

Guide to the **Elizabeth Mulholland Collection**

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The life of Elizabeth Burdick Mulholland (1915-2004) gave Ithacans much to celebrate. As evidenced in these personal records, she began her community-minded career by studying local history and early architecture and working as a DeWitt Historical Society volunteer, served two years (1971-73) as director of the DHS Museum, when she completed an inventory of the collection, then left to play an active role in the movement to preserve downtown landmarks. Next she became prime mover in the Circle Greenway, the 10-mile self-guided walk around the city, created for the 1976 Bicentennial, and was originator and chief guardian of the Mulholland Wildflower Preserve in Six Mile Gorge, named in her honor by the City of Ithaca. She was also a grower of historic roses and a devotee of quilting, using her artistic and organizing talents to share her knowledge and enthusiasms with the public during her 89-year lifetime.

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