

BETTY USHER'S SCRAPBOOK

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Betty Usher, 1913-1999
- Title:** Betty Usher's Scrapbook
- Dates:** 1920-1934 (primarily 1932-33)
- Abstract:** Scrapbook with memorabilia of Betty Usher's high school days, particularly 1932-1933. Items in the scrapbook include: photographs, handkerchiefs, newspaper clippings, matchbooks, programs, invitations, postcards, visiting cards, sugar cubes, bars of hand soap, flowers from bouquets, and Betty Usher's Crandall Free Library card.
- Quantity:** 1 vol.
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Scrapbooks

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Elizabeth J. (Betty) Usher, youngest child of Frank and Mary Usher, graduated from St. Mary's Academy, Glens Falls, in the Class of 1932. The family lived at that time at 7 Auburn Street. Frank worked for the city. Also in the household was Kenneth Usher (1903-1979) Betty's oldest brother, who was a chef. Betty's older sister Grace (1908-1989) was married in 1931 to Anthony Metevier, and her brother Sheridan (1904-1978) ca 1928 to Alice. The eldest daughter, Eleanor (1901-1981), who graduated from St. Mary's in 1920, worked for the Glens Falls Insurance Company until about 1924 when she married Arthur LaPoint.

Prior to 1920 the family lived in Hudson Falls, although Eleanore attended school at St. Mary's in Glens Falls. Shortly thereafter they moved to Glens Falls, where they lived first on Flandreaux Avenue and later on Auburn Place. After graduation, Betty went to work for the Adirondack Credit Service. She stayed with the company for many years, rising from clerk to office manager. She continued to live with or near her parents, moving from Auburn Place to 34 Grand street, and thereafter to the Savoy Apartments at 19 Elm Street. Frank was the manager of the apartment building prior to his death in 1943. On his death Betty gave up her apartment and moved in with her

mother, for whom she cared until her mother's death in 1961. Betty stayed at 19 Elm, moving to a different apartment. At some point her older brother Sheridan and his wife also moved into the building. In 1975 Betty was working for the Department of Motor Vehicles, and in 1980 she was, as her father had been, the manager of the Savoy Apartments. A few years later she moved to the John Burke Apartments in Queensbury, where she remained until her death in 1999 at the age of 86.

Betty is buried with her parents Frank and Mary Usher in Union Cemetery in Fort Edward. Sheridan and his family are buried at St. Mary's in South Glens Falls. The Metiviers, Anthony and Grave and their son, author and columnist Donald Metevier are buried in Pine View cemetery in Queensbury, as are Arthur and Eleanore LaPoint, and Kenneth and Beatrice Usher.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The scrap book is 8 ¼ inches by 11 ¼ inches with a dark blue leatherette cover and 2-post binding. It is bulging with memorabilia of Betty Usher's high school days, particularly 1932-1933. Items in the scrapbook include: photographs, handkerchiefs, newspaper clippings, matchbooks, programs, invitations, postcards, visiting cards, sugar cubes, bars of hand soap, flowers from bouquets, and Betty Usher's Crandall Free Library card.

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