



BHC-MSS 0120
Guide to the Papers of Maude C. Warner
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Warner, Maude C.

Title: Papers of Maude C. Warner

Dates: 1917-1931

Quantity: 1.5 manuscript boxes

Abstract: Isabella Maude Winton-Cady Warner, most commonly known as Maude Cady Warner, was an active member of the Fairfield Garden Club and the wife of DeVer Warner. Maude married into the Warner Brothers Company fortune. How money was spent on house, grounds upkeep, and entertaining is reflected in this collection, as is her personal wealth.

Language: English

Repository: Bridgeport History Center

Administrative History:

Isabella Maude Winton-Cady Warner, most commonly known as Maude Cady Warner, was born on July 1, 1867 to Robert Cady and France August Cady Winton. It is unclear at this time how Maude came to the United States or how she met her husband, DeVer Warner. Indeed, precious little is known about her personal life, beside the fact that she was an active member of the Fairfield Garden Club and served as its president for a great many years.

DeVer Warner was the son of Ira DeVer Warner, one of the co-founders of the Warner Brothers Company. The undergarment manufacturer based in Bridgeport was one of the city's biggest employers, and the profits from the company allowed DeVer, Maude, and their three children – DeVer Cady, Bradford Greenman and Margaret (later Margaret Field) – to live in luxury.

Maude Warner died August 14, 1931. No obituary can be located at this time.

Scope and Content note:

The material in the collection is primarily bills, focused on home, flowers, and groceries. This is especially true for material relating to the Burr homestead. Maude's tax returns are also included, giving a sense of her personal wealth and the wealth from her husband, DeVer.

This collection of material helps to demonstrate what the expectations and duties of a woman of Maude's wealth and status were, as well as how homes were run in the late 1920s, especially after the stock market crash and the Great Depression began.

Arrangement Note:

Series I contains house and grounds bills, arranged chronologically. Series II contains personal financial information.

Administrative information:

Provenance: Found in stacks

Preferred Citation:

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Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Warner, Maude C.

Warner, DeVer

Corporate names

Warner Brothers Company

Subject tracings

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Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

Series I - House and grounds bills

1. Original processing notes, 1979
2. House and grounds bills, 1920
3. House and grounds bills, 1925-1930
4. House and grounds bills, 1927-1930
5. House and grounds bills, 1929-1930
6. House and grounds bills, 1920s
7. House and grounds bills, 1931
8. House and grounds bills, Burr homestead, 1923-1924

Box 2

1. House and grounds bills, Burr homestead, 1925-1926

Series II – Financial information

2. Securities and incomes, 1928-1930
3. Trial balance, 1930-1931
4. Personal receipts, 1927-1928
5. Federal tax returns, 1917, 1919-1931