

# MARIE SMITH'S AUTOGRAPH ALBUM

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

<b>Repository:</b>	Crandall Public Library. Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs, Glens Falls, NY.
<b>Creator:</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Marie Smith's Autograph Album
<b>Dates:</b>	1934-1937
<b>Abstract:</b>	Autograph album used by Marie J. Smith of Dresden, NY from 1934 to 1937.
<b>Quantity:</b>	1 folder
<b>Identification:</b>	Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marie Jane Smith was born about 1924, the daughter of William E. Smith and Pearl Vogel Smith, who were married ca. 1920. William was born in New York State and Pearl in Washington, DC. In 1925 the family lived at 879 Tinton Avenue in the Bronx borough of New York City. William was an auto mechanic. In 1930 they lived at 96 Greenlief Ave., West New Brighton (Staten Island, also NYC), and William's occupation is listed as automobile. In 1935 and 1940 they lived on a farm on the state road (now Rt. 22) in Dresden, Washington County, NY. Marie attended Whitehall High School, in Whitehall, NY, in the class of 1940. The Town of Dresden did not (and still does not) have a High School and students from Dresden and the adjoining Town of Putnam attend school in Whitehall.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The autograph book measures 6 ¼ x 4 5/8 inches. The cover is red flocked cardboard. There is no date, or indication of the publisher, other than a small "MADE IN U.S.A." The first page is imprinted "Schoolday Memories of" [Whitehall High School - in pencil], "Class of" [1940]. At the bottom of the page is written in ink "Miss Marie Smith." The second page "Social Activities, Clubs, Drama, Music" has nothing written in, nor does the third page "Class Officers". On the fourth page Marie (or someone else) has filled in the "School Yell" and "School Colors." The next page is headed "Autographs" and was signed at Christmas 1934 by Alice Heckendorn. Subsequent pages have autographs and verses dated 1935, 1936, and 1937. Many,

but not all, of the pages in the album have been filled by friends, relatives, and neighbors of Marie Smith. Everyone in the album who can be identified was resident in Dresden in 1940, most of them also in 1930 and 1935. Signers who identify themselves as relatives include: Pearl (mother); Cousin Patricia, Aunt Grace, Aunt Marie, Aunt Anna, and Nanna Anastasia.

## INDEX TERMS

**Topics:** High School  
Autographs  
Verse

**Places:** Whitehall (NY)  
Dresden (NY)

**Important People:** Barber, Marion  
Bartholomew, Rose  
Clemmons, Grace  
Gillies, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H.  
Gillies, Milton  
Greenough, George E.  
Heckendorn, Alice  
Huntington, Dot  
Klein, Ella  
Lafayette, Pete  
Moucha, Josephine  
Moucha, Vincent (?)  
Nadeau, Beulah  
Ripley, Ben  
Smith, Marie  
Snody, Dot

**Form/Genre:** Autograph album – xerographic copy.

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Preferred Citation:** Marie Smith's Autograph Album  
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**Accession Information:** The album was loaned to the Folklife Center by Maury Thompson of Glens Falls, for the purpose of making a copy, in September 2012.

**Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Erica Wolfe Burke, Sept. 2012