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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Babson, Helen Corliss

Title: Helen Corliss Babson Papers

Dates: approximately 1905-1962

Quantity: 0.3 cubic feet (1 box)

Abstract: This collection includes an engraved Phi Beta Kappa pin; a notebook of typescripts of Helen Corliss Babson's poetry, including some loose drafts; and her published book, *Tide Rhymes* (1958).

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Biographical Note

Helen Corliss Babson was born on August 19, 1881 in Gloucester, Massachusetts to Fitz James and Carrie Augusta Babson. After graduating from Vassar College in 1905, she stayed on first as a tutor, then as assistant to the Lady Principal from 1906-1909. In 1918, she received her master's degree at the University of Southern California. In 1927, she became the principal of Eagle Rock High School in Los Angeles, California. After her retirement in 1945, she began pursuing her interest in poetry. She had one book published and several poems printed in various journals. She died on January 2, 1970.

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Scope and Content Note

This collection includes an engraved Phi Beta Kappa pin; a notebook of typescripts of Helen Corliss Babson's poetry, including some loose drafts; and her published book, *Tide Rhymes* (1958). The book, the pin, an 1905 Vassar event card, and her 1962 prize-winning typescript are dated; the other materials are not.

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Access and Use

Access

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Subject Headings

Subjects:

- Poets
- Poets, American
- Women Poets

VCL Categories:

- Literature and Writing

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Encoding Information

Encoded by Laura Streett, June 2017.

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

Helen Corliss Babson Papers, Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries.

Processing Information

Processed by Laura Streett, June 2017.

Acquisition Information

Babson's PBK pin was donated in 1994. The rest of the collection was the gift of Mary J. Claybaugh, 1995.

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Container List

There is no container list currently available for this collection.