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Curran-Moriarty Collection  
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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Name	Ann Marie Curran and Winifred Moriarty Curran.
Title	Curran-Moriarty Collection
Extent	6 linear feet. 8 boxes.
Arrangement	Materials were divided into four series. Personal papers are arranged chronologically. Photographs were sorted and placed in chronological order wherever possible.
Provenance	This collection of personal items of former faculty member Dr. Ann Marie Curran were donated to the University Archives by her friend, Sue Harkness. The Moriarty Family documents of her mother, Winifred Moriarty Curran, were donated by a local historian, who became interested in the family while researching Curran's Drugstore which was owned and operated by Ann Curran's father, Edward E. Curran. These collections were donated in August 2012.
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: <a href="http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/">http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/</a>
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Access points	Educators. Willimantic State College Eastern Connecticut State College Eastern Connecticut State University.
Restrictions	None.
Document types	Correspondence. Publications. Awards. Memberships. Certifications. Educational Materials. Photographs.

### **BIOGRAPHY:**

Dr. Ann M. Curran grew up in Willimantic and graduated from Windham High School. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Connecticut and began teaching mathematics at the Willimantic State College in 1958 (now Eastern Connecticut State University). In 1960 she earned her doctoral degree from the University of Connecticut. While at Eastern, she served as faculty advisor, served on committees and was a member of several educational organizations. Dr. Curran retired in 1986 and was awarded Emeritus Faculty status. She remained active in local organizations such as the Storrs/Willimantic chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and traveled “around the world”.

Winifred Moriarty, Ann’s mother, attended Eastern when it was the Willimantic State Normal Training School. She received her teaching certificate in 1922 and would go on to teach in the Windham Center School for over 25 years.

### **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

This collection includes information about Dr. Curran’s career as a mathematics professor at Eastern Connecticut State University and about her life growing up in Willimantic, Connecticut. It also includes information about her mother, Winifred Moriarty Curran who graduated from Eastern when it was known as the Willimantic Normal School. Contents include a copy of Dr. Curran’s Doctoral Thesis, award certificates and her doctoral hood plus family photographs & memorabilia.

### **SERIES DESCRIPTION:**

#### Series I – Personal Papers

This series includes a copy of Winifred Moriarty’s Normal School Certificate, Ann Curran’s high school report cards, master’s degree and a copy of her doctoral thesis. It also includes information about the Curran Scholarship established at Eastern in 1989 and the dedication of the Curran Family Group Study Room within the J. Eugene Smith Library at Eastern in 1999.

#### Series II – Photographs

This series includes a collection of family photographs of Ann’s childhood, images of her graduation from high school, college and graduate school and of trips taken during her career and after retirement.

#### Series III – Realia

This series includes books, a wallet, photograph frames, pen & pencil set, doctoral hood, awards and certificates.

### **BIBLIOGRAPHY:**

N/A

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

Related material may be found in the following collections: Faculty Collection, Photographs / Faculty & Staff, Annual Reports, School of Arts & Sciences / Math & Computer Science and in the following publications: Undergraduate Catalogs, Registration Booklets, *Alumni News*, *Faculty Newsletter* and Yearbooks.

The University Archives has a substantial collection of university archives material and also houses the Connecticut Studies Collection. For more detailed information on these collections please speak with a staff member, call 860-465-5563 or visit the Smith Library Archives & Special Collections online at <http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Series I – Personal Papers</b>		
1	Winifred Moriarty	
	Normal School Certificate	1 September 1922
	List of Normal School Class of 1912 Graduates	n.d.
	To One I Love – Poem	n.d.
	Ann Curran	
	Windham Street School – Report Cards (2)	1939-1941
	Windham High School – Report Cards (3)	1943-1945
	Windham High School Graduation Program	19 June 1945
	American Legion Auxiliary - Correspondence	12 September 1945
	Bachelor's degree	12 June 1949
	Correspondence - Mother's Canada Vacation	August 1949
	Contents of Ann's wallet (5 items)	n.d.
	UConn Commencement Program	10 June 1951
	Master's degree	10 June 1951
	Correspondence - Mother's Vacation	April 1954
	Doctoral Dissertation (1) pp. 1-41	1960
	Doctoral Dissertation (2) pp. 42-94	1960
	Doctoral Dissertation (3) pp. 95-145	1960
	Doctoral Dissertation (4) pp. 147-154	1960
	Doctoral degree	12 June 1960
	NFS Summer Institute- Bowdoin College	March 1961
	Curran Scholarship	Winter 1989
	ECSU Alumni Association - Correspondence	6 March 1989
	American Association of University Women (AAUW)	16 December 1998
	Eugene E. Curran – Memorial	10 February 1999
	Curran Family Group Study Room Dedication	13 November 1999
	AAUW Hall of Fame Certificate	2006
	Ann M. Curran - Memorial	October 2011
<b>Series II – Photographs</b>		
1	Winifred Moriarty	n.d.
	Winifred Moriarty – Normal School (4)	[1912]
	Scrapbook pp. 1-4 (12)	1927
	Scrapbook pp. 5-8 (9)	1927
	Scrapbook pp. 9-12 (8)	1927
	Scrapbook pp. 13-16 (8)	1927
	Scrapbook pp. 17-20 (8)	Spring 1928
	Scrapbook pp. 21-24 (7)	Summer 1928
	Scrapbook pp. 25-28 (8)	1929
	Scrapbook pp. 29-32 (8)	1929
	Scrapbook pp. 33-36 (8)	1930
	Scrapbook pp. 37-40 (8)	1930
	Scrapbook pp. 41-44 (7)	[Early 1930s]

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<b>Series II – Photographs</b>		
1	Scrapbook pp. 45-48 (8)	[Early 1930s]
	Scrapbook pp. 49-52 (7)	[Early 1930s]
	Scrapbook pp. 53-56 (4)	[Early 1930s]
	Scrapbook pp. 57-60 (10)	1938-1940
	Scrapbook pp. 61-64 (4)	1938-1940
	Scrapbook pp. 65-66 (1)	1938-1940
2	Childhood Photos – originally framed (5)	1928-1931
	Childhood Photos 1 – Curran Drugstore (2)	n.d.
	Childhood Photos 2 #1-7 (7)	[1930s]
	Childhood Photos 3 #8-19 (12)	[1930s]
	Childhood Photos 4 #20-29 (10)	[1930s]
	Childhood Photos 5 #30-38 (9)	1936
	Childhood Photos 6 #39-45 (7)	[1930s]
	Childhood Photos 6 #46-50 (5)	[1930s]
	Childhood Photos 8 #51-56 (6)	1938
	Family Photos (3)	7 June 1940
	Windham Street School - Class of 1941	[1941]
	Ann Curran (4)	[1940s]
	Wedding Party	n.d.
	166 Prospect St. – Family home (1)	July 1949
	Winifred Moriarty Curran – Windham Center School	19 June 1950
	Winifred Moriarty Curran (2)	n.d.
	Winifred Moriarty Curran, Ann & Eugene – Graduation (2)	June 1952
	Eugene’s Graduation (4)	June 1952
	European Vacation (1-10)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (11-20)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (21-30)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (31-40)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (41-50)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (51-60)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (61-70)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (71-80)	Sept 1953
	European Vacation (81-84)	Sept 1953
	Ann & friends w/envelope	1954
	Ann with mother & brother	June 1960
	NSF Summer Institute Bowdoin College (2)	Summer 1961
	Ann Curran – mixed photos (5)	n.d.
	UConn Class of 1949 - 50 <sup>th</sup> Reunion	Summer 1999
	Dedication – Curran Group Study Room (12)	13 November 1999
	British Isles Cruise (3)	12-16 August 2004

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>
<b>Series III – Realia</b>		
3	<i>Frye's Elements of Geography</i> , 1901– book, signed “Winnie Moriarty, 105 Milk Street, Willimantic, Conn.”	n.d.
	<i>Baby</i> – book, signed “Ann Marie Curran”	[1927]
	<i>Little Baby's Big Days</i> - book	[1927]
	Dinneen Studios - photo folders (2)	n.d.
	The Dinneen Studios – envelope	n.d.
	Curran & Flynn Drugstore – envelope	[1930s]
	<i>Travel Diary</i> - book	1963
4	“To Dr. Ann Curran in Appreciation...– plaque (wood)	December 1986
	<i>Curran Crest</i> – plaque (wood)	n.d.
5	Photograph of donated items (3)	n.d.
	“Photographs” – album (empty), green, 8 ¼”x 5 ¼”	[1930s]
	Photograph frame, tan w/design 3¼” x 5”	n.d.
	Photograph frame, beige w/design 4” x 6”	n.d.
	Wallet – brown, zippered 3 ¼”x 4” (leather)	n.d.
	Memory box – beige white gold, embossed, 8”x 6 ½”	n.d.
	Pen holder - wood w/brass plate reads: “Ann Curran 9/1/58-12/31/86”	[December 1986]
6	Hermann Beckert “Friends of the University” Award 7”x 5” rectangle (glass)	23 February 2006
<b>Oversized</b>		
7	Doctoral hood – orange & cream on black (textile)	n.d.
8	Reunion photograph	n.d.
	Windham Street Grammar School Diploma	17 June 1941
	Palmer Method Certificate- “Magdalene Moriarty”	16 May 1917
	Normal School Diploma- “Magdalene Rose Moriarty”	21 June 1923