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Collection Summary

Repository:	Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries
Creator:	Stockton, Esther Merrell
Title:	Esther Merrell Stockton Papers
Inclusive Dates:	1925-1994
Bulk Dates:	1925-1930
Quantity:	0.3 cubic feet (1 box)
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Biographical Note

Esther Merrell Stockton (ca. 1909-1996) was an interior designer, draftsman, artist, and poet. As a teenager she spent several summers at Camp Chequesset, a summer camp for girls on Cape Cod. While there she befriended Elizabeth Bishop, whose camp name was "Bishie."

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Bishop, Elizabeth, 1911-1979

Organizations:

- Camp Chequesset (Wellfleet, Mass.)

Subjects:

- Camps--Massachusetts

Places:

- Wellfleet, Mass.

Document Types:

- Photograph albums

VCL Categories

- Literature and Writing

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, January 2010.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Esther Merrell Stockton Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Laura Streett, 2005.

At some point between 2005-2009, the pages in the photo album were taken out of original order. Some attempt was made to provide some kind of order in 2009, but dates should not be assumed from the order of the pages.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Betsy Stockton Chamberlin, May 1998 [M2005-002].

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Container List

Bound volume	Stockton's photo album, ca. 1925-1930 [note: not in original order]
Folder 1	Betty Stockton Chamberlin's biography of her mother
Folder 2	Esther Merrell's Camp Chequesset pin, 1928
Folder 3	Camp Chequesset advertising booklet, 1930
Folder 4	Photograph of Esther Merrell Stockton, 1932
Folder 5	Photocopies of Esther Merrell Stockton's poems
Folder 6	Leather book jacket [for Esther Merrell Stockton's poems]
Folder 7	Transcript of CBS Sunday Morning episode about Elizabeth Bishop, 1994
Folder 8	"Camp Chequesset Log" — camp newsletters, 1925-1932 [9 issues]

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Finding Aid Date

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