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

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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 Historical Reference collection.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.

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

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**RELATED MATERIALS**

**Related Archival Materials at the Bridgewater Public Library**

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- Helen M. Cassiani papers
- Bridgewater Independent newspapers
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- 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