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MSS005
WORLD WAR II RATION BOOKS,
1943: Finding Aid

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15 South Street
Bridgewater, Mass. 02324

COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Reference Code: MSS005, MBrid, US

Title: World War II ration books

Date: 1943

Creator(s): Unknown; United States Office of Price Administration, printer

Extent: 0.17 linear feet (six ration books)

Languages and Scripts

Materials are in English.

Abstract: This collection includes six ration books issued during World War II.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name and Location of Repository: Bridgewater Public Library Archives & Special Collections, 15 South Street, Bridgewater, Mass. 02324

Preferred citation: Item identification. Box #. World War II ration books (MSS005). Bridgewater Public Library Archives & Special Collections.

Location: Bridgewater Public Library Historical Room

Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Physical Access

There are no physical restrictions on this collection.

Technical Access

There are no technical restrictions on this collection.

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Custodial History

Ration books were purchased at a yard sale and donated to the Bridgewater Public Library.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift, Kim MacDonald, 2019.

Accruals

Accruals are not expected.

Processor: This collection was processed by Allyson Sekerke 2022.

Rules & Conventions: This finding aid is DACS-compliant.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL NOTE

The United States Office of Price Administration produced a series of war ration books beginning in 1942 for rationed items such as rubber, gasoline, and sugar. War ration book no. 3 was distributed May 20, 1943 and valid September 1943. War ration book no. 4 was distributed later in 1943.

At the time the ration books in this collection were distributed, Ruby Robinson, Adelard St. Dennis, and Margaret St. Dennis lived in Bridgewater with Albert G. Robinson. The 1943 Street List records Ruby's occupation as nurse, Margaret's occupation as at home, Adelard's occupation as a correction officer, and Albert's as US Navy.

Sources Used

Street List of the Town of Bridgewater 1943. Historical Reference collection. Bridgewater Public Library Archives & Special Collections.

WWII Ration Books. University of Delaware.

<https://www.history.udel.edu/about/history-media-center/wwii-ration-books>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains six World War II ration books with stamps issued to Ruby Robinson, Adelard St. Dennis, and Margaret St. Dennis. Three books are marked as number 3 and three are marked number 4. Some books have spots near the spine or opposite edge and should be handled carefully in case of inactive mold.

ARRANGEMENT

Ration books are arranged in alphabetical order by book recipient last name then numerical order.

Inventory

Identifier	Title	Creator	Description	Date	Dimensions	Box
MS005.01	Ration book	United States Office of Price Administration	Ration book issued to Ruby Robinson number three	1943	10.7 x 14.5 cm.	1
MS005.02	Ration book	United States Office of Price Administration	Ration book issued to Ruby Robinson number four	1943	10.7 x 14.5 cm.	1
MS005.03	Ration book	United States Office of Price Administration	Ration book issued to Adelard St. Dennis number three	1943	10.7 x 14.5 cm.	1
MS005.04	Ration book	United States Office of Price Administration	Ration book issued to Adelard St. Dennis number four	1943	10.7 x 14.5 cm.	1

MS005.05	Ration book	United States Office of Price Administration	Ration book issued to Margaret St. Dennis number three	1943	10.7 x 14.5 cm.	1
MS005.06	Ration book	United States Office of Price Administration	Ration book issued to Margaret St. Dennis number four	1943	10.7 x 14.5 cm.	1

RELATED MATERIALS

Related Archival Materials at the Bridgewater Public Library

The following materials may also be of interest:

- Helen M. Cassiani papers
- Bridgewater Independent newspapers
- Town of Bridgewater military information cards
- A. Evelyn Keith military ball collection
- Town of Bridgewater World War II records

ACCESS POINTS

Subjects:

World War II **Subject Source:** Library of Congress subject headings

Places:

Bridgewater (Mass.) **Subject Source:** Library of Congress subject headings