

C Beckett, Dorothy Ellen (1932-2010), Papers, 1952-1969
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INTRODUCTION

The Dorothy Ellen Beckett papers document Beckett's time as a nurse aboard the SS Hope as well as various holiday and birthday cards, postcards, personal papers, and miscellaneous souvenirs and pamphlets from her travels. A majority of the collection consists of correspondence between family, friends, coworkers, and patients from 1952-1965. Most of the correspondence between Beckett and her coworkers and patients from the SS Hope can be found from 1960-1962 as well as in various cards.

DONOR INFORMATION

The papers were donated to the University of Missouri by Ralph Havener on 2 November 2010 (Accession No. 6355).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Dorothy Ellen Beckett was born on January 2, 1932, to Eunice Dail Parmley Burchett and Henry Ezra Burchett in Green Castle, Missouri. She had four siblings, sisters Linda Banz and Rama Day and brothers Carroll Burchett and Glen Burchett. She graduated from Kirksville High School in 1949. She received a registered nursing certificate from the Hillcrest Medical School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, a master's degree in nursing from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a master's degree in sociology from the University of Missouri. Beside holding various nursing and instructor positions in Missouri, Beckett served aboard the SS Hope, a ship that provided free health care and training to Third World countries for two different tours in the early 1960s, first to Indonesia and then to Peru. She married Jack Beckett, a geneticist from Missouri, in 1970. She died in Columbia, Missouri, on December 5, 2010, at the age of 78.

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