



Guide to the Blanche H. Clark scrapbook, 1923-1928

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Summary

Collection Title:

Blanche H. Clark scrapbook, 1923-1928

Creator:

Clark, Blanche Henry

Abstract:

Blanche Henry Clark was both an undergraduate and graduate student at Trinity College from 1923-1928. The scrapbook includes personal correspondence, photographs, clippings and assorted mementos of holidays and events held at Duke and ranges in date from 1923-1928.

Extent:

1.3 Linear Feet
1 Item

Physical Location:

For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Library's online catalog.

Language:

Material in English

Collection ID:

UA.30.01.0054

Permalink:

<https://library.duke.edu/rubenstein/findingaids/uabhc/>

Preferred Citation

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Background

Scope and Content

Contains photographs, correspondence, personal notes, party mementos (dried flowers, a lock of hair, dolls, decorative pins), train tickets, clippings, report cards, class schedules, event programs and reprimands from the Student Government Association for smoking and violating quiet hours. Many of the clippings pertain to the social life for women at Duke, including the bylaws of the W.S.G.A., the Chronicle's series My "Ideal Woman" , and reports of hazing rites for sorority women. Also contains 1938 signed letter from President William Few and a booklet of Trinity College building photographs. Most items are identified with handwritten captions by Clark. The scrapbook ranges in date from 1923-1928.

Biographical/Historical

Blanche Henry Clark was the daughter of Reverend J. L. Clark, who was the president of Kentucky Wesleyan College and a Methodist minister. She grew up in Fort Thomas, Kentucky and graduated from Somerset High School before enrolling at Trinity College in 1923. While there, she excelled in student government and academics. She was president of the Y.W.C.A, assistant editor of the Chronicle, a member of the Archive's editorial board, and also belonged to Phi Beta Kappa, the Student Government Council, the Pan-Hellenic Council, the Brooks Literary Society and the League of Women Voters. She received a B.A. and an M.A. from Duke in 1927 and 1928, respectively, attended summer sessions at the University of Chicago and Cambridge University in England and eventually received a Ph.D. from Vanderbilt University. She taught social science at Somerset High School and history at Ward-Belmont College and Transylvania College. She was eventually appointed the Dean of Women at Vanderbilt University. She wrote the book *The Tennessee Yeomen, 1840-1860*, published in 1942 by Vanderbilt University Press.

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Arrangement

These items were originally included in a string-bound scrapbook created by Blanche Clark. The scrapbook was 47 pages long. The original scrapbook had been dismantled for preservation. Pages were placed in folders to protect fragile

clippings and three-dimensional items. Loose items were placed in archival sleeves.

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Acquisition Information

The Blanche H. Clark scrapbook was received by the University Archives as a gift in 1991.

Processing Information

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Names and Subjects

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- Scrapbooks
- Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) -- History -- 20th century
- Duke University -- Students
- Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) -- Students
- Trinity College (Durham, N.C.) -- Students, societies, etc.
- YWCA of the U.S.A.
- Duke University -- History -- 20th century
- Duke University -- Students -- Societies, etc.

Collection Inventory

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