Guide to the Daphne Cunningham Diaries
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### Summary Information

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<td>Diaries whose short entries provide information on the daily activities of this coed from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, member of Kappa Delta sorority, and 1916 University of Alabama graduate.</td>
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Daphne Cunningham diaries, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, The University of Alabama.
Biographical/Historical note

Born October 5, 1894, Daphne Cunningham lived in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and was a student at the University of Alabama. A member of Kappa Delta social sorority, she received an A.B. degree in 1916. Cunningham later married Merrill Smith. She died January 28, 1986, in Tuscaloosa.

Scope and Contents note

The collection includes two engagement books that document the daily activities of this coed, providing an interesting view of college life and dating culture in the early twentieth century. Short entries show that Cunningham was an active young woman who dated often while living at home with her parents. She described a variety of activities including studying, attending sorority and fraternity and other school functions, going to see movies, and dating. Some entries reveal that the popular Miss Cunningham often had dates with several eligible young men in a single day, enjoying respectable outings such as church, bridge gatherings, the picture show, and chaperoned dances. She later married Merrill Smith, one of the young men discussed in these diaries.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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## Collection Inventory

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