

LUELLA VIRGINIA SOCKWELL HODGES DIARIES

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SUMMARY

Size. 13 v. on microfilm.

Geographic locations. Louisiana.

Inclusive dates. 1888-1944.

Language. English.

Summary. The diaries provide insight into daily life in rural North Louisiana at the latter part of the 19th century through to the mid-20th. They also relate the military career of Campbell Blackshear Hodges. Diaries are comprised of personal entries, cash accounts, records on chicken and egg production, garden plants ordered and planted, and clothing and linens produced. Originals retained by donor.

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BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

Luella Virginia Sockwell Hodges was born May 2, 1858 to William and Jemima Sockwell. She married Campbell Bryan Hodges (1853-1927) in Bossier Parish, Louisiana on July 25, 1878. Campbell and Luella had six children: William Hamilton (1879-1973), Campbell Blackshear (1881-1944), Linda Mae (1883-1975), Luella Virginia (1886), Mary Bryan (1888-1966), Jeanette Ward (1890-1891), and Joseph Lawson (1893-1966). The family resided at Elm Grove Plantation in Bossier Parish, Springhill in Webster Parish, and Ruston, in Lincoln Parish. Luella died on September 25, 1946.

Campbell Blackshear Hodges, the second son of Luella Hodges, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1903. During the early part of his career, he served in the Philippines and San Francisco. He joined Louisiana State University in 1910 as a professor of Military Science and Tactics and Commandant of the Cadets. He also taught Spanish in addition to his military duties. While at the University, he earned a Master of Arts degree. In 1914, he was appointed the Regimental Exchange Officer at Vera Cruz, Mexico. He served with the 31st Division in France on the Meuse-Argonne front in 1918. He was also a military adviser to President Herbert Hoover from 1929 to 1933. At the end of his military career, he was appointed President of Louisiana State University from 1941-1944. At the time of his retirement in 1944, Hodges had attained the rank of general.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The diaries of Luella Virginia Sockwell Hodges provide insight into life in North Louisiana at the latter part of the 19th century through to the mid-20th. Diaries are comprised of personal entries, cash accounts, and records on chicken and egg production (v. 1, 2, 4, 5), garden plants ordered and planted (v. 1, 4, 6), and clothing and linens produced (v. 3- 4).

Personal entries relate mostly to family matters, her children, and her views on religion and life in general. She writes at length about the death of her young child, Jeanette (v. 1-2), and the military career of her son, Campbell Blackshear Hodges (v. 4-12). She tells of his involvement in the Mexican Crisis, (v. 5) and his military service in France during World War I (v. 6). Other topics include weather and health. Entries on weather comment on flooding (v. 1, 1890, v. 2, May/June 1892, v. 5, April 25, May 30), refugees of the Great Flood of 1927 (v. 8, p. 93), and a tornado at Pineville, which claimed fourteen lives (v. 8, April 6, 1923). In her entries on health, Luella cites cases of typhoid in Ruston (v. 3, p. 142) and influenza (v. 6, Oct. 10, 1918 v. 9, Jan. 1, 1931). She also mentions the cotton crop yield, the oil industry in Bossier Parish, and she remarks on World War I. References made to African Americans and the oil drilling are in passing. A notebook of sketches and sewing samples belonging to Mary Bryan Hodges is also found in this collection (v. 13, 1903).

INDEX TERMS

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Dressmaking--Study and teaching
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Gardening--Louisiana.
Hodges, Campbell Blackshear, 1881-1944.
Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
College.
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