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DESCRIPTION

This collection consists of four boxes of diaries written by Mary Eileen Murphy Walsh and their collateral material, and one box of correspondence, literary productions and miscellaneous materials with the majority of the material dating from the time of her marriage in 1913 until shortly before her death in 1964.

5 boxes, 2.5 cubic feet.

DEACCESSIONS

None.

ACQUISITION

The provenance is not known. The Mrs. Patrick J. Walsh collection is mentioned in Charles Colley's Documents of Southwestern History which is a guide to the manuscript collections of the Arizona Historical Society which was published in 1972.

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access.

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PROCESSING

This collection was processed in the winter of 1992-1993 by Joanne Callender and Rebecca Senf under the supervision of Acting Head of the Archives Department, Rose Byrne.



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Biographical Note

Mary Eileen Murphy Walsh (called Eileen, or Mim by her friends) was born in Ireland in 1881. She received a college education while in Ireland and worked there before her marriage to Patrick Walsh on July 29, 1913. Her husband Patrick (Paddy), who was born in 1886, was diagnosed with tuberculosis in 1914. Following a medical recommendation the couple moved to Arizona in 1916, settling first in Bisbee and then moving to Tucson where they lived near the University of Arizona campus.

The focus of Eileen's life was her social activities. She belonged to many different clubs, attended concerts, lectures and plays, and spent social evenings with friends, many of whom worked at the University of Arizona. Eileen did some bookkeeping work, and later did some writing, publishing a few of her works. Patrick did accounting work and took the CPA exam in 1924.

Eileen, throughout her life, remained interested in Irish politics, and she and her husband corresponded with friends and family in Ireland. They also participated in Irish activities in Arizona.

Eileen detailed their lives and activities, in her diaries, which span from 1913 to 1964, the year of her death. She kept correspondence, newspaper clippings, programs and poetry which supplement her diaries.

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Scope and Content Note

The Mary Eileen Murphy Walsh Collection consists of 5 boxes of manuscript materials arranged in three subgroups: (1) Mary Eileen Walsh; (2) Nannie Somers Walsh; and (3) Patrick Walsh. Patrick and Eileen Walsh were married for 50 years at the time of his death in 1963. Nannie Somers Walsh was Patrick Walsh's mother. Within the first subgroup there are four series: (1) Diaries and loose scrapbook materials, 1913-1964; (2) Correspondence, 1909-1956; (3) Literary Productions, (4) Miscellaneous Materials. The second subgroup has one series: (1) Diaries; and the third subgroup has one series: (1) Diaries.

The bulk of the collection consists of diaries written by Mary Eileen Walsh from 1913 to 1964. The diaries also contained related materials such as newspaper clippings, programs, and occasionally correspondence.

Subgroup One, Mary Eileen Murphy Walsh. Series One, Diaries and loose scrapbook materials, 1913-1964, consists of eighteen diaries and their collateral scrapbook materials, arranged in chronological order. Eileen Walsh kept a daily diary from the time of her marriage to Patrick Walsh in 1913 in Ireland to just prior to her death in Tucson in 1964. Their social life and daily activities are the subjects of most entries. The collateral material removed from each diary is in a folder following the diary.

Series Two, Correspondence, 1909-1942 consists of correspondence written to Eileen or Patrick ("Paddy"). One folder contains letters to the couple from a friend who was

travelling around the world in 1939. Another folder of particular interest contains letters written from Ireland in the late 1930s and early 1940s. The folders in this series are arranged in chronological order.

Series Three, Literary Productions, consists of one folder of poetry which is handwritten, undated, unsigned, and is apparently by various authors.

Series Four, Miscellaneous Materials, consists of one folder containing Irish wedding announcements and invitations, and miscellaneous materials including a lock of Paddy's baby hair from 1888.

Subseries Two, Nannie Somers Walsh. Series One, Diaries, 1864-1893, consists of two diaries of Nannie Somers Walsh, Patrick Walsh's mother. These short diaries recount the major events in her life and in the lives of her children.

Subseries Three, Patrick Walsh. Series One, Diaries, 1915-1916, consists of one diary/expense record of Patrick Walsh. It contains short notes about his life and newsworthy events, a few months worth of expense records and a few addresses.

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Inventory

BOX 1

Subgroup One Mary Eileen Murphy Walsh

Series One Diaries and loose scrapbook materials

f.1	Diary "Diary of first year" (15 pages)	July 29, 1913-Spring 1914
item 2	Diary (1 item)	July 29, 1913-June 29, 1919
item 3	Diary (1 item)	July 1, 1919-Dec. 31, 1920
f.4	Diary and Auto Trip to Grand Canyon (2 items)	Jan 1, 1921-Aug. 30, 1923
f.5	Programs from the diary in folder 4 and photocopy of flowers (3 items)	1921, 1923
f.6	Diary and trip to Ajo (2 items)	Sept. 1, 1923-Dec. 31, 1926
f.7	Poetry and newspaper clippings from diary in folder 6 (7 items)	1924, 1925
item 8	Diary (1 item)	Jan. 1, 1927-Dec. 31, 1927
f.9	Telegram from item 8 (1 item)	Sept. 6, 1927

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item 10	Diary (1 item)	Jan. 1, 1928-Dec. 31, 1928
item 11	Diary (1 item)	Jan. 1, 1929-Dec. 31, 1930
f.12	Photo from item 11 (1 item)	unknown
item 13	Diary (1 item)	Jan. 1, 1931-Dec. 31, 1933
f.14	Newspaper clippings from item 13 (3 items)	1932, 1961
item 15	Diary (1 item)	Jan. 1, 1934-Dec. 31, 1936
f. 16	Poem from item 15 (1 item)	unknown

BOX 3

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| item 17 | Diary (1 item) | Jan. 1, 1937-Feb. 15, 1940 |
| f.18 | Newspaper clippings, and magazine articles from item 17 (11 pages) | 1937-1938 |
| item 19 | Diary (1 item) | Feb. 16, 1940-Feb. 25, 1944 |
| f.20 | Programs, newspaper clippings from item 19 (9 items) | 1940, 1941, 1943 and undated |
| item 21 | Diary (1 item) | Feb. 26, 1944-Dec. 31, 1946 |
| f.22 | Programs, photo negative, graduation announcement, correspondence, newspaper clippings, hand written notes and other miscellaneous materials from item 21 (62 items) | 1945-1946 |
| item 23 | Diary (1 item) | Jan. 1, 1947-Oct. 6, 1949 |
| f.24 | Programs, newspaper clippings, and wedding announcements and miscellaneous materials from item 23 (39 items) | 1947-1949 |

BOX 4

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| f.25 | Diary; Ireland Trip 1950; Vacation 1952; Summer Vacation at Carmel 1953; Summer Vacation 1954 (5 items) | Oct. 7, 1949-May 30, 1957 |
| f.26 | Programs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and miscellaneous materials from item 25 (31 items) | 1951-1956 |
| f.27 | Diary (no entries Sept. 2 to Nov. 1, 1963); Vacation at Carmel, 1957; Summer Vacation (Carmel) 1958; and Vacation 1960 (4 items) | June 1, 1957-Nov. 9, 1963 |
| f.28 | Program, correspondence, poetry, newspaper clippings from folder 27 (29 items) | 1913, 1957-1963 |
| f.29 | Diary, brief notes on daily activities, supplement to her daily diary (item 27); three sets of pages, clipped together, torn from this book, remain in the book while two sets, from different sources, are in the folder (3 items) | Dec. 31, 1962-Dec. 31, 1963 |

BOX 5

f.30 Diary, written in letter form to her deceased husband Paddy (293 pages) Nov. 10, 1963-Dec. 2, 1964

Series Two Correspondence

- f.31 Correspondence (4 items) 1909-1910
f.32 Correspondence, Paddy to Mary (9 items) 1913 and undated
f.33 Correspondence (9 items) 1913, 1915, 1916, 1921, 1934, 1937 and undated
f.34 Correspondence from Ralph Dennis (87 pages) Feb. 12, 1939-Sept. 23, 1939
f.35 Correspondence from Joseph, Maggie, Annie and Julie (with photo) in Ireland (9 items) 1939, 1942 and undated

Series Three Literary Productions

f.36 Poetry: handwritten, undated, unsigned apparently by different writers (7 items)

Series Four Miscellaneous Materials

- f.37 Miscellaneous:
P.J. Walsh "Pass the Bearer through guards." Bisbee no date
Page with Walsh name origin no date
Irish wedding announcements (8 items) 1909-1912
Wedding invitation, Ireland (1 item) 1956
Memento: Paddy's baby hair (1 envelope) 1888

Subgroup Two Nannie Somers Walsh

Series One Diaries

- f.38 Diary of Nannie Somers Walsh, Ireland (10 pages) 1864-1882
(item)39 Diary of Nannie Somers Walsh, Ireland (1 item) 1877-1893

Subgroup Three Patrick Walsh

Series One Diaries

- (item)40 Diary/expense record of Patrick Walsh 1915-1916

SUBGROUP FOUR PHOTOGRAPHS

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f.39 PHOTOGRAPHS OF EILEEN AND PADDY WALSH circa 1920-1960