
Elizabeth Borden Scrapbook MS-31

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Title: Elizabeth Borden Scrapbook

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Language of Material: English

Physical Description: 1.0 item

Date: 1927

General Physical Description note: 1 leather scrapbook 32 cm. x 24 cm. Includes letter from Elizabeth Borden to her daughter Betsy Carlson describing her train trip to California that resulted in the creation of the scrapbook.

creator: Borden, Elizabeth B.

Biographical/Historical note

Elizabeth Bulkeley McGinley Borden was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania in 1913. She graduated from Milton Academy and enrolled for one year at Vassar College. She married Richard Borden and had three children, Jane, Elizabeth (Betsy) and Spencer. For a number of years while raising her family, she lived in Milton, Massachusetts and was active in leadership roles for organizations such as the Milton League of Women Voters, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, and the Milton Academy. She subsequently returned to Radcliffe College to finish her undergraduate degree. Following graduation in 1950, she was invited to become the first director of the Women's Archives and the Radcliffe Seminars, a position she held until 1959 when she became the Director of Admissions at Radcliffe. After retirement, Borden lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She passed away on November 19, 2002.

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Scope and Contents note

This scrapbook was created by Elizabeth Borden in 1927, when she was 14 years old, to document and commemorate a trip she took to California with her mother to see her grandmother Holden. She took the train through Canada and visited many spots such as Lake Louise, Vancouver, San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Chicago and Washington, DC. She spent over a month in Santa Barbara and much of the scrapbook includes memorabilia from there. Included in the scrapbook are postcards, menus, soap wrappers, maps, brochures, dried plant cuttings from her various stopovers, a train-flattened penny, and a hand drawn map of the route. One item of interest is a 1926 members' directory from the Montecito Country Club and Beach Club.

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