

Guide to the **Jemma Macera Diary Collection**

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection is comprised of the memoirs and reminiscences of Jemma Macera, a native Ithacan and daughter of Italian immigrants. It begins in 1950 when she was in the tenth grade at Ithaca High School and continues until 2012.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Description

Folders

1950-1951 - Diary excerpts relating dances and outings with classmates, shopping in downtown Ithaca, etc.	Folder 1
Notebook – 1952 - Begins in July 1952, celebrates her 17th birthday, mentions classmates and outings such as movies, dates and school matters.	Folder 2
1953 - Descriptions of courtship and wedding.	Folder 3
1965 - Family problems, death of mother-in-law and divorce, involvements and adjustments etc.	Folder 4

1966-1968 - Family, friends, neighbors etc.	Folder 5
1971 - Family issues, financial problems, mention of Ithaca restaurants and local stores etc.	Folder 6
1975 - Trip to Russia and Finland, writing and speaking about trips, etc.	Folder 7
1979 - House decorating, poetry, discussions of writers and poets, family affairs.	Folder 8
1979-1980 - Self-examination, references to family and children, and some newspaper articles.	Folder 9
1981 - Daughter's wedding, cards and photos, poems and essays, programs. Joins Unitarian Church.	Folder 10
1982 - Quarrels with family members, newspaper articles, programs, etc.	Folder 11
1983 - Canceled checks, affairs, children, letters, writings, and programs.	Folder 12
1985 - Programs, newspaper articles, poetry samples, references to local businesses and people	Folder 13
1986 - News clippings, troubles with children, cards, reminiscences etc., photos.	Folder 14
 <i>Box 2</i>	
1988-89 - News articles, letters, opinions on religion, obituaries, programs, Ithaca Writers Association, holistic medicine, spiritualism	Folder 15
1990 – Self-analysis, discussion of emotions, programs etc.	Folder 16
2002 - Programs, newspaper articles, letters and selected memories.	Folder 17
2002 - More memories, family, friends, local references.	Folder 18
2012 - Pictures, programs, dancing programs, poetry, cards, newspaper articles etc.	Folder 19
Miscellaneous cards, newspaper articles, etc.	Folder 20