

**TITLE:** Mary Eileen Walsh diaries

**DATE RANGE:** 1864-1964

**CALL NUMBER:** MS 1045

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 2.5 linear ft. (5 boxes)

**PROVENANCE:** Unknown

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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 “Paddy” Walsh on July 29, 1913. Patrick, 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.

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.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:** This collection consists of five boxes of manuscripts materials arranged in four subgroups: 1) Mary Eileen Walsh; 2) Nannie Somers Walsh; 3) Patrick Walsh; and 4) Photographs.

**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 in 1913 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. One folder contains letters to the couple from a friend who was traveling 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, Literacy 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.

**Subgroup Two, Nannie Somers Walsh, 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.

**Subgroup Three, Patrick Walsh, 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.

**Subgroup Four, Photographs, ca. 1920-1960**, consists of photographs of Eileen and Patrick Walsh.

#### CONTAINER LIST:

Box	Folder	Title	Dates
		<b>Subgroup I: Mary Eileen Murphy Walsh</b>	
		<b>Series I: Diaries and loose scrapbook materials</b>	
1	1	"Diary of first year" (15 pages)	July 29, 1913-spring 1914
	2	Diary (1 item)	July 29, 1913-June 29, 1919
	3	Diary (1 item)	July 1, 1919-December 31, 1920
	4	Diary and auto trip to Grand Canyon (2 items)	January 1, 1921-August 30, 1923
	5	Programs from the diary in folder 4 and photocopy of flowers (3 items)	1921, 1923

	6	Diary and trip to Ajo (2 items)	September 1, 1923-December 31, 1926
	7	Poetry and newspaper clippings from diary in folder 6 (7 items)	1924-1925
	8	Diary (1 item)	January 1, 1927-December 31, 1927
	9	Telegram from item 8 (1 item)	September 6, 1927
<b>2</b>	10	Diary (1 item)	January 1, 1928-December 31, 1928
	11	Diary (1 item)	January 1, 1929-December 31, 1930
	12	Photo from item 11 (1 item)	undated
	13	Diary (1 item)	January 1, 1931-December 31, 1933
	14	Newspaper clippings from item 13 (3 items)	1932, 1961
	15	Diary (1 item)	January 1, 1934-December 31, 1936
	16	Poem from item 15 (1 item)	undated
<b>3</b>	17	Diary (1 item)	January 1, 1937-February 15, 1940
	18	Newspaper clippings and magazine articles from item 17 (11 pages)	1937-1938
	19	Diary (1 item)	February 16, 1940-February 25, 1944
	20	Programs, newspaper clippings from item 19 (9 items)	1940-1941, 1943, undated
	21	Diary (1 item)	February 26, 1944-December 31, 1946
	22	Programs, photo negative, graduation announcement, correspondence, newspaper clippings, handwritten notes and other miscellaneous materials from item 21 (62 items)	1945-1946
	23	Diary (1 item)	January 1, 1947-October 6, 1949

	24	Programs, newspaper clippings, wedding announcements and miscellaneous materials from item 23 (39 items)	1947-1949
4	25	Diary; Ireland trip 1950; Vacation 1952; Summer vacation at Carmel 1953; Summer vacation 1954 (5 items)	October 7, 1949-May 30, 1957
	26	Programs, newspaper clippings, correspondence, and miscellaneous materials from item 25 (31 items)	1951-1956
	27	Diary (no entries September 2 to November 1, 1963); Vacation at Carmel 1957; Summer vacation at Carmel 1958; Vacation 1960 (4 items)	June 1, 1957-November 9, 1963
	28	Program, correspondence, poetry, newspaper clippings from folder 27 (29 items)	1913, 1957-1963
	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)	December 31, 1962-December 31, 1963
5	30	Diary, written in letter form to her deceased husband Paddy (293 pages)	November 10, 1963-December 2, 1964
		<b>Series II: Correspondence</b>	
	31	Correspondence (4 items)	1909-1910
	32	Correspondence, Paddy to Mary (9 items)	1913; undated
	33	Correspondence (9 items)	1913; 1915-1916; 1921; 1934
	34	Correspondence from Ralph Dennis (87 pages)	February 12, 1939-September 23, 1939
	35	Correspondence from Joseph, Maggie, Annie and Julie (with photo) in Ireland (9 items)	1939; 1942; undated
		<b>Series III: Literary Productions</b>	
	36	Poetry: handwritten, undated, unsigned apparently by different writers (7 items)	undated
		<b>Series IV: Miscellaneous Materials</b>	
	37	Miscellaneous: P.J. Walsh "Pass the bearer through guards," Bisbee; Page with Walsh name origin; Irish wedding announcements (8 items) Wedding invitation, Ireland (1 item) Paddy's baby hair (1 envelope)	undated undated 1909-1912 1956 1888
		<b>Subgroup II: Nannie Somers Walsh</b>	
	38	Diary, Ireland (10 pages)	1864-1882
	39	Diary, Ireland (1 item)	1877-1893
		<b>Subgroup III: Patrick Walsh</b>	

	40	Diary/expense record of Patrick Walsh	1915-1916
		<b>Subgroup IV: Photographs</b>	
	41	Photographs of Eileen and Patrick Walsh	ca. 1920-1960