

Massachusetts General Hospital Archives and Special Collections
MC 41
Jane Holbrook Papers
1941-1946

0.33 cubic feet in 1 container
(1 document box)

Processed: by Jeff Mifflin, 2016

Acquisition: Materials were found in Public Affairs Office storage at the MGH

Access: There no restrictions on access to the collection.

Copyright: Requests to publish materials from the collection should be directed to the MGH Archivist.

Biographical Note:

Jane Holbrook Jewell (born 1919), created the photograph albums in the collection when she was still Jane Holbrook. Her name appears prominently throughout the albums. She earned an AB at Connecticut College and subsequently graduated with the first class of the MGH's School of Medical Illustration. She spent her career as a medical artist, art teacher, and photographer. From 1943 to 1946 she worked at Harvard Medical School's Surgical Research Department at the MGH, a department that was a forerunner of the Shriners Burn Institute.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists of two photograph albums created by Jane Holbrook during the years from 1941 to 1946. She referred to the albums as "Volume of Treasures, v. I," and "Volume of Treasures, v. II". The albums consist primarily of black-and-white snapshots of MGH people and settings, including doctors, nurses, and others at work and at social gatherings. Obituaries and other newspaper clippings have been occasionally pasted in.

Processing Note:

The photograph albums were re-housed in an acid-neutral box. No attempt was made to interleave the pages with Mylar or acid-neutral paper because interleaving would have unduly stressed the binding. Additional processing should include some strategy (disbinding and re-folding, digital scanning, etc.) for protecting the images from acidic album pages and paste-ins. However, the albums are at this point still remarkably well-preserved.

Box and Contents List:**b.1**

“Volume of Treasures, I” (MGH photo album created by Jane Holbrook), 1941-1946

“Volume of Treasures, II” (MGH photo album created by Jane Holbrook), 1941-1946