Fashion Collection, 1900 -
bulk dates: 1940-1960

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The Fashion Collection was established by a donation from Eunice Siegelheim and her sister Bernice Wolfson. The core of the collection is 16 hats from the 1930s through the 1950s. The sisters, Eunice and Bernice wore these hats to social events on Long Island. Many were made and purchased in Brooklyn and other parts of New York. The Fashion Collection captures the spirit of various eras with artifacts and illustrations showing how people dressed for various social events.

Many of the items in the Fashion Collection correspond to items in other collections, such as photographs from the Image Collection as well as the Long Island History of Sports Collection. Photographs of street scenes in the Image Collection show women of different eras on the sidewalk promenades of Long Island Towns. The Long Island History of Sports Collection includes photographs and programs from Belmont Park’s circa 1910.

In addition to the hats, the collection contains other clothing artifacts such as men’s ties, hatboxes, dresses and shoes, from Ms. Siegelheim as well as other donors. The collection also supports fashion research with a run of *American Fabrics Magazine*, a trade publication that served the garment industry in the 1940s and 1950s.
Contents List

Box 1

Women’s Hats

Transparent lavender brimmed hat with net ribbon “Iris” bridesmaid’s hat Lavendar (sic) Moline w/ veil

White felt hat with beaded trim, pearlized flower-shaped beads and net around face with felt ribbons to tie at chin

Black velvet hat with beaded design in organic form using black beads and pearl beads and net around face with black velvet ribbons to tie at chin

Ivory taffeta child’s Sunday bonnet with stiff muslin ruffle trim and velvet ties with hot pink silk flowers on top

Pink embroidered child’s Sunday bonnet with pleated netting and one row of pink apple blossoms on top, with velvet ties

Box 2

Men’s Ties

Light green polyester tie with dark green, gold and dark orange leaf patterns. Label: Cylon Cravats.

Multi-colored silk tie—black background with brush-stroke-like markings in earth tones (brown olive green gold, rust and orange)

Women’s Hats


Black Velour hat with clusters of small black and larger pearlized black beads on each side, black net around face with velour ribbon to tie at chin. Label: Genuine Velour, Superbe Registered, Imported Fur, Sole Distributors Henry Pollak Inc. New York.

Blue sequin hat with peaked top and trim of satin cord and black sequins around brim. Blue netting with small fuzzy dots covering entire hat. Label: Union BD 590 in USA.

Hat covered in red feathers smoothly secured by red netting. Three large red feathers to be worn with hat.
Box 3

Women’s Hats
Red cotton hat with turban-style fold
Blue cotton hat with turban-style fold
Black cotton hat with turban-style fold
White velour headband with rhinestones and beige netting
Very dark green / black feather hair accessory with wrapped wire base
Red, green and white feather ornament used with headwear

Box 4

Women’s Hats
Red velvet hat with black beads and black net around face that ties with black velvet ties at chin
Silver fur hat with large silver fur bow and black beaded ornaments and black net.
Light green wool cloche-style hat with gold sequin and beaded band and green felt bow.
Stamped: 100% Wool, Melosoe, Harry Pollak.

Box 5

Women’s Hats
White straw hat with sequin-centered flower designs, 3 dimensional white straw flower and beige net.

Pink straw hat with pink velvet ribbon tied in bow, beige leaf with gray rhinestone ornament and pink net with pink velvet ties. Large silver hatpin attached. Small pearl-headed hatpin inside.

Dark blue sequin headband with package printed: One size fits all! Adjustable Headband by Durlyne.

Dark blue straw hat with dark blue velvet ribbon on each side. Dark blue net with blue velvet ribbons to tie at chin. Label” “2”. Hatpin with Blue Ball end attached.
Box 6

Women’s Dresses

Animal print rayon dress with horn buttons. Matching fabric belt with horn buckle. Label: “PQ Collections designed by Ginger Bort California USA.”

Women’s Belts

Two black leather belts with silver studs.

Women’s Blazers

Bright blue woman’s blazer. Label: “Michael Tracey.”

Box 7

Box top - “Thank You! L&S Millinery Co. 1122 Kings Highway Brooklyn, NY
Note to Eunice from Ruth. Envelope postmarked Brooklyn 1951
Flyer for “Monster Card party” King Solomon Ladies Auxiliary

Women’s Belts

Black satin with gold detailing braided puffy belt.

Box 8

Women’s Shoes

Black suede platform heeled shoes – Arlen – Brooklyn, New York

Women’s Hats

Pink Bonnet with Pink Flowers
Off white straw hat with off white flowers and ribbon. Label: Union made – DN 447407 in USA
White pillbox hat with scarf
Box 9

Women’s Lingerie


Women’s Hats

Black pillbox hat with scarf
Off white mesh hat form. Label: Wisconsin 7-8636-8637, Klotz Brothers, 57-61 West 38th St., New York City, Style 910
Off white headband with rhinestones and bow
Black cloche
Navy blue cloche. Label: Dome Hats – Made in USA
Magenta cloche

Box 10

Women’s Hats

Violet cloche
Off white soft hat with scarf
Navy blue beret. Label: Hats. Inc. – Bewell – USA 100% Wool
Sky blue beret with rim. Label: Abraham & Strauss
Cream Mesh headband with veil

Box 11

Hexagonal box 11 x 8” “CM Rich Inc. Millinery Novelties 961 Flatbush Ave., Brooklyn NY Ph BU 4-1632
Floral round hat box 15 x 18” – separated to row 7, bay 8, shelf 6
Floral round hat box 14 x 18” - separated to row 7, bay 8, shelf 6

Box 12

Woman’s lace dress
**Box 13**
Advertisement – M.J. Brown, Milliner and Dress-Making, Main Street, Huntington, L.I., Oct. 1871
Booklet – Shoes Thru the Ages, c. 1920s

*American Fabrics* magazine

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