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**CHARLOTTE LEE
DIARIES, 1910–1970**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charlotte Owen Lee (14 August 1895–30 May 1979) was born to Allison Owen and Susan Zook Owen of Warren, Huntington County, Indiana. She was the youngest of six children. Charlotte married Eskie Lee (12 January 1894–17 October 1979), the son of Sherman Lee and Elda Brown Lee, on 5 May 1914. The couple lived on a farm near Warren and had two children, Oma and Oris. Both Charlotte and Eskie worked various odd jobs to supplement their income. Charlotte did extra housekeeping and childcare, and Eskie worked as a painter, a factory worker, and had an oil delivery route, amongst other things. Charlotte spend a lot of time helping with the Ladies Aid Guild at her church, and Eskie was a member of the local Lions Club.

Sources:

Ancestrylibrary.com

Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a series of diaries kept by Charlotte Lee for over twenty years. Diary entries are daily, usually just a couple sentences long, and are a reflection on what life was like for a working class, middle-aged, married woman in rural Indiana in the mid-20th century. Mostly, Lee details what the weather was like, her movements throughout the day (occasional work outside the home, laundry, canning, errands, caring for her grandchildren), her husband Eskie's activities, friends who came to call, vacations, and sometimes how she is feeling mentally and physically.

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