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Guide to the Glynn Family Papers, 1923-1942 – 1986.glynn

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Summary Information

Repository:	Brian Sutton-Smith Library and Archives of Play at The Strong
Creator:	Glynn, Maxine Jones
Title:	Glynn family papers
ID:	1986.glynn
Date [inclusive]:	1923-1942
Physical Description:	0.5 Linear Feet (1 box)
Language of the Material:	English
Text [box]:	1
Abstract:	This collection documents the life of the Glynn family from Massachusetts, Al and Maxine. The materials are dated from 1923 to 1942 and consist of diaries, ephemera, and correspondence.

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Biographical Note

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 Glynn family 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 Glynn family, 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.

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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 to 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 to 1929; and Alfred's letter to his mother, announcing his imminent marriage to Maxine.

The collection has been divided into three series. The physical materials are housed in one box. Additional scope and content information can be found under the "Collection Inventory" section of the finding aid.

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System of Arrangement

Series I: Diaries and notebooks, 1923-1929

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

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

This collection is open to research use by staff of The Strong and users of its library and archive.

Conditions Governing Use

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.

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Controlled Access 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
- Glynn, Alfred Morrison

Collection Inventory

Series I: Diaries and notebooks, 1923-1929

box 1

Series Scope and Content Note

Series I includes diaries and notebooks maintained by Maxine Glynn from 1923 to 1929. "My Camp Lod documents Maxines Jones' summer at Camp Winnemont, Ossipee, New Hampshire in 1923, when she was 18 years-old. It contains a handwritten daily camp log, lists of tent mates and friends, camp songs and cheers, descriptions of hiking trips, water sports, tennis matches, riflery, archery, and arts and crafts, as well as tree identifications. It also contains eight photographs of camp scenes and activities.

Object number 86.693 and 86.696 are loose-leaf notebooks containing daily cafeteria menus, number of people served, costs, and profits from around 1928 to 1929, when Maxine Jones served as a home economics teacher and cafeteria manager at Ludlow High School.

This series also includes Maxine Jones Glynn's daily diary of her activities at Ludlow High School as a home economics teacher and cafeteria manager, her relationship and marriage to Alfred Glynn, setting up their apartment, and daily life in the Springfield - Holyoke - Amherst - Ludlow - Worcester area with friends and family.

Title/Description	Instances	
"My Camp Log" diary, 1923	box 1	item 1
Loose leaf notebook [cafeteria], circa 1928-1929	box 1	item 2
Diary, 1929 January-1929 August	box 1	item 3
<i>Poetical Birthday Book: Choicest Selections from the Realms of Poesy</i> , undated	box 1	item 4
"Cafeteria" composition notebook, 1928-1929	box 1	item 5

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Series II: Maxine Jones, 1927-1928

box 1

Series Scope and Content Note

This series consists of documents related to Maxine Jones [prior to her marriage to Al Glynn] and includes a foodhandlers certificate, offer letter for her position at Ludlow High School, job duties, meeting notices, promissory note, and receipt.

Title/Description	Instances	
Papers belonging to Maxine Jones, 1927-1928	box 1	folder 1

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Series III: Correspondence, 1929, 1941-1942

box 1

Series Scope and Content Note

This series contains correspondence from Washington National Insurance Company agent Joseph W. Norton to Maxine regarding her injury claim for \$600 and the company's payments on the claim.

Of interest is a special delivery letter from Al Glynn to his mother, Mrs. Arthur Glynn, 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, Massachusetts.

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter, Alfred Glynn, Holyoke, to Mrs. Arthur Glynn, Amherst, 1929 June 17	box 1	folder 2
Washington National Insurance Company letters [13], 1941-1942	box 1	folder 3

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