

TERESA LANFEAR DIARIES

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Folklife Center
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Teresa Ellenora Floyd Lanfear (1918 – 2015)
- Title:** Teresa Lanfear Diaries
- Dates:** 1955 – 2000 (missing 1987 – 1989)
- Abstract:** Eleven diaries, most of them “Five Year Diaries,” which record the daily activities of Teresa (Floyd) Lanfear and Alfred Lanfear: work, housework, visits with friends, the weather, and so on.
- Quantity:** 11 small volumes
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collection

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Teresa Ellenora Floyd Lanfear was born on 23 July 1918 in Glens Falls, NY, the daughter of Howard Thurman Floyd (1888 – 1968) and Jennie Leucelia Searles (1891 – 1922). Jennie died when Teresa was four years old, and shortly thereafter her father married Pearl H. Platt. Teresa graduated from Glens Falls High School in 1936.



TERESA ELLENORA FLOYD

“Common sense is Nature’s gift, but reason is an art.”

A. A., 2, 3, 4, French Club, 3, Choir, 2, 3, 4, “Mikado”
“Pirates of Penzance”, Senior Play Committee, Junior
Prom Committee.

After graduation she worked at the Glens Falls Insurance Company as a stenographer.

On 22 June 1945, Teresa married Alfred John Lanfear (1917 – 2014) at the First Presbyterian Church. At the time of their marriage, Alfred Lanfear was a lieutenant in the Army Air force, where he served in the Intelligence Service. After the war, the young couple lived with his parents while Alfred finished his education. Later they lived at 8 Birch Lane in Queensbury, and Alfred’s parents lived at # 10. Alfred worked briefly as a civil engineer for a private company, and then for many years in the Washington County Highway Department, rising to be the senior civil engineer in that Department.

Teresa died on 29 August 2015 in Queensbury, NY. She and Alfred are buried in the Glens Falls Cemetery, in the same plot with Teresa's parents and step-mother. Alfred's father is also in the cemetery, in a different location.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The diaries, most of them "Five Year Diaries," record the daily activities of the Lanfears: work, housework, visits with friends, the weather, and so on.

INDEX TERMS

Places: Glens Falls, Warren, NY
Queensbury, Warren, NY

Important People: Lanfear, Teresa Ellenora Floyd
Lanfear, Alfred John
Floyd family
Lanfear Family

Form/Genre: Diaries

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

1. 1955; 4 ¼ x 2 ½ inches, black cover.
2. 1956; 4 ¼ x 3 inches, brown cover.
3. 1957 – 1961 Five Year Diary, 6 x 4 ¼ inches, light brown cover.
4. 1962 – 1966 Five Year Diary, 5 ½ x 4 inches, red cover.
5. 1967 – 1971 Five Year Diary, 5 ½ x 4 inches, red cover.
6. 1972 – 1976 Five Year Diary, 5 ¾ x 4 ¼ inches light brown cover, with lock.
7. 1977 - 1981 Five Year Diary, 5 ½ x 4 inches, olive green cover.
8. 1982 – 1986 Five Year Diary, 5 ½ x 4 inches, red cover.
9. 1990 – 1994 Five Year Diary, 5 ½ x 4 inches, dark blue cover.

- 10.** 1995 – 1998 Five Year Diary, 5 x 4 inches, pink and turquoise plastic cover.
- 11.** One Year Diary, which she appears to have used for 1999 and 2000.