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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Simes, Dorothy Wright
Title:	Dorothy Wright Simes papers
ID:	0037
Date [inclusive]:	1906-1970
Date [bulk]:	1937-1955
Physical Description:	1.5 linear feet

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Biographical/Historical Note

Dorothy Wright was the daughter of Augustus R. and Jessie Wright. She was born on April 14, 1886 in New York. Dorothy graduated from the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry, New York in 1905. She came to Portland, Maine early in life as her father established and managed the A. R. Wright coal delivery business. She married Charles Frederick Simes in 1923 and he came to run her father's company in 1933 until his death in 1975. Dorothy had two surviving daughters during their marriage. Rosamond was born in 1924 and Victoria in 1927. The Simes' lived together in two residences; the first, their primary residence was at 28 Bowdoin Street on the Western Prom of Portland, Maine, and the second, in a summer "cottage" built by architects Fasset and Stevens for A. R. Wright on Pine Point in Cape Elizabeth. Dorothy Wright Simes died at 88 on November 22, 1974. She is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Portland, Maine.

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Collection Scope and Content

The papers of Dorothy Wright Simes are contained in 30 diaries and 5 folders of family information. The diaries start in 1937 and finish in 1970. Some of the diaries are very complete with notations on fifty, sixty or even seventy percent of the days; but a few are minimal. Her most consistent years are the late 1940s through the 1960s. The diaries are a rare look into the private life of a wealthy Maine woman as they chronicle her marriage, children, son-in-laws and grandchildren, along with her friendships and travels. Dorothy documented her role in A.R. Wright throughout her diaries. The diaries record her friendships, her family events, and her own charitable contributions to the organizations important to her for many years of her life. The folders are notebooks of receipts/addresses for both herself and her mother, family photographs, and local maps.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Custodial History

Purchased from DeWolfe and Wood

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Controlled Access Headings

- Portland (Me.)
- Diaries
- Photographs
- Maps
- Simes, Dorothy Wright
- Simes, Dorothy Wright
- A. R. Wright

General

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Diary, 1937, 1946	Box 1	Folder 001

Diary, 1939	Box 1	Folder 002
Diary, 1940	Box 1	Folder 003
Diary, 1941	Box 1	Folder 004
Diary, 1942	Box 1	Folder 005
Diary, 1943	Box 1	Folder 006
Diary, 1944	Box 3	Folder 007
Diary, 1945	Box 1	Folder 008
Diary, 1947 A	Box 1	Folder 009
Diary, 1947	Box 1	Folder 010
Diary, 1948	Box 1	Folder 011
Diary, 1949	Box 1	Folder 012
Diary, 1950	Box 2	Folder 013
Diary, 1951	Box 2	Folder 014
Diary, 1952	Box 2	Folder 015
Diary, 1953	Box 3	Folder 016
Diary, 1954	Box 2	Folder 017
Diary, 1955	Box 2	Folder 018
Diary, 1956	Box 2	Folder 019
Diary, 1957	Box 2	Folder 020
Diary, 1958	Box 2	Folder 021
Diary, 1959	Box 2	Folder 022
Diary, 1960	Box 2	Folder 023
Diary, 1961	Box 3	Folder 024
Diary, 1962	Box 3	Folder 025
Diary, 1963	Box 3	Folder 026
Diary, 1964	Box 3	Folder 027
Diary, 1965, 1966	Box 3	Folder 028
Diary, 1967	Box 3	Folder 029
Diary, 1969, 1970	Box 3	Folder 030
Logbook, 1906-1911	Box 3	Folder 031
Photographs	Box 3	Folder 032
Logbook, 1957	Box 3	Folder 033

Address Book

Box 3

Folder 034

Maps

Box 3

Folder 035