

Institute of Education Archives Catalogue of the papers of Mimi Hatton



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MH	Fonds	1946-
	Institute of Education, University of London	1952;
	Deposited collection	2001
	Papers of Mimi Hatton (b 1915)	
	1 box	

Scope and Content

Papers of Mimi Hatton relating to her work with the British Families Education Service (BFES) in Germany between 1946 and 1952. The collection includes an account of her service in Germany, written for the BFES Archives in 2001; photographs of the various schools in which she served; and memorabilia, including badges and programmes.

Biographical History

Mimi Hatton was born in 1915. During World War Two, she was an infant teacher at St Mary Cray Junior and Infant School in Kent, and set up home teaching groups for the children when school was suspended for fear of bombing. The school was evacuated to North Wales in 1944, and there Miss Hatton set up schools in Tabernacle vestries, a disused sawmill and a disused science laboratory.

In 1946 she wrote to the Foreign Office offering her services as a teacher to the children of families of the occupying forces in Germany, and became a teacher with the BFES in 1946. She embarked to Germany on 18th December 1946, and initially taught at the BFES School in Bad Zwischenahn from 1947-1949. She then served successively as the Head of Oldenburg School, 1949-1950, and the BFES Bad Oeynhausen Nursery, Infant and Junior School, 1950-1952.

In 1952, she became headmistress of a school for educationally sub-normal girls in Kent (Broomhill Bank), a position she held for two years. In 1954, she was taken on by Devon County Council to run a similar school in Devon, Maristow House in Lord Roborough's estate on the banks of the river Tavy.

When she was first appointed, Maristow was semi-derelict, and she supervised its restoration to a usable condition. She then set about furnishing it for use as a boarding school, and hired all the staff. She ran the school until it closed in 1976, after being taken over by Plymouth City Council. At this point, she took early retirement, aged 61. Although primarily a girls' school, in its later years it took in day boys up to the age of eleven. Throughout her period at Maristow, Lord Roborough, as Chairman of the school governors, became a close friend, and she was regularly a guest at head of table at family dinners.

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Acquisition

Given by Mimi Hatton in April 2001.

Related Materials

The Institute of Education also holds the records of the BFES/SCE (Ref: BFE), and Arabella Kurdi (Ref: AK).

MH/1	Series Personalia 1 file Personalia and memorabilia collated by Mimi Hatton during her work as a BFES teacher in Germany, 1946-1952.	1946-1952
MH/1/1	Item Photograph of Hannover Transit Camp 1 item	1946
MH/1/2	Item Identification Card Issued by the Allied High Commission (British Element), with photograph. Valid until 1952. 1 item	1952
MH/1/3	Item Driving Licence Issued by the Control Commission for Germany (British Zone), 1952. 1 item	1952
MH/1/4	Item Fare Authorisation Concessional Fare Authorisation (BAOR Form 327), with photograph. 1 item	1952
MH/1/5	Item Hotel Bill 1 item	1949
MH/1/6	Item Invitation To 'Mrs Shapland At Home', 6 Jun 1951. 1 item	1951
MH/1/7	Item Dance Card For 7 Armoured Division, RA, HQ dance, 17 Jan 1948. 1 item	1948
MH/1/8	Item Berthing Card Embarked at Harwich, 17 Aug 1951. 1 item	1951
MH/1/9	Item Postcard Possibly of a school. 1 item	n.d.
MH/1/10	Item Coupon for travel Coupon for travel from Brussels to Aachen, 4 Feb 1952. 1 item	1952

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MH/1/11	Item Club Card For the NAAFI Women's' and Sergeants' Club. 1 item	n.d.
MH/1/12	Item Postcard Postcard of Snowdon, Wales, sent to Mimi Hatton by 'Bertha'. 1 item	1948
MH/1/13	Item Invitation To a cocktail party from Lt Col and Mrs Robinson, 8 Aug. 1 item	8 Aug
MH/1/14	Item Invitation From Capt and Mrs E F Stewart, 23 Nov 1952. 1 item	1952
MH/1/15	Item Brochure Tourist brochure for Traunstein, near Munich. 1 item	n.d.
MH/1/16	Item Programme For a parade to celebrate the birthday of George VI, 7 Jun 1951. 1 item	1951
MH/1/17	Item Programme For a production of 'Alice' by the Herford Theatre Club, 11-13 Jan 1951. 1 item	1951
MH/1/18	Item Programme For a performance of 'Rebecca' by the Rhine Army Theatre Club, 31 May-2 Jun 1951. 1 item	1951
MH/1/19	Item Envelopes Found in a vacated Canadian Forces Building in 5 Armoured Division HQ 1 item	n.d.
MH/1/20	Item Postcards Packet of 12 picture postcards of Berchtesgaden and Umgebung. 12pp	n.d.
MH/1/21	Item Train Timetable Summer train timetable from Bad Oeynhausien to Ehrwald (Austria). 1 item	1949
MH/1/22	Item Badge CCG (Control Commission for Germany) badge. 1 item	n.d.
MH/2	Series Reminiscences 1 file Typescript account of Mimi Hatton's work as a BFES teacher between 1946 and 1952, including processing at Bletchley, embarkation and transit, and teaching at Bad Zwischenahn, Oldenburg, and Bad Oeynhausien.	2001

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MH/3	<p style="text-align: center;">Series</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Photographs</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3 files</p> <p>Photographs taken by Mimi Hatton during her work as a BFES teacher in Germany, 1946-1952.</p>	1946-1952
MH/3/1	<p>File</p> <p>Photographs of the BFES School at Bad Zwischenahn</p> <p>Including internal and external views of the school; teaching; and pupils and teachers. All with notes by Mimi Hatton. 35 items</p>	1946-1952
MH/3/2	<p>File</p> <p>Photographs of the BFES School at Oldenburg</p> <p>Including internal and external views of the school; teaching; and school excursions and field trips. All with notes by Mimi Hatton. Includes notes on the staff and four pieces of work by pupils. 32 photographs; 5pp</p>	1948-1950
MH/3/3	<p>File</p> <p>Photographs of the BFES School at Bad Oeynhausen (Rhine Army HQ)</p> <p>Including internal and external views of the school; teaching; outside activities and excursions; and views of the teachers' billets. All with notes by Mimi Hatton. 27 items</p>	1950-1952