DeKalb Historical Society

Emily Campbell Boland Papers (1908-1984)

**Introduction:** The Emily Campbell Boland Papers include several diaries and scrapbooks.

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**Size:** 2 document cases

**Biographical Sketch of Emily Campbell Boland (c. 1910-)**

Emily Estes Campbell Boland was born around 1910. Her father was James A. Campbell Sr. (-1962). She had at least one brother, James A. Campbell, Jr. (1906-1985). The Campbells originally lived in the West End and moved to Decatur in 1912. She attended Decatur Junior High School and graduated from Decatur Senior High School in 1926. She then attended Agnes Scott College in Decatur. During WWII, she worked as a secretary. She married F.C. Boland of Avondale Estates, Ga.

Emily Campbell Boland had a love of music which is evident from her lifelong music lessons and her attendance at many music programs in and around Atlanta, Ga. She was a member of the Civic Music Association, the Woman’s Auxiliary, and the National Social Science Honor Society.

**Description**

The Emily Campbell Boland Papers are composed primarily of diaries and scrapbooks. The personal diaries were kept by Emily C. Boland sporadically from 1923 until 1984. The earliest is an account of her junior high school days and the others progress throughout her life. She includes information about her daily life and important events of the times, such as the Lindbergh baby kidnapping. There are three scrapbooks: one which is a memory book for her senior year of high school (1925-1926); one for the period of 1932-1934; and one for 1936. The high school memory book contains information on Decatur Senior High School, including a list of class officers, school songs and cheers. There are also personal messages from friends, members of her sorority (Chi Sigma Zeta), and her basketball team.
The latter two are collections of newspaper clippings, personal mementos, music programs and church fliers. In the 1936 scrapbook, there are several pamphlets and letters for speech teachers. In addition to the scrapbooks, there are three WWII ration books, and programs for a club, Twentieth Century Coterie, for the years 1929-1930, 1932-1933, and 1933-1934. The photographs depict Emily C. Boland’s brother, James Alexander Campbell, Jr. as a young boy.

**Subject Headings**

Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry:

Boland, Emily Campbell (c.1910-)

Subject/Added Entries:

Campbell, James Alexander, Jr. (1906-1985).
Decatur High School (Decatur, Ga.).
Twentieth Century Coterie Club (Atlanta, Ga.).
World War, 1939-1945

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