

INVENTORY

MAMIE DOUD EISENHOWER COLLECTION

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### INTRODUCTION:

Mamie Doud Eisenhower, wife of Dwight David Eisenhower, thirty-fourth President of the United States, lived in over thirty-five residences during her life. This, the result of being the wife of a career army officer. When asked what residence she called "home," Mrs. Eisenhower always responded, "750 Lafayette Street, Denver, Colorado."

Mamie Doud Eisenhower first came to 750 Lafayette Street in 1906 with her parents, John Sheldon Doud and Elivera Mathilda Doud, and three sisters, Eleanor, Eda Mae, and Frances. The family had moved from Boone, Iowa on account of Mrs. Doud's poor health.

In 1910 the Douds bought a home in San Antonio, Texas where they could spend the winters. In 1915, at Fort Sam Houston, Mamie met her future husband, Dwight David ("Ike") Eisenhower, a recent graduate of West Point. Eisenhower, the son of David Jacob Eisenhower and Ida Elizabeth Stover Eisenhower, was born on October 14, 1890 in Denison, Texas. "Ike" and Mamie were married at 750 Lafayette Street on July 1, 1916.

During their early years of marriage the Eisenhowers visited the Douds in Denver often. On September 23, 1917 the Eisenhower's first son, David Dwight Eisenhower, was born. The young child, stricken with scarlet fever, passed away in January 1921. On August 8, 1922, a second son, John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, was born in Denver.

Dwight D. Eisenhower remained active in the Army, working hard and being justly rewarded with promotions. By 1943 he was Supreme Commander, Allied Expeditionary Forces, and while serving in that capacity led the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944.

In 1948 General Eisenhower left the army life temporarily and accepted the position of president of Columbia University. His stint away from the army was brief for in 1950 Eisenhower accepted the position of Supreme Commander of NATO Forces.

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While Commander of SHAPE, Supreme Headquarters of Allied Powers in Europe, the Eisenhowers lived in Paris. Mamie's father passed away in June 1951. Mamie's mother became a regular visitor at the Eisenhower residence.

In 1952 Eisenhower resigned from the Army and announced his candidacy for the presidency. During the months of campaigning, Mrs. Doud accompanied the Eisenhowers on their campaign trail which took them across the United States.

Eisenhower during his campaign promised that, if elected, he would "go to Korea" to seek "an early and honorable" end to the war in Korea. The Korean promise swelled the size of Eisenhower's election victory over Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois. Eisenhower carried all but nine states.

Eisenhower began his first term on January 20, 1953. The American public viewed "Ike" as a man of good moral sense and having the ability to administer huge missions of crucial importance as demonstrated by his army career, and more specifically, the Normandy invasion. His political popularity continued to swell, and despite bouts with serious illness in both 1955 and 1956, Eisenhower ran for a second term and defeated Adlai Stevenson once again by an overwhelming margin.

While Ike and Mamie resided at the White House, Mrs. Doud continued to make lengthy visits to her daughter and son-in-law's home. And, during the Eisenhower presidency 750 Lafayette Street became the summer White House. In the late 1950's, due to failing health, Mrs. Doud returned to 750 Lafayette Street. She passed away in Denver on September 28, 1960 at the age of eighty-two. The home was sold in 1961.

The Eisenhowers retired from public life in 1961. "Home" became a farm house in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania that they had built during their years at the White House.

"Ike" passed away on March 28, 1969 from congestive heart failure; Mamie died on November 2, 1979 after suffering a paralyzing stroke.

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The collection contains material related to the Eisenhower and Doud families. Included are pieces of correspondence (1908-1958), wedding announcements (1894, n.d.), an autograph book of Mamie Doud Eisenhower's (1903), programs, dance cards, name and/or calling cards, a business card, a pass card, pamphlets, a booklet, newsletters, election campaign material, newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, magazines, and books. Many of the records pertain to the Eisenhower years in the White House, and more specifically, with the social events held during the Eisenhower administration.

PROVENANCE:

The collection was donated to the Colorado Historical Society in 1961 by Mamie Doud Eisenhower and Frances Doud Moore.

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- BOX I FF 1: Correspondence, 12/22/1908-12/12/1961 and no dates  
 FF 2: Christmas greeting cards, 1952-1958 and no dates  
 FF 3: Invitations, 6/21/1937-5/23/1957 and no dates  
 FF 4: Wedding announcements: Ellen M. Carleson - John S. Doud, 10/9/1894;  
 Barbara Jean Thompson - John Sheldon Doud Eisenhower, 6/10/?  
 FF 5: Autograph book: Mamie Doud Eisenhower Autograph Book, 1903  
 FF 6: Miscellaneous programs, 1896-1955 and no dates  
 FF 7: Programs for political events, 1953-1957  
 FF 8: Dinner menus for political events, 1952-1953  
 FF 9: Seating arrangements: Inaugural Ball, 1957; unidentified  
 FF 10: Tickets to Inaugurations, 1/20/1953; 1/21/1957  
 FF 11: Dance cards: Graduation Hop, 5/28/1942; 1943-1944; 6/1944  
 FF 12: Name and/or calling cards; business card; pass card  
 FF 13: Prayer: Prayer by President Eisenhower, Opening of Inaugural Address,  
 1/20/1953  
 FF 14: Pamphlet: An Album Pertaining to the Doud-Eisenhower Material Exhibited  
 in the State Museum, Denver, Colorado, no date  
 FF 15: Miscellaneous pamphlets  
 FF 16: Booklet: Inaugural Parade, General Order No. 1, 1/21/1957
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- BOX IA FF 17: Address: World Peace - A Balance Sheet, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 3/23/1950  
 FF 18: Newsletters: Happy Home Chats, 2/17/1936, 2/24/1936, 3/2/1936, 3/9/1936  
 3/16/1936, 3/30/1936, 4/13/1936, 4/27/1936, 5/11/1936, 7/16/1936, 8/3/1936  
 FF 19: Blank checks  
 FF 20: Blank stationery and envelopes  
 FF 21: Election campaign material  
 FF 22: Election campaign material  
 FF 23: Newspaper clippings
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- BOX II Item 1: Certificate: Junior Department Promotion Certificate, Edith Doud,  
 10/1/1911  
 Item 2: Print: Doud Herald  
 Item 3: Scrapbook: Souvenir cards  
 Item 4: Scrapbook: Trade cards  
 Item 5: Scrapbook: Newspaper clippings  
 Item 6: Scrapbook: Newspaper clippings  
 Item 7: Scrapbook (blank)  
 Item 8: Scrapbook (blank)
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- BOX III Books and magazines: Strive and Thrive: A Tale, Mary Hewitt, 1855; Websters

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### Books

1. Handy Dictionary, Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. Publishers, 1877.
2. Book of Nature- Part III- Air, Water & C., Dr. Worthington Hooker, 1880.
3. Maynard's English Classic Series: The Story of the Aeneid Church, Alfred J. Church, 1886.
4. Pansies and Water Lilies, Louisa M. Alcott, 1887.
5. Buds from Every Clime, People's Publishing Company, 1889.
6. Elsie Dinsmore, Martha Finley, 1893.
7. Ole Mammy's Torment, Annie Fellows Johnston, 1897.
8. A Christmas Fairy, John Strange Winter, 1900.
9. First Science Book: Physics and Chemistry, Lathrop D. Higgins, 1905.
10. A Friend or Two, Wilbur D. Nesbit, 1907.
11. Selections from Poe, J. Montgomery Gambrill, 1907.
12. A Master's Degree, Margaret Hill McCarter, 1913.
13. Select Verse for Home and School, Carleton E. Knor, 1919.
14. I Am an American, Whitman Publishing Company, 1940.
15. Brilliant from Phillips Brooks, Hayes Lithograph Company, nd.
16. Links of Memory, Mershon Company, nd.
17. Little Friends, Thomas Nelson & Sons, nd.
18. Margaret Craven or Beauty of the Heart, nd.
19. The French Picture Primers: Second Primer, Margaret Ninet, nd.
20. The Rainbow Bible, The World Publishing Company, nd.
21. The Shepherd Boy: The Story of David, J.H. Willard, nd.
22. Thoughts for Companions, Mershon Company, nd.
23. Violets to Greet You, Cupples & Leon, nd.

### Serials

24. *The American*, April, 1944; November 1947
25. *The American Boy*, July 1936
26. *The American Home*, November 1943; December 1943; March 1944
27. *Boy's Life*, August 1936
28. *Click*, June 1944
29. *Colliers*, September 25, 1943
30. *Cosmopolitan*, November 1943; November 1945
31. *The Diplomat*, February 1953
  
33. *Red Book*, April 1949
34. *Saturday Evening Post*, September 16, 1944; November 24, 1945; December 15, 1945; December 22, 1945
35. *Tank Corps Folio*, nd.
36. *Time*, November 6, 1942; September 13, 1943; June 19, 1944, January 19, 1953
37. *Today's Woman*, June 1948
38. *Town & Country*, April 1944

39. *True Comics*, December 1942; Spring 1945
40. *True Story*, December 1949
41. *Vogue*, February 15, 1949
42. *Woman's Home Companion*, July 1953
43. *Life*, November 14, 1955
44. *Look*, December 12, 1944
45. *Newsweek*, May 8, 1944; October 18, 1948; August 1, 1949; October 7, 1957.

Printed material

32. Presidential Inauguration, January 20, 1953

*Woodwards Music Monthly*, May 1884 [in scrapbook binder]