Guide to the Charles Raven Brockmann diaries
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## Summary Information

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### Preferred Citation note

Charles Raven Brockmann diaries, University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama
Biographical/Historical note

Charles Raven Brockmann, the son of John Ludolph and Fannie E. Adams Brockmann, was born on June 25, 1888, in Greensboro, North Carolina. He was, throughout much of the Great Depression, the advertising manager for the H. W. Wilson Company. Later he became the long-time assistant director of the Mecklenberg County Public Library in Charlotte, North Carolina.

While at H. W. Wilson, Brockmann was the "captain" of the first "bookmobile" during the first year of a three-year tour of the United States. The bookmobile was filled with Wilson publications, the idea being to bring these publications to those librarians and book store owners who were not able to attend national conferences where they could examine - and purchase - them.

Brockmann married Olivia Comer; the couple had no children. He died in Charlotte, North Carolina, on March 3, 1970.

Scope and Contents note

Charles Raven Brockmann was a committed diarist. These sixty-two pocket diaries, with few gaps, chronicle his daily life through a significant portion of the twentieth century.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

University Libraries Division of Special Collections, The University of Alabama March 2014

Conditions Governing Access note

none

Conditions Governing Use note

None
Provenance

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

• H.W. Wilson Company.

Genre(s)

• Diaries

Occupation(s)

• Booksellers and bookselling

Subject(s)

• Diarists
• Traveling sales personnel

General note
These are currently located in the A. S. Williams III Americana Collection (boxes 3757.001-3757.004; range 11, shelf 021), in the Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library.
## Collection Inventory

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