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Ruth Borges Ridgeway Collection
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Name	Ruth Borges Ridgeway
Title	Ruth Borges Ridgeway Collection, 1928-1994.
Extent	5 linear feet. 4 boxes.
Arrangement	The materials in this collection was sorted (no original order), divided into 6 series, placed in acid-free folders and boxes and filed alphabetically by subject.
Provenance	The collection was donated to the Archives by alumna Ruth Borges Ridgeway, in May of 2002.
Finding Aid	Printed finding aid available in repository. Electronic version: http://ecsu.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/
Preferred Citation	[Series, Date, Folder description], Ruth Borges Ridgeway Collection, 1928-1994. University Archives, J. Eugene Smith Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, Connecticut 06226
Access points	Alumni and alumnae. Willimantic State Normal School. Willimantic State Teachers College Willimantic State College Eastern Connecticut State College Eastern Connecticut State University.
Restrictions	Access is restricted in Series VI – Realia. Original pages from the <i>New York Times</i> and <i>New York Herald</i> may be viewed only with the permission of the administrative staff.
Document types	Correspondence. Photographs. School Records. Fliers. [printed matter] Scrap-Books. Drawings. Publications.

BIOGRAPHY:

Ruth Frances Borges was a student at the Willimantic State Normal School from 1928-1929. Her home was in Waterford, Connecticut. She graduated June 20, 1929 and accepted a position teaching in Franklin, Connecticut following graduation. She later married Berton Ridgeway. She remained actively involved with the alumni association and donated a portion of her personal collection to Eastern in the spring of 2002.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:

This collection includes personal items, publications and realia collected by student Ruth Borges during her time as a student at the Willimantic State Normal School. It also includes information on her ongoing interest and involvement with the school through contact with friends and attendance at alumni gatherings. The collection includes a scrapbook which offers a charming look at life on campus in the late 1920s.

SERIES DESCRIPTION:

Series I - Correspondence

This series includes a collection of personal and official school correspondence dating from 1928-1974.

Series II - News clippings

This series includes newspaper clippings from the late 1920s through the 1940s plus portions of campus publications dating from 1978-1990 and a collection of various obituaries of classmates..

Series III - Photographs

This series includes photos both candid and formal taken in the late 1920's. Most photographs are of classmates.

Series IV - Print material

This series includes commencement programs and related information for 1929, 1943, 1954-1959 & 1961, school catalogs, brochures, bulletins and several history study guides.

Series V - Programs

This series includes various publications from concerts, dances and other special events plus correspondence and publications saved from a number of alumni events which took place at the school.

Series VI - Realia

This series includes a collection of memorabilia from the 1928-1929 school year including a scrapbook, invitations, tickets and membership cards plus a "Willimantic State Teacher's College" sweatshirt.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

N/A

RELATED COLLECTIONS:

Related information may be found in the following collections: Alumni Affairs and University Events and in the 1928 and 1929 yearbooks and undergraduate catalogs.

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://ecs.u.archives.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/>

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Date</u>
Series I - Correspondence		
1	Official School Correspondence (4)	1927, 1928
	Personal correspondence (5)	1928-1929
	F.R. Noble	18 Sept 1929
	George H. Shafer	1 July 1941
	40 th Reunion – Class of 1929 (2)	Fall 1969
	45 th Reunion – Class of 1929 (7)	Spring 1974
Series II - News clippings		
	Car Ads (4)	[1920s]
	Fashion Ads (4)	[1920s]
	NY Times news clippings (5)	3 January 1932
	<i>Alumni News</i>	1978-1990
	<i>Campus Lantern</i> - Eastern History	3 March 1983
	Eastern's 100 th Birthday (4)	Fall 1989
	Obituaries (classmates)	various
Series III - Photographs		
	Elmer Ellsworth, Training School Principal / Teacher	[1921-1923]
	Ocean Beach (3)	1928
	Group photos/candid (7)	1928
	Normal School-Senior Portraits-Class of 1928 (3)	1928
	Normal School-Senior Portraits-Class of 1929 (9)	1929
Series IV - Print Material		
	Catalogue	1926-1927
	Cathedral of St. John the Divine Bulletin	1929
	Study Guide-American History	1908-1927
	Study Guide-American History Part I	1908-1921
	Study Guide-US History Part II	1908-1921
Series V - Programs		
	Senior Tea	16 December [1928]
	Commencement - Class of 1929	20 June 1929
	Commencement - Class of 1943	16 April 1943
	Commencement - Class of 1954	11 June 1954
	Senior Week - Class of 1955	June 1955
	Senior Week - Class of 1956	June 1956
	Senior Reception - Class of 1957	7 June 1957
	Senior Week - Class of 1958	June 1958
	Senior Week - Class of 1959	June 1959
	Senior Week - Class of 1961	June 1961
	Japanese Twilight	22 February 1964
	Brandywine Singers Concert	4 April 1964

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Series V - Programs		
1	Address Lists - Class of 1929	1974
	Class of 1929 - 45 th Reunion	1974
	Class of 1892-1936 Normal School Reunion	15 October 1994
Series VI - Realia		
1	Alumni Assoc. Card; Report Card; Schedule; Room & Board Voucher (4)	various
	Alumni Association - folder	n.d.
	45 th Reunion of Normal School Students - folder	[1934]
	Quotations & Collected Facts (3)	n.d.
	Tickets, invitations, membership cards (8)	1928-1929
	Dance Cards (5)	1958-1960
	Stationery (6 sheets/9 envelopes)	n.d.
2	Scrapbook (photocopy)	[1929]
	Scrapbook (original)	[1929]
3	Sweatshirt - "Willimantic State Teacher's College"	[1935-1959]
4	Oversized	
1	[<i>See Series II - News clippings- NY Times... (5)</i>]	3 January 1932
2	NY Herald Tribune - gravure section (photocopy)	8 January 1933
3	The Hartford Courant - gravure section (photocopy)	4 December 1938
4	NY Times - gravure - World's Fair (photocopy) Part 1	7 May 1939
5	NY Times - gravure - World's Fair (photocopy) Part 2	7 May 1939
6	NY Times - gravure - Labor Day (photocopy)	3 September 1939
7	Saturday Evening Post - advertisement - Boeing	31 October 1953
8	Saturday Evening Post - article - Peter Pan	[March 1955]
Oversized Originals (fragile) - Restricted Access -		
9	NY Herald Tribune - gravure section	8 January 1933
10	The Hartford Courant - gravure section	4 December 1938
11	NY Times - gravure - World's Fair Part 1	7 May 1939
12	NY Times - gravure - World's Fair Part 2	7 May 1939
13	NY Times - gravure - Labor	3 September 1939