Louise Hopkins Dryden papers
1.25 linear feet, 1 quarter manuscript box, 1 artifact
1906-2002, bulk 1943-1945

Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland


Accession Number: 2014.024
Creator: Louise Hopkins Dryden
Acquisition: The Louise Hopkins Dryden papers were donated to the Nabb Research Center by Marion Dryden, March 2014.
Language: Material entirely in English.
Use: Records are open for research. Copyright, including literary rights, belongs to the author(s) or their legal heirs.
Citation Style: “Item, Louise Hopkins Dryden papers, Box [#], Folder [#], Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland.”
Related Materials: Anna Jones Cooper papers, 1982.022
Separated Materials: The artifact has been transferred to object storage at Blackwell Library.

Photographs have been digitized and accessioned under the numbers 2014.024.001 – 2014.024.014.
Biographical History: Louise Hopkins Dryden (1906-2003) born and raised in Mount Vernon, Maryland, she married Marion C. Dryden in November of 1925 and they had two children, Marion Conway Dryden and Victor H. Dryden. She was a fourth grade teacher and became a homemaker after her marriage to Marion Dryden.

Scope and Content Note: The papers of Louise Hopkins Dryden document her experience as the first Somerset County woman to christen a Liberty Ship, the S.S. WILLIAM WELCH March, 1943. Records include correspondence, photographs, and a booklet that documents the entirety of the Bethlehem Liberty Fleet. Also included are family photographs of Mrs. Dryden from her infancy in 1906 until a year before her death in 2002.

Arrangement Statement: Folders are listed by their location in each box; any given subject may be dispersed throughout the entirety of the collection.

Subject Terms:

General Terms
- Home Front
- Liberty Ship
- Mount Vernon, Md.
- World War II

Corporate Names
- Bethlehem Fairfield Shipyard
- S.S. William Welch

Personal Names
- Dryden, Louise Hopkins
- Dryden, Marion C.
Box 1
1. Correspondence, From Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyards, Inc. to Louise Dryden, 1943-1945
2. Photographs, Liberty Ship Christening, 1943 April 2
3. Newspaper Clipping, 1943 April 2
4. Publication, The Bethlehem Liberty Fleet, 1945
5. Correspondence, From Donald Fleming to Louise Dryden, 1954 December 8

Artifact
1. Bottle, Ceremonial, 2014.024.015