COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 1 oversize manuscript folder, 1 bound volume, 1 PAA album, 4 photograph folders

COLLECTION DATES: ca. 1920–1960s

PROVENANCE: Jane Patterson, Rofam Corporation, Indianapolis, IN

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NOTES:
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dorothea Ross Goldberg (10 August 1905–7 January 1993) was born to Harry F. Ross and Katherine Leitch Ross in Zion, Illinois. She had two younger siblings, James and Kathleen. The Ross family moved around during Dorothea’s childhood and adolescence, from Illinois to Attica, Indiana, and then onto Richmond and Indianapolis. Therefore, Dorothea attended Richmond High School but graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis.

After high school, Dorothea attended Indiana University in Bloomington, where she was part of the Sigma Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta, and studied home economics. She also attended Madame Blaker’s Teachers College in Indianapolis in 1927, where she earned a teaching certificate.

In her professional life, Dorothea spent three years teaching for the Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company in Birmingham, Alabama. She also taught courses for the WPA and in 1936, moved to Cleveland, Ohio, to take a job marketing baby food for the Beech-Nut Food Company. While in Cleveland, she met salesman Benjamin Goldberg, a Missouri native, and the couple was married on 21 June 1936.

In 1945, the couple adopted a son, David. They also returned to Benjamin’s native Missouri, settling in Kansas City. However, at some point after Benjamin passed away in 1969, Dorothea ended up back in Indianapolis, where she spent her final days. She is buried next to Benjamin at Rose Hill Cemetery in Kansas City, Missouri.

Sources:
Materials in the collection
Ancestry.com
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains correspondence, photographs, and scrapbooks belonging to Dorothea Ross Goldberg. Of particular interest in this collection are a scrapbook and a photo album detailing Dorothea’s high school experiences at Richmond and Shortridge and her college years at the Indianapolis Teacher’s College, both of which have lists of students and autograph pages.
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