

Glynn Family Papers

Processed by: Doris C. Sturzenberger

Custodial History:

The Glynn Family papers were donated to The Strong by Patti Nelson. The papers were accessioned by the museum on April 15, 1986, as Object IDs 86.692–86.697 and 86.782–86.783. They are part of a larger donation of Glynn family scrapbooks, photographs, certificates, and memorabilia housed in the museum's object collections.

Conditions Governing Access and Use:

This collection is open to research use by staff of The Strong and by users of its library. The donor has unconditionally given the papers, together with all intellectual property right or interest (including, but not limited to any copyright, trademark, and associated rights therein), to The Strong.

Size: 3 linear inches

Dates: 1923–1942

Collection Scope and Content Note:

The Glynn Family papers are a small set of miscellaneous items that are best used along with the larger set of Glynn Family materials stored with the museum's object collections. Of particular value among those materials are Object IDs 86.698–86.704, scrapbooks and albums dating from 1920 to 1939, which provide rich background and connections for the papers described in this inventory.

Among the papers are a camp log that documents Maxine Jones's summer at Camp Winnemont, Ossipee, New Hampshire, in 1923; Maxine's daily diary from January–August 1929, which records her activities as cafeteria manager and home economics teacher at Ludlow (Massachusetts) High School, as well as her relationship with store manager Alfred M. Glynn; daily cafeteria menus and accounts from 1928–1929; and Alfred's letter to his mother, announcing his imminent marriage to Maxine.

Subject Headings:

Camp Winnemont (N.H.)

Camps for girls--New Hampshire

Courtship--United States--1920–1930

Home economics--Study and teaching--Massachusetts

Ludlow (Mass.)--Social life and customs--1920–1930

Biographical Sketch:

Maxine Ella Jones (1905–1984) grew up in Worcester, Massachusetts. Her father was a teacher of manual arts, and her mother was a homemaker. Maxine graduated from Worcester South High School in 1923 and went to the Framingham Normal School (now Framingham State College), from which she graduated in 1927 as a home economics instructor.

While teaching at the William L. Gilbert Home in Winsted, Connecticut, Maxine met Alfred (Al) Morrison Glynn, a pharmacy employee, in June 1928. Born in 1904, Al had grown up in Amherst, Massachusetts, the son of a tailor. After high school graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy for four years.

The couple began seeing each other and quickly fell in love. Maxine became a home economics teacher and cafeteria manager at Ludlow High School in Ludlow, Massachusetts. Al moved to nearby Holyoke, where he became an A & P store manager. They became engaged in March 1929 and were married in Worcester in June of that year.

Settling in Holyoke, Al continued as a store manager while Maxine kept house and worked as a substitute teacher. In the early 1930s, the Glynnns moved to Worcester where Maxine became a home economics teacher at the David Hale Fanning Trade School for Girls. Al worked in various sales and managerial positions.

The Glynnns, who were childless, led a relatively tranquil life during the Depression years. They were close to their families, enjoyed playing bridge and dancing, and spent leisure time traveling by car through the northeastern states and Canada, along with occasional visits to Boston and New York City.

Folder List:

- **Object ID 86.692:** “My Camp Log” documents Maxine Jones’s summer at Camp Winnemont, Ossipee, New Hampshire in 1923, when she was 18. Contains handwritten daily camp log; list of tent mates and friends; camp songs and cheers; descriptions of hiking trips, water sports, tennis matches, riflery, archery, and arts and crafts; and identification of trees. Contains 8 photographs of camp scenes and activities.
- **Object ID 86.693:** Loose-leaf notebook containing daily cafeteria menus from September 9–26, December 6–20, and January 6–June 17. Dates are most likely 1928–1929, when Maxine Jones served as home economics teacher and cafeteria manager at Ludlow High School.
- **Object ID 86.694:** Diary, January 1–August 19, 1929. Maxine Jones’s daily diary of her activities at Ludlow High School as home economics teacher and cafeteria manager; her relationship with Alfred Glynn; marriage to Al and setting up their apartment; and daily life in the Springfield-Holyoke-Amherst-Ludlow-Worcester area with family and friends.
- **Object ID 86.695:** *Poetical Birthday Book: Choicest Selections from the Realms of Poesy*, Chicago: M. A. Donohue & Co., n.d. Book of daily, brief poems on left-hand pages with spaces on opposite pages for recording names of people whose birthdays are on those dates; includes the names of Maxine Jones’s mother and her younger sister, to whom this book may have belonged, circa 1927.
- **Object ID 86.696:** Composition notebook inscribed “Cafeteria, Ludlow, 1928–29.” Handwritten accounts of daily menus, number of people served, costs, and profits for September 10–November 16, 1928.
- **Object ID 86.697:** Set of papers belonging to Maxine Jones:
 - “Foodhandlers Industrial Certificate,” for Maxine Jones, July 19, 1927, Dept. of Health, City of New York, Bureau of Preventable Diseases

- School Committee of Ludlow, Mass., August 23, 1928, regarding Maxine Jones's "election" as a regular teacher in the Ludlow public schools for a one year term, 1928–1929 school year, salary \$1200, as cafeteria manager and home economics instructor in the high school
- Letter from secretary to the school superintendent, August 28, 1928, confirming Maxine Jones's "election" and requesting her to sign and return enclosed forms
- Typed carbon copies from B. E. Nettleton, Research Dept.: "Assistant Supervisors Duties," "Supervisors Duties," "General Routine Reminders," "Supervisors Miscellaneous Instructions," and "Vegetables – Time Table for Cooking"
- Notice to report to supervisors' meetings on 3 dates in August
- Promissory note signed by Maxine E. Jones, September 1, 1928, regarding \$30 owed to the Fisk Teachers' Agencies, Boston, due November 1, 1928
- Receipt from Fisk Teachers' Agencies, Boston, September 17, 1928, for \$30 paid by Maxine E. Jones, partial payment of commission for Ludlow school position
- Slip of paper with notes related to Maxine Jones's job
- **Object ID 86.782:** Letter, Alfred Glynn, Holyoke, to Mrs. Arthur Glynn, Amherst, [June 17, 1929]; special delivery letter from Al to his mother, announcing that he and fiancée "Jim" [Maxine Jones] have decided to get married in a week, asking for his parents' blessing and attendance at the wedding in Worcester. He explains that there is no "reason" for the marriage other than they want to be together and the timing is right.
- **Object ID 86.783:** 13 letters from Washington National Insurance Company agent Joseph W. Norton, Worcester, to Maxine J. Glynn, Worcester, November 21, 1941–June 1, 1942 regarding her injury claim for \$600 and the company's payments on the claim; also, a sheet of paper with all payments noted and summed up.