

NANCY ROBICHAUD THURSTON BABY BOOK

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library.
Center for Folklife, History, and Cultural Programs,
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Margaret Robichaud
- Title:** Nancy Robichaud Thurston Baby Book
- Dates:** 1943-1951
- Abstract:** Margaret Campbell Robichaud kept this baby book for her daughter Nancy, born 18 February 1934.
- Quantity:** 1 vol.

Identification Number: Archives & Manuscripts: Personal and Family Collections

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Nancy Mary Bobichaud was born in Glens Falls on 18 February 1934, the daughter of Gustave and Margaret (Campbell) Robichaud. Gus worked variously as a carpenter, an employee of N.Y. Power and Light, and manager of Kegan's Grill. Nancy's father, Gus, died in 1937 followed a year later by her maternal grandfather, William Campbell, with whom Nancy and her mother had been living. By 1939 Nancy, Margaret, and Margaret's mother Virginia Emma Campbell had moved to 34 Crandall Street, and Margaret was working at the York Shirt factory.

Nancy started school at St. Mary's in 1940 and attended at least through the 4th grade. She graduated from South Glens Falls High School in 1952.

SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

The original book is covered in brown leather and titled "The Book of Baby Mine." It was published by the Baby Mine Company of Grand Rapids, MI, in 1930, with verse and decorations by Melcena Burns Denny, c. 1915. The pages provide space for entries on milestone's in baby's like: birth, first steps, favorite toys, etc. as well as advice on baby care. Baby Mine books were "localized" by including advertisements for Glens Falls companies, including First National Bank ("Open the Baby's Account Today!"), Merkel and Gelman ("Our Baby Department....[where] Mother...can find the things she needs"), Leggett Drug Co. (for "Keeping Baby Well") and "Your Children

Need Freihoffer's." The Folklife Center has a color photocopy of the original. Margaret Robichaud kept this book for her daughter Nancy Mary Robichaud, born in 1934. In addition to filling in information, she added photographs of Nancy, of her First Communion and her Second Grade and Fourth Grade classes at St. Mary's School. The Fourth Grade and Communion pictures have names. There are also Mass cards and religious pictures and notes of the addresses at which the family lived in Glens Falls and South Glens Falls.

INDEX TERMS

Topics:

Places: St. Mary's School, Glens Falls, NY
Glens Falls, NY

Important People: Robichaud, Margaret
Thurston, Nancy Mary Robichaud

Form/Genre: Color photocopy (in binder) of book.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation: Nancy Robichaud Thurston Baby Book
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Accession Information: Nancy Thurston loaned the original baby book to the Folklife Center in 2008 and allowed the Folklife Center to copy it.

Processing Information: Described by Erica Wolfe Book, July 2010