



Twentieth-Century America & Your Family Essays, 2001-2015

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Overview

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Collection Information:

Scope and Content Note

This collection primarily consists of essays and papers written by students of "HIS 227 *Twentieth-Century America & Your Family*," in which they reflect upon how historical events have impacted the lives of their families. It also includes course syllabi, Oral Histories. There is also a time capsule created by a class in 2011. It is currently restricted and is to be opened by the class members at a future reunion.

Historical Information

The course "HIS 227 *Twentieth-Century America & Your Family*" is taught at Hanover College by history professor Dr. Sarah McNair Vosmeier. The course description reads, "This course explores the intersection of national history and personal history. Interviewing your own family members will give you insight into how ordinary people remember the past and how they experience change over time. Lectures will supply the national perspective and larger context. Discussions and other assignments help you compare your family's experiences with those of other Americans living through the same events. Throughout we will be identifying, critiquing, and making historical arguments. The focus of the course will be on a final paper that makes an argument about the connection between your informant(s) and a major theme or event in American history."

Administrative Information:

Related Items:

Related materials may be found by searching the [Hanover College online catalog](#).

Acquisition:

This collection contains essays written by students in the course "HIS 227 *Twentieth-Century America & Your Family*" taught by Dr. Sarah McNair Vosmeier. Items included in this collection are done so with the permission of the author. Please see archivist for more information.

Restrictions:

Some materials are restricted at the request of the donor. These items do not appear on this finding aid. Please see archivist for more information.

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Container List

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Dates	Notes
1	1	Course syllabi		
1	2	Student Essays - Immigrants and Migrants		Essays looking at ethnicity, immigration, family history, chronology.
1	3	Student Essays - America before 1929		Essays looking at World War I, Spanish flu, women and the right to vote, KKK, fashion.
1	4	Student Essays - Leisure and Entertainment		Essays looking at sports, vacations, games, travel, television, movies, radio,
1	5	Student Essays - Great Depression		Essays looking at issues related to the Great Depression including difficulty finding work, money, unions, Franklin Roosevelt, food, clothing, shelter.
1	6	Student Essays - World War II		Essays looking at opinions on the war, military service, home front, rationing, women working.
1	7	Student Essays - Effects of World War II		Essays looking at politics, the Cold War, the economy, and labor.
1	8	Student Essays - Everyday Life		Essays looking at family history, cooking, meals, books, radio, movies, entertainment, chores, cleaning, family, friends.
1	9	Student Essays - Postwar America		Essays looking at politics, the Cold War, the economy, military service, television, marriage, parenting, discipline, courtship.

Box	Folder	Folder Title	Dates	Notes
1	10	Student Essays - Civil Rights Movement		Essays looking at social relationships between blacks and whites, Civil Rights protestors, racial segregation, Martin Luther King, Jr., injustice, religion, .
1	11	Student Essays - Student Movement and the Counter Culture		Essays looking at generation gap, campus life in the 1950s and 1960s, fashion, music, politics, language, school.
1	12	Student Essays - Women's Liberation		Essays looking at women's groups, Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), social attitudes, sexual harassment, fashion, work.
1	13	Student Essays - Vietnam War and Student Movements		Essays looking at politics, protests, students, war, military service.
1	14	Student Essays - 1970s through the 1990s		Essays looking at use of computers, Berlin War,, Soviet Union, AIDS, environmental movement, fashion, rites of passage.
1	15	Student Essays - The 1970s		Essays looking at cost of living, politics, USSR, war, oil embargo, economy.
1	16	Student Essays - The 1980s		Essays looking at Ronald Reagan, politics, fashion, lifestyle, AIDS, religion, Berlin Wall, Soviet Union, yuppies.
1	17	Student Essays - History in your Lifetime/Recent past		Essays looking at attacks on the World Trade Center, immigration, politics, family, technology, music, fashion
1	18	Student Essays - Personal: School, nation and religion		Essays looking at education, family, childcare.
1	19	Student Essays - Love and Friendship		Essays looking at marriage, weddings, siblings, children, parents, family relationships.
1	20	Student Essays - Food		Essays looking at family recipes and cooking.
1	21	Student Essays - Education and learning		Essays looking at education, school, college, teachers, classes, life lessons.
1	22	Student Essays - Household Labor		Essays looking at chores, women's work, cleaning, women's liberation.
2	1	Final Essays	2001	G.I. Bill; Counterculture, Great Depression
2	2	Final Essays	2001	Counterculture, World War II; Great Depression
2	3	Final Essays	2001	Civil Rights Movement; Marriage; Great Depression
2	4	Final Essays	2003	World War II; Korean War; Women on the home front
2	5	Final Essays	2005	1980s
2	6	Final Essays	2005	Rural America; leisure and entertainment; music; hip hop; 1980s
2	7	Final Essays	2009-2011	Great Depression; Agriculture; Vietnam War
2	8	Final Essays	2013	General Gap; 1960s; Vietnam War; 1980s; mental illness; politics; rural America; Great Depression; World War II; women; gender; urban America

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2	9	Final Essays	2013	Civil Rights; travel; social change; immigration; family; Great Depression; World War II
2	10	Final Essays	2015	Vietnam War; media; women; Great Depression; family history; military service and social stigma; social change; women's liberation
2	11	Oral Histories		Copies of oral histories collected by students for research from other colleges/institutions. These items may be used for research and reference. Copyright and publication questions must be directed to the owning institution.
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