



Toddings, Cynthia (Earl). Collection, 1936 – 1939

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Cynthia Earl Toddings was born in 1918 and graduated from Hempstead High School in 1935. She was awarded a Parent-Teacher Scholarship to New York University Hofstra Memorial-Nassau College in her sophomore year. Earl majored in music and also studied the French horn, piano, and organ. She was an assistant organist at the Cathedral of Incarnation in Garden City.

Cynthia Earl was very involved in activities at Hofstra; she was a member of the first student council, President of the Glee Club, member of Nexus, organizer and Co-Chairman of the Creative Club, May Queen of 1937, and Chairman of the Society of Charter Class Women. Earl graduated cum laude from Hofstra in 1939. She was honored to be among those of the first graduating class from Hofstra University. She was described in her yearbook as "tall, friendly, patrician, and talented."

In 1940, Cynthia Earl returned to Hofstra when the Nassau Philharmonic Orchestra played there. She had become a member of that orchestra, playing the piano. She married William Farnsworth in Trinidad in October of 1943. He died in March 1944 while flying over England and was buried with military honors. Earl remarried and in 1951 she was living in Bermuda, after spending three months in England while her husband served as chaplain to King George VI at the Royal Chapel. Upon her return to the U.S., Cynthia Earl Toddings lived in Hempstead as a self-employed music teacher. She died in March of 1997 at age 79.

The collection includes materials collected by Cynthia Earl Toddings during her time at Hofstra, 1936-1939.

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