

Title: Dake, Harriet Papers

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Inclusive Dates: 1824 – 1968

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Historical Note: Harriet E. Dake (nee Earling) was a prominent Milwaukee social arbiter. She was born on February 12, 1879 to Margaret (Peebles) Earling and Albert J. Earling, president of the Milwaukee Road.

On June 1, 1899 Harriet married Lawrence Fitch, president of the Western Malleable Company and director of the National Exchange Bank. During the war they were active in relief work among the civilian population in France. He died in 1924. On September 15, 1927, she married Frederick Charles Thwaits, a lawyer who was prominent in the Hoover food administration. They traveled extensively and collected art. Approximately half of the correspondence in this collection is addressed to Mr. Thwaits. He died in 1944.

In 1947 she married Walter Dake, a real estate dealer. He died in 1958. Harriet passed away on October 17, 1962, at Oconomowoc Lake.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of correspondence, scrapbooks, photos and other ephemera material relating to three prominent Milwaukee families — Earling, Fitch and Thwaits.

Administrative Note: The collection was processed on Mar. 2, 1993/Oct. 18, 1994 by Janet K. Geronime.

Manuscripts	Box #	Folder #
Books Address book (n.d.); In Memoriam – Elizabeth Earling (1894).	1	1
Correspondence – Death of Albert J. Earling Sympathy letters and telegrams (1925)	1	2
Correspondence – Fitch (1890-1912) Personal letters and cards: Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Fitch	1	3

Mrs. A.J. Earling		
Correspondence – Fitch (1913-1925) Personal letters and cards: Mrs. Lawrence Fitch	1	4
Correspondence – Thwaites (1900-1932) Personal and business correspondence Mr. & Mrs. Fred. Thwaites	1	5
Correspondence – Thwaites (1933-Feb. 1940) Personal and business correspondence Mr. & Mrs. Fred. Thwaites	1	6
Correspondence – Thwaites (March 1940-December 1940) Business correspondence – Fred. Thwaites	1	7
Correspondence – Thwaites (1941-1956) Bulk – business correspondence (1941-1944)	1	8
Financial notes (most not dated)	1	9
Invoices (1911-1914)	1	10
Invoices (Jan.-April 1915)	1	11
Invoices (May-December 1915)	1	12
Misc. Art brochures (in French); sketches; map of England and Wales (n.d.); poems; folded kalendar (1919); and other ephemera.	1	13
Misc. – Earling & Fitch Marriage certificate (1871); invitations (1925); telegram (1925); certificate – In Memoriam – Albert J. Earling (1925); church bulletin – St. Marks (1950); commencement Program-Milw. Country Day School (1947); and other emphera. Inside envelope: name cards; business cards; grade school report card (1912); telephone bill (1915); student pilot license (n.d.); agent’s certificate (1930- 1931); and 9 railroad passes [transferred from scrapbook # 3] (1924-1925	1	14
Misc. – Thwaites Certificate (1901); rules of whist; poems; checkbook cover; programs- Chicago Symphony Orchestra Concerts (1936-1937, 1938-1939); pamphlet- annual report-Saint John’s Home (1929).	1	15

Inside envelope: name cards, driver's license (1928); passport (1930); invitations (1946); name stamp.		
Newspaper clippings and magazine articles Scrapbook pages (1923-1930) Newspaper clippings-misc. (1904, 1925, 1936) Newspaper clippings-Fitch family (1899-1964) Newspaper clippings-Earling family (1904-1950) Newspaper clippings-Thwaits family (1937-1944) Magazine articles (1899-1929)	1	16
Property appraisal reports Argyle & Prinz Apartments, 909-17 N Milwaukee St., Milwaukee, WI (December 28, 1942)(2 copies)	1	17
School books belonging to Harriette Earling (1895-1896)	1	18
The Service Club Invitation (1968); program (1933); club history; newspaper clippings (1945, 1948, 1950).	1	19
Tilton family history	Box #	Folder #
2 pamphlets on Tilton family history (1930) [maternal ancestors of Harriet E. Thwaits]; Correspondence (1901-1943)	1	20
Scrapbooks	Box #	
Scrapbook # 1 – Margaret Peebles Earling Family clippings (1824-1924)	2	
Scrapbook # 2 – Fitch – Earling – Thwaits Family clippings (1898-1927)	2	
Scrapbook # 3 – Albert J. Earling Clippings (1908-1928)	2	
Scrapbook # 4 – Earling – Fitch Family clippings (1902-1928)	2	
Scrapbook #5. John Earling Fitch – Photographs, clippings, ephemera, 1908-1940	RC8, Sh. 4	
Scrapbook # 6 – Fitch Wedding cards (n.d.)	2	
Photographs	Box #	File #

Dake, Harriet Earling Fitch Thwaits	3	21
Earling, Albert J.	3	22
Earling, Margaret Peebles [Mrs. A.J. Earling]	3	23
Fitch, J. Earling	3	24
Fitch, J. Earling Scrapbook	3	25
Fitch, Lawrence	3	26
Van Alyea, Margaret Fitch and Daughter	3	27
Children – Identified	3	28
Children – Not Identified	3	29
Foreign Travel	3	30
France with Marshall Foch, 1920	3	31
Groups – Identified	3	32
Groups – Not Identified (1)	3	33
Groups – Not Identified (2)	3	34
Men – Identified	3	35
Men – Not Identified	3	36
Misc.	3	37
Postcards – Chicago Festival	3	38
Residences – Identified	3	39
Residences – Not Identified	3	40
Scrapbooks	3	41
Women – Identified	3	42
Women – Not Identified (1)	3	43
Women – Not Identified (2)	3	44
Oversize Items	Location	
Portrait of Harriet Earling	OS Photo #1694	
Certificate from cruise lines admitting Thwaits to Ancient Order of Royal Road of Doubloons, Feb. 27, 1938	OS LG “T”	
Diploma of Frederick Charles Thwaits from Harvard University	OS SM “T”	