

Guide to the Addie Whitlock Hale Papers

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Collection Overview

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CALL NUMBER: MS 994

CREATOR: Hale, Addie Whitlock, 1855-ca. 1940

TITLE: Addie Whitlock Hale papers

DATES: 1881-1939

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: Chiefly account books kept by Addie W. Hale, wife of Charles Reverdy Hale, of Meriden, Connecticut recording her household expenses. Also in the accounts is her income from mending and from giving music and arithmetic lessons, together with notes on her allocation of time and on her arithmetic assignments. Her husband is frequently mentioned in the accounts as is a sister-in-law, Ida Hale Whitlock. An account book kept by Bryant Burwell Glenny, Jr. and a diary by L. S. Stocking are also in the papers.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

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Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Purchased in 1940.

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

Addie Whitlock Hale was born in 1855. She was the wife of Charles Reverdy Hale, 1848-1924, of Meriden, Connecticut, who was the son of Elias and Eliza Camp (Miller) Hale. The couple had no children. Addie Hale is thought to have died in 1940.

Scope and Contents

The Addie Whitlock Hale Papers consist almost entirely of household account books kept by Addie Hale (1855-[1940]?), the wife of Charles Reverdy Hale, of Meriden, Connecticut. Charles Hale (1848-1924) was the son of Elias and Eliza Camp (Miller) Hale.

Little else is known about Addie Hale's life beyond the fact that she had no children. The collection suggests that she was a compulsive recordkeeper, watchful as to how she spent her money and her time. Most of the volumes constitute a record, spanning nearly sixty years, of every small purchase she made. Other books record time spent and/or money earned mending, teaching and practicing music, teaching arithmetic and algebra, and learning to type. Her husband ("Charlie") and her sister-in-law Ida Hale Whitlock's family are frequently mentioned in the accounts.

Hale's account books, along with a volume partially in the hand of Bryant Burwell Glenny, Jr. (Yale 1909) and two diaries in other hands, were purchased from Whitlock's Book Store in April 1940. The proprietor of Whitlock's Book Store was Addie Hale's great-nephew, the grandson of her sister-in-law, Ida Hale Whitlock.

Collection Contents

b.1	"General accounts": 25 volumes recording household expenses, including one which also contains accounts kept by Bryant Burwell Glenny, Jr. English	1881-1923, 1927-1940
b.1	Volume of accounts concerning music and arithmetic lessons, and gas expenses	[ca. 1907-1925]
b.1	Volume of accounts concerning household expenses and music lessons, and time spent practicing piano and typewriting; notes concerning family, friends, books, and miscellaneous; and addresses	[ca. 1915-1922]
b.1	Volume of accounts concerning time spent and money earned mending; and expenses regarding dentist, rent, and theater; and newspaper subscriptions	[ca. 1927-1934]
b.1	Cards recording Addie Hale's account during stay at Meriden YWCA	1936-1940
b.1	Diary volume containing Addie Hale's accounts, and notes on arithmetic assignments, grading books; and diary of L. S. Stocking, mostly concerning weather observations and work in store	[ca. 1902-1911]
b.1	Diary volume containing unknown person's accounts and notes on law cases	[ca. 1907-1908]

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

Subjects

Home economics -- Accounting

Geographic Names

Connecticut
Meriden (Conn.)

Genres / Formats

Account books

Names

Glenny, Bryant Burwell, 1887-1972
Hale, Addie Whitlock, 1855-ca. 1940
Hale, Charles Reverdy, 1848-1924
Stocking, L. S.
Whitlock, Ida Hale