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10 boxes; 11 linear feet**

Biographical Information

Maria Ann Dietz (June 14, 1940 – May 25, 2018) was born in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. She moved to Indiana, Pennsylvania in 1972 with her husband John Dietz and their four children, when John was appointed professor of voice in the music department at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). John retired in 2004 after nearly 32 years of service. During this time, and until her death in 2018, Maria was an active member of the IUP community. She supported John in his role as a music professor at IUP, sometimes as an accompanist on the piano for student voice lessons; she gave tours of Breezedale Hall (Alumni Office) when it was restored in the 1980's, along with John Sutton Hall. As a member of St. Thomas More University Parish, she organized advertising for the church's annual book sale for many years. For twenty years she worked at the Open Door in Indiana and spoke to IUP classes regarding suicide prevention. Two of her children graduated from IUP.

One of Maria's interests throughout life was the history of the British Royal Family. She became interested at age 7 with the marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Philp, Duke of Edinburgh. She remembered being invited to the local movie theater for a screening of the wedding newsreels. When Princess Elizabeth became Queen in 1952, Maria's mother made a special coronation cake and Maria followed the news up to the Queen's coronation in 1953. Maria continued to collect rare photographs, publications, and items related to visits Queen Elizabeth made to the United States and Canada. Her interest in the British Royal family prompted many connections from around the world. Her friends and family sent postcards, photos, and letters to her on their travels to the United Kingdom and Canada about their experiences seeing members of the royal family, visiting palaces and museums, and talking with local citizens about the role of royalty in their countries.

Scope and Content

This collection includes several different series including biographical information, memorabilia, photographs, publications, scrapbooks, and commemorative tins related to the British Royal family. Special emphasis was placed on the collection of memorabilia from the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and her immediate family.

Series List

- Series I: Background Information (1 box)
- Series II: Memorabilia (1 box)
- Series III: Periodicals (2 boxes)
- Series IV: Porcelain China (2 boxes)
- Series V: Scrapbooks (4 boxes and oversized)
- Series VI: Tin-ware (1 box)
- Series VII: Dolls (2 boxes)
- Series VIII: Oversized Materials (2 items)

Provenance

This collection was donated by the children of Maria Dietz in 2018.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on August 28, 2023.

Container List**Series I: Biographical Information****Box 1 Files (5 folders)**

1. Biographical Information about Maria Ann Dietz (1940-2018)
2. Biographical Information about Queen Elizabeth II and the British Royal family
3. Photographs related to the Royal Family and Great Britain (pre-World War Two)
4. Framed 8x10 photograph of the Royal Family (color)
5. Postcards of Queen Elizabeth II and the British Royal family

Series II: Memorabilia**Box 1 (12 items)**

1. Princess Diana Paper Dolls Book. Western Publishing Company. Rocina, Wisconsin, 1985.
2. Blue and White Tea Towel Celebrating Prince William and Catherine Middleton's Wedding. April 29, 2011.
3. Royal Emblemed Napkins.
4. Book of Royal Wedding Breakfast Menus.
5. Small Dark Blue Square Box. Item inside box is no longer there. Tag indicates it was a Plate Big Apple. Hand Painted by the House of Valentina
6. Small White Square Box containing Coins and Button depicting Prince Charles and Princess Diana.
7. Playing Cards Celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee.
8. View Master Pictures. "The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II." Three View Master Stereo Picture Reels.
9. Collectible Silver Spoon and Fork with Royal Emblems.
10. Small Cardboard Match Holder. Manufactured for Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Manufactured by Eddy Match Company. Limited Edition.
11. Small Bar of Handsoap. Celebrating Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding, 1981.

12. Matchbox. "The Londoner." Three Buses, Celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee. 1952-1977.

Series III: Periodicals

Box 1 (38 items)

1. (Overseas) *Daily Mirror and Sunday Pictorial*. Coronation Souvenir. June 4, 1953.
2. *Country Life*. "Elizabeth II". Coronation Number. June 1953.
3. Coronation Souvenir Paper Dolls-Queen Elizabeth II, June 2, 1953.
4. Program. *King George's Jubilee Trust*. "The Coronation of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth." Official Souvenir Program. 1937.
5. Program. *King George's Jubilee Trust*. "Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II." Approved Souvenir Program. 1953.
6. *Picture Post*. Special Coronation Souvenir Number. June 1, 1953.
7. *Daily Sketch*. Coronation Number. International Weekly Edition. 1953.
8. *Paris Match*. Numero Special. "Elizabeth II, Reine D'Angleterre."
9. *The Field*. Coronation Number. "God Save The Queen." May 28, 1953.
10. Several Miscellaneous Pages from unknown Periodical.
11. *The Illustrated London News*. Coronation Record Number. 1937.
12. *The Illustrated London News*. Featuring Princess Marina. December 1, 1934.
13. *The Illustrated London News*. "Accession Number and the Abdication of King Edward VIII." December 1936.
14. *Look*. "A Report on the Royal Family." April 19, 1955.
15. *Look*. Exclusive on the Atomic Bomb and Queen Elizabeth II's Political Actions. October 29, 1957.
16. *Look*. Featuring Elizabeth II and her Political Movements. December 9, 1958.
17. *Life*. "Great Britain's Queen." January 1, 1940.
18. *Life*. Featuring Elizabeth at 18 Years Old. April 24, 1944.
19. *Life*. "The Duke of Windsor begins his own story of Royal Boyhood." December 8, 1947.
20. *Life*. Featuring Wedding of Princess Margaret. May 16, 1960.
21. *Life*, *The Observer*. Featuring Princess Diana. September 7, 1997.
22. Several Miscellaneous Pages from unknown Periodical.
23. Coronation Souvenir Book. Book by Gordon Beckles. Art Editor Ivor Castle. Daily Express Publication. London, England, 1937.
24. *Country Life*. "Picture Book of the Coronation." Country Life Limited. Tavistock Street, Covent Garden. London, England. June 2, 1953.
25. *The Etude*. Graduation of Princess Elizabeth from London University. November 1946.
26. *Illustrated*. "The Coronation in Wonderful Pictures. Souvenir Issue. June 13, 1953.
27. Newspaper: *Evening Standard*. Featuring Elizabeth II's 25th Anniversary of Her Reign.
28. *Picture Post*. Royal Family Calendar. 1955. (Note: Given to Maria for her Birthday, June 14, 2015. From Elizabeth.)
29. Special Invitation to Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953.

30. *National Geographic*. Official Journal from the National Geographic Society. November 1980.
31. Newspaper. *Illustrated*. "Princess Margaret's Year." August 20, 1949.
32. Coronation Banner. May 12, 1937.
33. Westminster Abbey. Souvenir Picture Book. By Lawrence E. Tanner.
34. Booklet Featuring Princess Elizabeth's Wedding Day.
35. Bulletin: *Evening Standard*. Golden Jubilee Weekend. June 4, 2002.
36. Booklet: British Empire Exhibition, 1924. Opening Ceremony by His Majesty the King accompanied by Her Majesty the Queen. April 3, 1924.
37. Bulletin: Silver Wedding Souvenir-Celebrating the Marriage of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.
38. Booklet: Prince Harry and Meghan Paper Dolls-Celebrating Their Marriage, May 19, 2008.

Series III: Periodicals

Box 2 Oversized (5 items)

1. *Graphic Royal Wedding Number*. Featuring the Weddings of Prince George Duke of York to Princess Mary of Teck. July 6, 1893.
2. *The Illustrated London News*. "The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Procession Double Number." June 26, 1897.
3. *The Illustrated London News Record*. "The Coronation of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra." June 26, 1902.
4. *The Illustrated London News*. "Royal Wedding Number." Featuring the Wedding of Princess Elizabeth II and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. November 29, 1947.
5. *The Illustrated London News*. "Her Majesty's First Television Broadcast: The Queen at Government House, Ottawa, on October 13." October 26, 1957.

Series IV: Porcelain China

Box 1 (27 items)

1. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Two White and Brown Decorative Ceramic Plates. Confederation States of Canada. Designed by Clarence Cliff. Crafted by Royal Staffordshire Ceramics. Burslem, England.
2. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Light Blue China Plate with Gold Trim. Crafted by Burgess & Leigh. Burslem, England.
3. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. White Fine Bone China Plate with Gold Trim.
4. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Large Printed White Fine Bone China Plate with Gold Trim. Image of Queen Elizabeth II. Image Painted by Allen Hughes.
5. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Printed White Fine Bone China Plate with Rose-Colored Decorative Trim. Image of Queen Elizabeth II. Image Painted by Allen Hughes.
6. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Printed White Fine Bone China Plate with Gold Trim. Image of Queen Elizabeth II. Image Painted by Allen Hughes. Thematic by Crocksville, U.S.A.

7. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Cream-Colored Decorative China Plate. Crafted by Alfred Meakin.
8. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Cream-Colored Decorative China Bowl. Crafted by Alfred Meakin. (Handle with care, shows signs of cracking.)
9. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. White Decorative China Bowl. Crafted by Sovereign Potters Earthenware. Made in Canada.
10. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. White Porcelain China Dish. Crafted by Midwinter. Staffordshire, England.
11. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. White Fine Bone China Saucer. Labeled Tuscan Fine English Bone China.
12. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Cream-Colored Fine Bone China Teacup and Saucer. Crafted by Alfred Meakin.
13. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. White Fine Bone China Teacup and Saucer. Labeled Tuscan Fine English Bone China.
14. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. White Fine Bone China Teacup and Saucer with Gold Trim. Crafted by Stanley. (Craft Company in England).
15. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Set of 2 Teacups and 2 Saucers. White Fine Bone China with Gold Trim. Crafted by the Johnson Brothers. (Craft Company in England).
16. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. Pale Blue Jasper Saucer. Crafted by Wedgewood. (Craft Company in England.) (Box also contains a note to Maria from Gretchen and Rob),
17. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation, 1953. White Fine Bone China Plate with Gold Trim. Labeled Tuscan Fine English Bone China. (Handle with extreme care. Top of plate is broken, piece wrapped with the plate. Lower, left side of the plate appears to have been broken and repaired.)
18. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. White Fine Bone China Vase with Lid. Floral Patterns, "God Save the Queen." Inscription, and Printed Engravings decorate the side and top of the vase. Crafted by Masons. (Craft Company in England).
19. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Large White Fine Bone China Mug with Decorative Floral Patterns, Printed Engravings, and Inscription on the Sides. Crafted by Masons. (Craft Company in England).
20. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. White Fine Bone China Mug.
21. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. White Fine Bone China Mug. Queen Series. Crafted by Rosina China Company. (Craft Company in England).
22. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. White, Shell Shaped, Fine Bone China Dish. Crafted by Price Kensington. (Craft Company in England).
23. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. White Fine Bone China Decorative Holder with Gold Trim.

24. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. White Fine Bone China Saucer. Crafted by Purbeck Ceramics. Swanage, England.
25. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Printed, White Fine Bone China Plate with Image of Queen Elizabeth II on the front. Limited Edition. Designed by J. A. Baily. Staffordshire, England.
26. Commemorating the Silver Jubilee (25th Year) of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. White Fine Bone China Dish. Celebrating the 25th Year since Queen's Elizabeth's Coronation, 1953-1978. Crafted by Adams. (Craft Company in England).
27. Commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's 50th Year as Sovereign, 2002. Printed White Fine Bone China Plate with Image a Queen Elizabeth II on the front.

Series IV: Porcelain China

Box 2 (34 items)

1. Commemoration of King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra's Reign. Crowned June 26th, 1902. Dark Blue Porcelain China Plate with Gold Embellishments.
2. Pre-Printed Dishes in Commemoration of King Edward VIII's Coronation, 1937. Decorative Cream-Colored China Mug. British Pottery Manufactures Federation.
3. Pre-Printed Dishes in Commemoration of King Edward VIII's Coronation, 1937. White Fine Bone China Plate with Yellow Trim. Crafted by Shelley. (Craft Company in England).
4. Pre-Printed Dishes in Commemoration of King Edward VIII's Coronation, 1937. White Fine Bone China Plate with Rose-Colored Trim.
5. Commemoration of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, 1937. Decorative Cream-Colored China Plate. Crafted by Alfred Meakin. Sold From Marquis Store.
6. Commemoration of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, 1937. Decorative White English Bone China Plate.
7. Commemoration of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, 1937. Decorative White English Bone China Dish.
8. Commemoration of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's Coronation, 1937. White China Mug. Royal Vitreous. Crafted by John Maddock and Sons. (Note inside mug saying, "Mom Christmas, 2011." Possibly Referring to the mug as a Christmas Present from Her Mother).
9. Commemoration of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's Visit to Canada and the United States, 1939. Decorative Cream-Colored China Plate, with Ridged Edging. Wood's Ivory Ware.
10. Commemoration of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth's Visit to Canada and the United States, 1939. Yellow China Dish. Royal Winton. Crafted in Grimwades, England.
11. Coronation Souvenir of the Royal Family depicting King George VI, Queen Elizabeth, Princess Elizabeth, and Princess Margert Rose. White Fine Bone China Plate. Staffordshire, England.

12. Coronation Souvenir of Princess Elizabeth and Princes Margaret Rose. White China Mug with Floral Designs and Image of the Princesses. Crafted in Grindley, England. Photo on Mug taken by Marcus Adams.
13. Commemoration of the Princess Margaret's Visit to Canada. Light Blue and White Decorative Bone China Teacup and Saucer. Crafted by Ansley. Craft Company in England).
14. Glass Decoration depicting Queen Elizabeth II. Labeled "Cournement-Saint Louis-France, 2-6-53."
15. Commemoration of Royal Visit to Canada and the United States, 1957. White Bone Chine Teacup and Saucer with Floral Patterns. Royal Visit Memento Specially Designed by F.G. Clay for Hammersley. Crafted in 1957.
16. Commemoration of the Royal Visited to Canada by Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, 1959. White Fine Bone China Teacup and Saucer. Crafted in Shelley. (Craft Company in England).
17. Commemoration of Opening the St. Lawrence Seaway, 1959. White Fine Bone China Teacup and Two Saucers. Labeled Tuscan Fine Bone English China.
18. Commemorating the Royal Silver Wedding. White and Light Blue Ceramic Engraving of Queen Elizabeth II. Crafted by Wedgewood, circa 1972.
19. Commemoration of Queen Elizabeth II's 60th Birthday, April 21st, 1986. White Fine Bone China Small Bowl/Saucer. Crafted by Coalport.
20. Printed White English Bone China with Image of Queen Elizabeth II and Duke of Edinburgh. Royal Family Series. Fenton China Company. (Saucer shows signs of cracks and repairs).
21. Green Stoneware Mug Honoring Queen Elizabeth II.
22. Printed Ceramic Plate. Image of Queen Elizabeth II. Royal Family Series. Royal Staffordshire, England.
23. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding. July 29th, 1981. Small, Cream-Colored China Butterdish.
24. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding. July 29th, 1981. Cream-Colored China Saucer.
25. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding. July 29th, 1981. White Ceramic Plaque, with Felt Backing.
26. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding. July 29th, 1981. White Fine Bone China Teacup and Saucer. Canadian Classic.
27. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding. July 29th, 1981. White Fine Bone China Mug. Crafted by Aynsley.
28. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding. July 29th, 1981. White Porcelain China Mug.
29. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's Wedding. July 29th, 1981. Cream-Colored China Vase with Gold-Colored Handles.
30. Princess Diana Music Box. Cream-Colored China with Photographed of Princess Diana on Lid. "Diana, A True Princess." Second Issue in the Princess Diana Music Box Collection. Music from "Wind Beneath My Wings." Circa 1998.
31. Commemoration of Prince Charles and Princess Diana's First Child. White Fine Bone China Teacup and Saucer. Crown Trent Series, Staffordshire, England. (Saucer shows signs of break and repairment.)

32. Commemoration of Prince William's 1st Birthday. White Fine Bone China Saucer with Image of Princess Diana and Prince William printed on the front. Celebrating Prince William's 1st Birthday, June 21st, 1983.
33. Commemoration of Prince William's Birthday. White Fine Bone China Cup. Celebrating Prince William's 21st Birthday, June 21st, 2003. Labeled Blue Waters of England, Staffordshire, England.
34. Commemoration of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, Westminster Abbey, Home of the Coronation, May 6, 2023. Porcelain China Cup with Coat of Arms, in Westminster Abbey Shop bag

Series V: Scrapbooks**Box 1****Series V: Scrapbooks****Box 2****Series V: Scrapbooks****Box 3****Series V: Scrapbooks****Box 4****Series V: Scrapbooks****Box 5**

1. *My Scrapbook of Interesting People*. News Clippings reporting and commenting on King George VI's coronation and family.
2. Scrapbook of Princess Grace Kelly of Monaco. Various News Clippings about acting roles, marriage to Prince Rainer, children, tours, and advertisements.

Series V: Scrapbooks**Box 6**

1. Scrapbook of Princess Margaret. Various News Clippings reporting and commenting on Princess Margaret's fashion, love life, political and personal movements.

Series V: Scrapbooks**Box 7**

1. Scrapbook of Queen Elizabeth II and the Royal Family. Various News Clippings of the coronation, tours, political movements, and family life.

Series VI: Tin-ware**Box 1 Tin boxes and platters (10 Items)**

1. Circular Blue and Gold Colored Tin Platter depicting Queen Elizabeth II. Circa 1953.
2. Circular Silver Colored Platter depicting Prince Charles and Princess Diana, commemorating their wedding, July 1981

3. Two Circular Wood Colored Platters depicting Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip. Image by Baron.
4. Square Decorative Tin Box Commemorating Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee, 1952-1977.
5. Blue Tin Box Celebrating the Queen Mother Elizabeth's 90th Birthday, 1990. Made in Scotland. Brief Biography of the Queen Mother found on back of tin.
6. Rectangular Yellow Candy Tin Box depicting Queen Elizabeth II. Manufactured by Walters' "Palm" Toffee, LTD. Action, London, England.
7. Rectangular Yellow Candy Tin Box depicting Queen Elizabeth II and Duke of Edinburgh. Manufactured by M. A. Craven & Son LTD. French Almond Works. York, England.
8. Small Square Yellow Tin Candy Box depicting Queen Elizabeth II on her horse. Manufactured by Edward Sharp & Sons LTD. Maidstone Kent, England.
9. Small Blue Octagon Tin Box depicting the Royal Family of King George VI.

Series VII: Oversized Items (2 items)

1. Framed Portrait: Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip (1977)
2. Poster: Wedding Day of Prince Charles and Princess Diana, July 29, 1981