

Guide to the Carolyn M. Dahlgren Papers

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Carolyn M. Dahlgren

Title: Carolyn M. Dahlgren Family Papers

Dates: 1863-2003, bulk 1930-1950

Quantity: 5.5 linear feet

Abstract: This collection is comprised of photographs, scrapbook pages, newspapers, newspaper clippings, paper documents, certificates, assorted ephemera, and other physical objects accumulated by the Swann and Dahlgren families. The majority of the collection is related to the Dahlgren-Swann families from 1930-1950 and covers topics related to education, recreation, employment, family life, and WW2.

Accession: 786-2024

Biographical Note:

Carolyn M. Dahlgren was born and raised in Mobile but now lives in Erie, Colorado. Her parents, Margaret Mary Swann and Arnold William Dahlgren were also from Mobile. Her mother graduated from Convent of Mercy in 1938 while her father graduated from Murphy High School in 1931. Her paternal grandfather, Sten Aron Dahlgren emigrated from Sweden sometime before the turn of the century before serving the community as a deputy sheriff, a qualified elector for the Democratic Party, and an engineer.

Scope and Content:

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Provenance:

Gift of Carolyn M. Dahlgren, 2024.

Arrangement:

Series I – Photographs, Records, Documents, 1910-1955, 1 linear foot.

Series II – Physical Objects & Pocket Books, 1904-1950s, .75 linear foot.

Series III – Oversized, 1931-1998, 1 linear foot.

Series IV – Ephemera, 1931-1961, 2.65 linear foot.

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Related Content:

William C. Shroul Photograph Collection (782-2023)

Content List:

Series I. Photographs/Documents/Records, 1910-1955. 1 linear foot (3 containers).

Series II. Physical Objects, 1910-1950s. .75 linear foot (2 containers).

Series III. Oversized, 1931-1998. 1 linear foot. (1 containers).

Series IV. Ephemera, 1931-1961. 2.65 linear foot. (2 containers).

Box #1: Family Photographs and Documents

1. Dahlgren Family Photographs, 1930-1950s
2. Assorted Photographs, 1930s-1960s
3. Dog River Slides, 1950s
4. Photo of James Madison Robertson and Staff, 1863-1864.
5. Margaret Mary Swann Convent of Mercy, 1936-1938.
6. Margaret Mary Swann Gulf, Mobile and Ohio Railroad Documents, 1946-1950s.
7. Sten Aron Documents, 1910-1955.
8. World War II Address Books, Photos, and Ration Books
9. Marine Cooks & Stewards Union Documents
10. International Brotherhood of Papermaker Documents
11. International Brotherhood of Papermaker Constitutional Booklets
12. International Brotherhood of Papermaker Certificates

Box #2: Oversized Photographs and Documents

1. Scrapbook Pg. 1, 1930s.
2. Scrapbook Pg. 2, 1930s.
3. Scrapbook Pg. 3, 1930s.
4. Framed Photo of Arnold William Dahlgren in dress uniform during WW2, 1944.
5. Joseph Langan Newspaper Clippings, 2003.

Box #3: Photographs and Postcards

1. "A Deep South Card," Lyons Park Mobile, AL Postcard.
2. Small black and white photo of Murphy High School, 1931.
3. Photo of Bill and Bugs Noblitt at the beach, 1 of 6.
4. Photo of Margaret Dahlgren with Bill and Bugs Noblitt, 2 of 6.
5. Bill Noblitt at Beach in a tent, 3 of 6.
6. Photo of Arnold Dahlgren at Beach, 4 of 6.
7. Bill and Bugs Noblitt posed in a tent on the beach, 5 of 6.
8. Arnold Dahlgren and William Noblitt at the beach, 6 of 6.
9. Photo of Margaret Rose White, 1 of 5.

10. Photo of Margaret Rose White in a bathing suit, 2 of 5.
11. Photo of Margaret White and unidentified woman, 3 of 5.
12. Margaret White and 2 unidentified women, 4 of 5.
13. 2 unidentified women and Margaret White, 5 of 5.
14. Arnold W. Dahlgren and Everett Snow at Junkyard, 1 of 4.
15. Arnold W. Dahlgren and Everett Snow at Junkyard (copy of 14), 2 of 4.
16. Louis Snow and Ruth Holcombe at Junkyard, 3 of 4.
17. Louis Snow and Ruth Holcombe at Junkyard (copy of 16), 4 of 4.
18. Mary Swann and Jerry Lang, 1 of 2.
19. Arnold William Dahlgren, Margaret Swann, and Jerry Lang, 2 of 2.
20. Photo of Susan Reynolds.
21. Bessie Fitzpatrick O'Rourke with Margaret Snow.
22. Photo of TP McArdle.
23. Flora Mae Hardin in boat, 1 of 8.
24. Mary Emma Brady, Flora Mae Hardin and Margaret Mary Dahlgren in boat, 2 of 8.
25. Flora Mae Hardin and Unidentified Man, 3 of 8.
26. Flora Mae Hardin and TP McArdle, 4 of 8.
27. Mary Emma Brady and Unidentified man, 5 of 8.
28. Unidentified woman with camera on beach, 6 of 8.
29. Flora Mae Hardin on beach with camera. 7 of 8.
30. Flora Mae Hardin and Unidentified man with cigarette, 8 of 8.
31. Margaret M. Swann and Mary May, 1 of 10.
32. Margaret M. Swann, Mary May, and unidentified woman, 2 of 10.
33. Margaret M. Swann, Mary May, and unidentified woman on cannon, 3 of 10.
34. Margaret M. Swann, Mary May, and unidentified woman posed with cannon, 4 of 10.
35. Margaret M. Swann, Mary May, and unidentified woman posed saluting, 5 of 10.
36. Margaret M. Swann, Mary May, and woman sitting, 6 of 10.
37. Unidentified woman in black dress posed on beach, 7 of 10.
38. Margaret M. Swann, Mary May, and an unidentified woman posed on beach, 8 of 10.
39. Margaret M. Swann, Mary May, and unidentified woman posed on stand, 9 of 10.
40. 2 unidentified women on lifeguard stand, 10 of 10.
41. Louis Snow, 1 of 12.
42. Louis and Everett Snow, 2 of 12.
43. Louis and Everett Snow (copy of 42), 3 of 12.
44. Everett Snow, 4 of 12.

45. Everett and Louis Snow, 5 of 12.
46. Louis and Everett Snow with Ruth Holcombe, 6 of 12.
47. Louis and Everett Snow with Ruth Holcombe (copy of 46), 7 of 12.
48. Everett Snow, 8 of 12.
49. Everett and Louis Snow posed on car bumper, 9 of 12.
50. Everett and Louis Snow posed on bumper (copy of 49), 10 of 12.
51. Louis Snow alone in field, 11 of 12.
52. Louis Snow in field (copy of 51), 12 of 12.
53. Photo of Ruth Holcombe, 1 of 10.
54. Arnold W. Dahlgren, Ruth Holcombe, and Louis Snow, 2 of 10.
55. Ruth Holcombe and Louis Snow, 3 of 10.
56. Ruth Holcombe and Louis Snow (copy of 55), 4 of 10.
57. Ruth Holcombe and Arnold W. Dahlgren, 5 of 10.
58. Ruth Holcombe and Arnold W. Dahlgren play fighting, 6 of 10.
59. Ruth Holcombe and Arnold W. Dahlgren (copy of 58), 7 of 10.
60. Arnold Dahlgren and Ruth Holcombe, 8 of 10.
61. Arnold Dahlgren and Ruth Holcombe (copy of 60), 9 of 10.
62. Louis Edwards and Captain Robert Erwin Jr., Dec. 24, 1941. 1 of 2.
63. Arnold W. Dahlgren and Margaret M. Swann wedding, Dec. 24, 1941, 2 of 2.
64. Arnold w. Dahlgren street photography/postcard, 1 of 7.
65. Margaret Mary Swann and unidentified woman street photo, 2 of 7.
66. Margaret M. Swann and unidentified woman on street, 3 of 7.
67. Photo of Sten Aron Dahlgren on street, 4 of 7.
68. Margaret Mary Swann and unidentified woman walking photo/postcard, 5 of 7.
69. Mary May and Margaret Swann street photo, 6 of 7.
70. Mary May and Margaret Swann street photo/postcard (copy of 69), 7 of 7.

Series II: Physical Objects, 1904-1950s

Box #4: Pocketbooks

1. Webster's Vest Pocket Dictionary, 1914.
2. Whitman's Pocketbook, 1938-1939.
3. Mechanics Pocket Memorandum, 1904.

Box #5: Physical Objects

1. Autopoint Mechanical Pencil featuring "Turner Supply, Mobile, AL" embossed on sides, 1940s-1960s.
2. Small metal child's bank, "First National Bank."

Series III: Oversized Material, 1931-1998

Box #6: Oversized Books

1. *Turret Lathe Operator's Manual*, 1940.
2. *Centennial History of International Paper Company*, 1998.
3. *1948 Half Century Collection Portrait Book*, 1998.
4. *Murphy High School 1931 Yearbook, "The Mohian."*

Series IV: Ephemera and Oversized Documents, 1931-1961

Box #7: *Mobile Press-Register* 06/14/1961 issue

1. Special issue of the *Mobile Press-Register* celebrating the city's 250th anniversary of the city's founding, 06/14/1961.

Box #8: Maps and Diploma

1. Murphy High School diploma addressed to Arnold William Dahlgren, 1931.
2. Map of Robertsedale, 1944.
3. Map of Bay Minette, 1943.