Archival Box #121 - Mary Ellen Porter Collection

Descriptive Summary

Title: Mary Ellen Porter Collection

Dates: 1936-1938

Accession Number: 4097 Donor: Wayne A. Mori

Date of Acquisition: September 3, 2014

Extent: 0.5 linear inches

Language: English

Location: 205 Second Storage Room, Archival Box #121

Biographical/Historical Note

Mary Ellen Porter, for whom this collection is named, was born November 17, 1921, to Arthur and Helen Porter of RD 4 Berry Rd., Fredonia. Mary spent her youth with her brother Arthur, and neighbors Clara Carr and Donald Carr. Mary married Marion F. Dole on November 15, 1946, at her parents' home on Berry Rd.

Scope and Content

This collection is comprised of notes and letters sent between a group of friends living on Berry Road in Fredonia, NY during the 1930s.

Arrangement

The original order of the collection has been maintained.

Access Points

Mary Ellen Porter, Berry Road

Administrative Information

This collection is open to researchers. Please contact the Darwin R. Barker Historical Museum's Archivist with your request or to schedule a visit. No further accruals are expected.

Container List

| Box # | Folder # | Artifact # | Abstract |
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| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8a | Envelope addressed to Mary Carr |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8b | Letter to "Beloved", dated November 30, 1936 |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8c | Handwritten poem about Mary and Don |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8d | To-do list written on an old library catalog card |

| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8e | Envelope addressed to Mary Carr |
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| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8f | Letter to Mary, dated May 11, 1938 |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8g | Letter to Mary from Clara Carr, dated June 12, 1937 |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8h | Envelope addressed to Mary Porter from Clara Carr |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8i | Letter to "Palywise" from Clara, dated October 18, 1937 |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8j | Note written in code |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8k | Letter to Mary from Clara Carr, dated August 1, 1937 and includes envelope |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.81 | Envelope addressed to Mary Ellen (Porter) Carr from Don |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8m | Letter to "Dearest Girls", dated April 10, 1936 |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8n | Two calling cards for Helen Ernestine West, with notes on the back |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.80 | Handwritten note recounting Clara's comments about Don's infatuation |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8p | Note with Mary Porter's signature, with the date June 1, 1936 |
| 121 | 4097.8 | 4097.8q | Envelope with arithmetic notes |