

Finding Aid for Marian P. Bloch Collection

Date range: 1922-1967

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Extent: 0.1 linear feet

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Accession number: 2017.013

Language: Materials entirely in English

Acquisition Information: Gift of Daniel Bloch, 2003

Access Restrictions: The collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note:

Marian Pressman was born in Pennsylvania on July 2, 1895 to a Russian mother and a Polish father. During World War I, she sold liberty bonds and sang for the American troops. After marrying Nathan Bloch in the early 1920s, the couple moved to Ardentown, Delaware in 1925. Marian Bloch gave birth to her son, Daniel, at the end of that year.

During the 1930s, Bloch had her own radio program on WDEL. She was later a secretary for the Social Security Administration in Wilmington, Delaware. Following her retirement in 1965, Bloch acted as secretary to the chairman of Ardentown at town meetings. She was a life member of the Arden Club and Hadassah. Marian Bloch celebrated her 100th birthday in July 1995 on Ardentown's Charles Pettit Green. The following year, she moved to Connecticut to be closer to her son. Marian P. Bloch died

on September 16, 1996.

Scope and Content:

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Most of the materials in this collection relate to the assessment of land values in Ardentown, especially negotiations between the Ardentown Board of Trustees and local leaseholders. These documents include the Ardentown Deed of Trust, a Delaware chancellor’s opinion on the 1932 Ardentown Leaseholders case, correspondence to leaseholders regarding assessments, and annual land rent lists. Several of Marian Bloch’s rental bills are also included in this grouping.

Other items in this collection include two letters about Ardentown town meetings, two letters regarding the Arden School Budget, an advertisement for Arden’s Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, and Frank Stephens’ obituary.

Subjects:

- Bloch, Marian Pressman (1895-1996)
 - Ardentown (Del.)
 - Arden (Del.)
 - Stephens, Frank, 1859-1935

Separated Materials:

28 color photographs have been removed and housed separately as part of the Marian P. Bloch Collection.

Container List:

	Marian P. Bloch Collection
F1	Leaseholders and land rents, 1922-1964
F2	Ardentown town meetings, 1964-1965
F3	Arden School, 1967
F4	Arden’s Fiftieth Anniversary, 1950
F5	Frank Stephens obituary, 1935

