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Objects and Memorabilia, Lesley University

1929-2002

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Collection Overview

Title: Objects and Memorabilia, Lesley University, 1929-2002

ID: 14/01

Date Acquired: 11/15/2007

Scope and Contents of the Materials

This collection consists of a variety of materials that are organized into the following categories: artwork, objects, scrapbooks, and textiles. Some highlights include former president of the Lesley College Board of Trustees Livingston Stebbins' family coat of arms, the trowel that former Lesley College President Trentwell Mason White used during the dedication ceremony of Trentwell Mason White Hall, a gym suit from the 1930s-1940s, and a green Lesley blazer. Also included are several scrapbooks, one of which chronicles the life of a Lesley School student in 1929.

The following photographs have been removed by the Lesley University Archives for proper storage in the photograph collection:

RG 5 - AV#1

Fifty-seven (57) 3.5 X 3.5 black and white glossy photographs of the construction of White Hall. Fifteen (15) 3.5 X 5 black and white glossy photographs of the construction of White Hall. These photographs were originally organized and placed in a scrapbook and dated 1957. Located in:

Photographs 3.1

Folder, "White Hall Scrapbook, 1957 (1 of 3)"

"White Hall Scrapbook, 1957 (2 of 3)"

"White Hall Scrapbook, 1957 (3 of 3)"

17 items.

Arrangement: Alphabetically by subject

Administrative Information

Acquisition Method: Materials were collected throughout the existence of Lesley University. The majority of the materials came from two accessions (2007-01 and 2007-03) that were collected by both the Office of Alumni Relations and the President's Office.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1: Artwork

Item 1: Livingston Stebbins English Coat of Arms, undated

One (1) color drawing of the Stebbins English coat of arms drawn in maroon, beige representing gold, blue, grey, and black. The Stebbins coat is comprised of quarterly or and gules with a band sable bearing five bezants or (the drawing only features three bezants or), surmounted by a griffon argent (the drawing includes a knight's helmet below the griffin). "Stebbins" is written below the crest. In the language of heraldry or is gold, gules is red, sable is black bezants are flat ornamental disks. The Stebbins family motto is Virtus Summa Felicitas. Livingston Stebbins was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Ink on paper

33.8 cm. (length) X 21.5 cm. (width)

Item 2: Sandi Dhooge-quinn Vachon's The Charter of Lesley College, 1985

One (1) calligraphied version of the Lesley College Charter in black ink that reads: "The Charter of Lesley College: Under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, authority is granted to this Lesley College charter to provide undergraduate education leading to the Bachelor degree and to provide graduate education leading to the degrees of Master and Certificate of Advance Graduate Study in order to prepare men and women in the fields of professional education and related educational services, general education, human services, mental health management and organizational administration, together with authority to confer such degrees and such other honorary degrees as may be appropriate of the courses of study offered at the College and as may be approved by the Board of Regents of Higher Education pursuant to applicable provisions of law." The words are framed by a calligraphied border of blue, green, and gold ink.

Ink on paper

43.8 cm. (length) X 35.7 (width)

Item 3: Sandi Dhooge-quinn Vachon's The Lesley College Mission Statement, 1987

One (1) calligraphied version of the Lesley College Mission Statement in black ink framed by a border of red, green, blue, and gold ink.

One (1) certificate of authenticity by the artist

Ink on paper

45.2 cm (length) X 36.1 cm (width)

Box 2: Objects**Item 1:** Chinese Embroidery, undated

One (1) framed circular Chinese embroidery with silver, grey, blue, orange, white, and green threads, featuring flowers, leaves, and butterflies on a black silk background. A piece of paper attached to the back reads: "Given to Mrs. Bainbridge by the Evy[] of China at a tea given to the ladies of the S [] after []. Mrs. Bainbridge gave piece to my mother. M.C.H.

36.5 cm.

Donated by unknown

Item 2: Wooden Serving Tray with Brass Handles, undated

One (1) dark wood oblong serving tray with inlaid light wood in the center and brass handles.

60 cm.

Donated by unknown (possibly Edith Lesley Wolfard or possibly Gertrude Malloch)

Box 3: Lesley College First Alumnae Pin, undated (post 1957 - pre 2000)

Two (2) green and gold-colored metal circular pins with "Lesley College First Alumnae" written on the front with the Lesley insignia. "First Alumnae" are any alumna celebrating her 50th reunion.

2 cm.

Box 4: Trentwell Mason White Hall Trowel, 1957

One (1) steel trowel with wooden handle. Trowel used in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Trentwell Mason White Hall. 25 cm.

Box 5: Lesley College Typeface, 1960 - 1985

Fourteen (14) Lesley College Typeface from the Offices of the President, Executive Vice President, and the Vice President for Public Affairs with Lesley College's official font from 1960-1985:

1. President and Mrs. Don A. Orton, 10.5 cm.
2. Don A. Orton, President, 11 cm.
3. Don A. Orton, 15 cm.
4. Lesley College, 6.5 cm.
5. Lesley College (small caps), 6.5 cm.
6. LFO (Leslie Orton), 5.5 cm.
7. Office of the President, 16 cm.
8. Office of the President, 20.5 cm.
9. Robert D. Lewis, Executive Vice President, 10 cm.
10. Vice President, Public Affairs, 16 cm.
11. Vice President, Public Affairs, 21 cm.
12. Vice President, Public Affairs, 20.5 cm.
13. Vice President, Public Affairs, 24 cm.
14. Donald A. Miltner, Vice President, Public Affairs 10.5 cm.

Box 6: Objects**Item 1:** President's Circle Commemorative Plate, 1987

One (1) white Lenox plate with gold trim, lettering, and the Lesley insignia. The plate was given to donors who gave at the top level of the University's Leadership Giving

program.
41.2 cm.

Item 2: President's Circle Commemorative Plate, 1988

One (1) white Lenox plate with gold trim, lettering, and the Lesley insignia. The plate was given to donors who gave at the top level of the University's Leadership Giving program.
42.5 cm.

Item 3: Frank Currier Doble Tray, April 13, 1967

One (1) sterling silver tray with the following etched on the surface: "Presented to Frank Currier Doble, Honorary Chairman, The Corporation of Lesley College, an esteemed friend and benefactor who has contributed greatly to securing for Lesley College a coveted and lasting place of honor in teacher education." It is signed by the chairman of the board of trustees and Don A. Orton, President on April 13, 1967.
35 cm.

Box 7: 9/11/01 Community Art Project Scrapbook, September 11, 2002

A collection of Lesley University community art pieces in memory of September 11, 2001, created on the one-year anniversary September 11, 2002.
Black canvas
56 p., 54 illus., 40 cm.
Donated by the Ludcke Library

Box 8: Lorraine Segebarth '32 Scrapbook, 1929 - 1932

This comprehensive scrapbook contains personal and academic information collected by Lorraine Segebarth, who was in the three-year teacher training program at the Lesley School from 1929 to 1932. Lesley ephemera includes Segebarth's acceptance letter from September 1929, Lesley house and dorm rules, course catalogs, dance cards, programs from the Lesley Dramatic Club and Glee Club, grade sheets, dormitory reservations, and year book entries. Personal ephemera includes correspondence, graduation cards, dance cards, bridge tally cards, calling cards, play bills, train tickets, news paper clippings about friends, and news about Segebarth's hometown of Schenectady, New York.
Green canvas
36 p. (12 p. blank), 28 cm.
Donated by unknown

Box 9: Scrapbooks

Item 1: Lesley News Service Scrapbook, November 13, 1938 - March 11, 1940

A collection of newspaper clippings produced by a press clipping service from November 13, 1938 to March 11, 1940. Included are journals in the New England area (Boston Herald, Boston Globe, Cambridge Tribune, Springfield Union, Worcester Telegraph, Fairfield News, Providence Journal, Commercial Bangor.) The clippings describe news and events related to the Lesley school, including information about proms, auctions, professional and personal stories about alumna.
Black canvas
54 p., 29 cm.
Donated by unknown

Notes: A preservation copy has been made and stored with the scrapbook.

Item 2: White Hall Scrapbook, 1931 - November 1957

Chronicles the building of Trentwell Mason White Hall on Everett Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts from the demolition of the buildings on the site in January 1957 to the near completion in November 1957. Also included are photographs of the Lesley campus from 1931 and 1945(?) or 1949(?)

19 p., 72 pict., 28 cm

Notes: For preservation purposes, the photographs were removed and placed in the Lesley University Photograph Collection (RG 3.1), in the following folders: "White Hall Scrapbook, 1957 (1 of 3)," "White Hall Scrapbook, 1957 (2 of 3)," and "White Hall Scrapbook, 1957 (3 of 3)." A photocopy of the scrapbook was created to retain its original order.

Donated by unknown

Box 10: Lesley Blazer, undated

One (1) 3 pocket, 3 button green wool Lesley blazer with gold trim on lapel and the Lesley insignia with "Perissem Ni Perstissem" on left breast pocket. Size: Lining is green polyester with an internal pocket and a label reading "Robert Rollins Blazers, 832 Broadway, New York, N.Y."

Size: length - 24.5 in., bust: 17.5 in.

Donated by unknown

Box 11: Lesley Gym Suit, 1930s-1940s

One (1) green cotton shift with "Lesley" embroidered in yellow thread below the v-neckline and pleats at the bustline and tie belt at the waist. Writing on the inside neckline, "Courtney F. Nealey[?]" has been crossed out and replaced with "Ella M. Purington," possibly indicating that the gym suit was recycled among students.

Size: length: 42 in., waist: 18 in.

One (1) green bloomers with an elastic waist-band and elastic cuffs on both legs. On the inside waist-band "Courtney F. Nealey[?]" is crossed out and replaced with "Ella M. Purington."

Size: length: 20.5 in., waist: 19.5 in.

One (1) pair of black leather lace up shoes with leather sole.

Size: 10.75 in.

One (1) document created by the Office of Alumni Relations for reunion in which several alumna signed, indicating that they wore the gym suit during while at Lesley.

Donated by Alicia Jewet Willard, '32

Box 12: Lesley Commons Groundbreaking Shovel (unboxed), 1988

Two (2) commemorative wooden shovels with a wooden handle and an aluminum spade. "Garant Canada" is stamped in red aluminum on the wooden handle. An aluminum plaque is affixed to the spade reading: "Lesley Commons, Groundbreaking, June 5th, 1988"

98 cm.