Mary D. Connors Scrapbook Collection: Boxes 1-5

Mary D. Connors, wife of David J. Connors, mother of Mary Ann Connors and James Connors, served as Town Secretary for 23 years, retiring in 1953. Her work as secretary and bookkeeper for the town began when E. D. Caulkins was first selectman and continued through the terms of Howard W. Tooker and James A. Gould. In 1971, having served as clerk of the Probate Court and clerk of the Trial Justice Court, she ran for the Board of Selectmen but stepped down to break a tie vote. She lived for many years with her family on Lyme Street across from the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in what was known as the Charles L. Morley house, then moved to McCurdy Road. After 1968 she devoted much of her time to painting in the studio behind her home. A member of the Lower Valley Art Guild and the New London Art Students’ League, she exhibited in the Old Lyme Art Center. She recalls that her first job was as a babysitter for noted Lyme artist Guy Wiggins.

Her scrapbooks contain miscellaneous clippings from local newspapers, many concerned with artists, Lyme Art Association, Lyme Historical Society, and Florence Griswold House, as well as with local events in Old Lyme and surrounding towns; also family correspondence, greeting cards and miscellaneous family papers.

Box 1:

Connors Scrapbook #1 1939-43, 1952-1965

Connors Scrapbook #2, 1960-1971

Box 2:

Connors Scrapbook #3, 1964-1979

Connors Scrapbook #4, 1972-1979

Box 3:

Connors Scrapbook # 5a, 1978-1980

Connors Scrapbook # 5b, 1981-1983

Connors Scrapbook # 6, 1984-1987

Box 4:

Connors Scrapbook #7 (1988-1991)
Connors Scrapbook #8  (1930-1932, mostly clippings and programs related to University of Richmond)

Box 5:

Connors Scrapbook: Florence Griswold House, Lyme Historical Society (misc. clippings)

Jackson family Scrapbook: European travels (1947)

SNET Telephone Directory (fire damage); n.d. (likely mid-1920s)

Box 6:

Scrapbook 82.133.18
greeting cards, decorative labels, bookmarks

Photo Album: Lyme farms, barns, fields, trees, clouds, flowers, mushrooms
  North Plains, 1950
  Hubey House, Sterling City 1938
  Chapman Falls
  Others

Noyes Scrapbook
  Daniel Noyes military commissions, R.I. militia regiment, 1814, 1817, 1818
  R. I. General Assembly 1777
  Letters to Daniel Noyes from father and brothers, 1810-1831
  Letters to Mrs P Lord from Geo Griffin and Edw Griffin, 1812-1826
  Letters to Miss Phebe Lord from Elon Galusha, 1826
  Currency collection

Box 7:

Fabric, wallpaper, etc.

Box 8:

*The Gazette* (1976)

Box 9:


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