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**HOPKINS, DOROTHY LEIGH SIBLEY PAPERS,
1931-1949**

(THS COLLECTION)

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INTRODUCTION

The Dorothy Leigh Sibley Hopkins Papers, 1931-1949, were purchased from George E. Webb of Rogersville, Tennessee. The collection consists of 300 letters (30 of which are not dated) and is housed in 4 manuscript boxes, which occupies 2.0 cubic feet of shelf space. The collection is arranged with correspondence first (which constitutes the majority of the papers), then alphabetically by document type. There are no restrictions on this collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Dorothy Leigh Sibley Hopkins Papers, 1931-1949, consist of 300 letters and their envelopes (30 letters are not dated and are without envelopes), mostly to Dorothy Sibley Hopkins (Mrs. Arthur Moseley Hopkins Jr.) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from her mother, Mrs. Bolling Sibley, in Memphis, Tennessee, concerning family and friends, as well as daily life and other topics. Letters between Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moseley Hopkins Jr. are mostly about daily life, as well as their moving and redecorating of their new home, business affairs, and their fondness for one another. There is one letter in particular from Mr. Bolling Sibley to his daughter, Dorothy describing the 1938 election in Memphis. There are also 42 telegrams to Dorothy Sibley Hopkins congratulating her on her wedding from various friends and family.

The collection also includes several newspaper clippings relating to wedding and death announcements, elections and campaign occurrences, health news, and society happenings. There are also several miscellaneous items, including a magazine article entitled, "The Singers Etude;" several empty but dated envelopes; a deposit slip to Girard Trust Company for \$60.00 by Mrs. Dorothy Sibley Hopkins; a list of people in a wedding party; an acceptance note from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to Miss Dorothy Leigh Sibley; the wedding invitation of Helen Elizabeth Rodgers and Dr. Harold Douglas Barnshaw; a card from Blanche Fleming to Miss Dorothy Sibley congratulating her on her wedding; a 1925 letter of congratulations from A.I. Williams, Olean, New York; a 1949 letter from Mrs. Bolling Sibley to her daughter, Dorothy; Mrs. Dorothy Sibley Hopkins' insurance card, as well as a notice for annual dues to The Junior League of Philadelphia; and a magazine entitled, "1941 Maid of Cotton."

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dorothy Leigh Sibley Hopkins was a member of a prominent Memphis family. She was the daughter of Bolling and Erle Sibley of Memphis, Tennessee. Bolling Sibley was the owner of The Bolling Sibley Agency in Memphis, Tennessee. Dorothy Leigh Sibley married Arthur Moseley Hopkins Jr. on October 11, 1932. Hopkins was an agent supervisor for Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The couple moved to Philadelphia after their marriage.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Correspondence--Sibley, Mrs. Bolling, 1932-1939
2. Correspondence--Sibley, Mrs. Bolling, 1940

Box 2

1. Correspondence--Sibley, Mrs. Bolling, 1941
2. Correspondence--Sibley, Mrs. Bolling, 1942-1943, 1949
3. Correspondence--Sibley, Mrs. Bolling, n.d.

Box 3

1. Correspondence--Hopkins, Arthur Moseley Jr., 1932-1940, n.d.
2. Correspondence--Sibley, Bolling, 1935-1941
3. Correspondence--Butcher, Dora, 1932
4. Correspondence--Hopkins, Dorothy Leigh Sibley, 1931-1939, n.d.
5. Correspondence--Paulsen, Evelyn, 1938-1940, n.d.
6. Correspondence--Honeywill, Jack, 1932-1939
7. Correspondence--Williamson, Lucy, 1933-1940

Box 4

1. Correspondence--Various, 1932-1939
2. Correspondence--Various, 1940-1943
3. Correspondence--Various, n.d.
4. Financial records, 1935-1941
5. Lists, n.d.
6. Magazine articles, 1937-1941; Invitation, 1935
7. Newspaper clippings, 1932-1942, n.d.
8. Organizational memberships, 1932-1933
9. Telegrams, 1932-1933