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Manuscript Finding Aid

Title: The Helen Prentice Perry (b. 1893) Diary Collection
Collection #: Ms B97
Dates: 1935-1939
Size of Collection: 1 volume
Accession Number: L1997.63
Donor: Warren Blake
Restrictions: None
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Biographical/ historical note:

Helen Prentice Perry was the daughter of the Rev. Dwight Prentice of Greenfield Hill. She was born in 1893 and married Frederick Isaac Perry on June 11, 1920. They never had any children. Frederick was a carpenter who built numerous houses, including some at Fairfield Beach. In the 1935 City Directory, they were listed as living on Mill Hill Road in Southport.

The donor purchased the diary at a tag sale and held on to it several years before making the donation.

Scope and content note:

The diary, with a leather binding and broken lock, records the daily activities of housewife Helen Perry between 1935-1939. The pages are dated by month and day and an entry is made on one page for each of the four years covered in the book. Helen Perry

writes about her extensive gardening and canning, visiting, shopping, and housework including laundry and baking. She mentions the weather each day, comments on national politics, and remarks on her visits to the beach. She refers frequently to D[orothy] C. P[erry] and Mrs. P[erry], F (her husband), and Mrs. [E.H.] Hammond, a neighbor on Mill Hill.

Subject headings:

Diaries

Fairfield (Conn.)--History--1933-1945

Housewives--Conn--Fairfield

Women--Conn.--Fairfield