	Torn green paper clover with “Mrs. Gladys…Allagash” written on it.	Undated
1	2	Blank page.	Undated
1	3	Two christmas cards sent to Gladys.	Undated
1	4	A happy holiday and Christmas card sent to Gladys.	Undated
1	5	Three Christmas/Holiday cards sent to Gladys.	Undated
1	6	A Christmas card sent to Gladys.	Undated
1	6	A letter sent to Gladys from her son Leslie while he was serving in the army during World War II. [Has a stamp passed examination by the army examiner.]	1945-03-11
1	6	894th Ordinance HV Auto Maint. Company note saying that the Commanding Captain had examined the items of enemy military equipment mailed by Leslie Garner (Gladys’ son).	1945-03-05
1	7	Holiday card mailed to Gladys from the Milton Mills Baptist church in Milton Mills, N.H.	Undated
1	7	A holiday greeting sent by mail from Sgt. Charles Kelly to Tom and Gladys Gardner has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1943-12-05
1	8	Wedding invitation for the marriage of Wilma Addition to Merrill Ray Bradford; Envelope addressed to Gladys with special delivery written over it.	Undated
1	9	Two mothers day cards from Gladys’ daughters.	Undated
1	9	Newspaper clipping with a greeting and poem addressed to Lumberjacks at Willie Walker’s camp in Allagash.	Undated
1	10	A mother’s day card from Glady’s son Lester.	Undated

Box	Page	Description	Date
1	10	Newspaper clipping article titled “Casualties of Maine Servicemen.”	Undated
1	10	Holiday letter/drawing to Gladys from Lester depicting a southwest Pacific beach. Next to this/under the mothers day card is an address Leslie Gardner. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1943-11-30
1	11	Holiday card sent to Gladys from [Cal? (her step-son)]. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	Undated
1	11	Letter to Gladys from her son Leslie. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1944-05-22
1	11	Letter to Gladys from her son Leslie. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1945-01-23
1	12	Pass from Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, MA giving Gladys permission to visit ward 209	1944-11-24
1	12	Letter to Gladys from her son Leslie. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1943-11-23
1	12	Letter to Gladys from [Cal? (her step-son)]. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1943-11-25
1	13	Letter to Gladys from her brother Robert Mills. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	Undated
1	13	Letter to Gladys from her son Leslie. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1945-02-16
1	13	Envelope addressed to Gladys from her son Leslie. Has an U.S. [Army stamp. Next to the envelope the following is written: “This envelope went to the Southwest Pacific among the islands and back to Allagash looking for [Lester]. It was sent to Germany to [Leslie] who in return sent it back to mother”	1943-11-16]
1	14	Letter to Gladys from her step-son Calvin. Postmarked by U.S. Army mail service. Has stamps noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1943-01-14-18

Box	Page	Description	Date
1	14	Mothers day card to Gladys from her daughter Beatrice	1943-05
1	15	Blank inspection card from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. Card is loose and unattached to pages.	Undated
1	15	Easter card to Gladys and Tom from their son Leslie.	Undated
1	15	Cut-out from envelope listing Leslie’s address.	Undated
1	15	War ration booklet registered to William P. Mills of St. Francis, ME. Some stamps have been used already.	1942-05-05
1	15	Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company receipt for expenses.	1944-05-10
1	16	Two happy holidays card sent to Gladys.	Undated
1	17	A valentine's day card; next to this is the sender’s address cut out from the sender’s envelope.	Undated
1	17	“Wait till I get home” newspaper clipping of a letter from Pvt. Nelson Nelson Hughes to his parents [living in Allagash] published in the paper.	Undated
1	18	Christmas card from Leo Pelletier.	Undated
1	18	V-Fuel Oil ration class 3 customer coupons for Thomas V. Gardner.	1945-01-02
1	19	“That Old Gang of Mine” section of a newspaper that was dedicated to the “our boys in service.” Allowed family and friends of service men to submit materials they received from servicemen to the newspaper to be published.	1944-01-15/16
1	20	Mothers day card from Leslie to Gladys. The card includes a satin fabric pattern on the front cover. Below this is a scrap of paper with Leslie’s address written on it.	Undated

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1	21	Government issued card noting a change of address/station for Lester C. Gardner. The card shows his company information and army serial number.	Undated
1	21	Government issued card noting that Leslie L. Gardner arrived safely at his station and lists where mail can be addressed for him.	1942-02-20
1	21	Government issued card noting that Calvin J. O'Leary has been accepted for active military service and listing where he was sent to.	1941-09-04
1	22	Letter from Ralph to his sister informing her he'll be in Washington later that day and wishing her and the rest of their family a happy x-mas.	1943-12-[21]
1	22	A letter to Gladys from her nephew Bob letting her know he's being transferred and not to send him any more mail at his current location.	Undated
1	22	Leadership recognition certificate awarded to Gladys for being a local club leader.	Undated
1	23	American National Red Cross Certificate of course completion in home hygiene and care of the sick made out to Gladys Gardner.	1935-09
1	23	Holiday card from Joe and Ruth Bubar.	Undated
1	23	Newspaper clipping titled "3 Groups probe fatal bus wreck."	Undated
1	24	Birthday card from Lester and Flo to unaddressed person [Gladys?]	1944-03-25
1	24	Letter to Gladys from [Melvin?] O'Leary. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	Undated
1	25	Letter to Gladys from Calvin O'Leary. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	1944-03-15
1	26	Letter to Gladys from Leslie Gardner. Has a stamp noting it passed	1944-06-19
1	26	Two letters to Gladys from Calvin O'Leary. They both have a	1944-02-19/25

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1	26	Letter to Gladys from Leslie Gardner. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	Undated
1	27	Letter to Gladys from Calvin O'Leary. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	Undated
1	27	Christmas card.	Undated
1	28	Three christmas cards.	Undated
1	29	Two christmas cards, one of which is for a teacher.	Undated
1	30	Two christmas cards.	Undated
1	31	One christmas card with the sender's address ripped from the envelope and pasted on the page next to the card.	43-12-21
1	31	Envelope containing letter from Lester Gardner to Gladys Gardner. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	Undated
1	32	Christmas card.	Undated
1	32	Unlabeled envelope containing a letter to Mrs. Gardner from Mrs. [Mortimore]	44-02-18
1	33	Letter to Gladys from John [Renfield]. Has a stamp noting it passed examination by the army examiner.	44-06-26
1	33	Letter to Gladys from John C. Hall.	Undated
1	33	Christmas card from Leslie to all his family. Front cover has a crest with armed forces colors and depictions and says "feed the flame."	Undated
1	34	Cut-out of Portland Press Herald picture and description of a bridge replacing the ferry over the Allagash River.	44-06-23
1	35	Newspaper clipping titled "Allagash Marine Has Four Thrill-Packed Days on Guam Island."	Undated

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1	35	Newspaper clipping announcing the engagement of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie F. Additon's daughter Wilma A. Additon to Pvt. Ray Bradford.	Undated
1	36	Newspaper clipping titled "Blanche Pelletier, WAC, of Fort Kent dies in Texas."	Undated
1	36	Anniversary card from Leslie and Flo.	Undated
1	37	Newspaper clipping of a map of the Fijis titled "Where are the Yanks?"	Undated

Series II: Oversized materials

Item	Description	Date
V10	Letter of Aggregation to the Society of Saint-Vincent de Paul. St. Bruno is being aggregated into the society at the Oct. 11th meeting.	1926-10-14
V10	Madawaska Training school 75 years ago. [A horizontal image of the Madawaska Training School (now UMFK) printed on both sides of the page with a scroll printed around each image].	[c.1988]
V10	Vertical poster with an image of the Madawaska Training School 75 years ago with a speech about the origins of the school and how 75 years ago Gladys Mills graduated. In the time since her two daughters attended and on the day this particular speech was read, her granddaughter Louis Gardner O'Leary graduated from the school.	[c.1988]