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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Matke, Harold, 1923-
Title	Harold W. Matke Collection
Date	1940-2005
Extent	2.21 Linear feet
Language	English

Biography

Harold Matke was born February 9th, 1923 in Morgan, MN. He attended Morgan High School which he graduated from in 1940. After high school he attended the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis until he was inducted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in the Army until being discharged in 1945.

After World War Two he enrolled at Gustavus Adolphus College, graduating in May 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He married Bernice Swenson in October 1948 and the two moved to Minneapolis.

Harold worked a variety of jobs in the Minneapolis area including with J.C. Penny Company, as a life insurance salesman and with the Board of Pensions of the Lutheran Church in America. He retired in 1988. Bernice worked as a registered nurse at Asbury Hospital (which later became Methodist Hospital) and at Minneapolis General (which later became Hennepin County Medical Center). She retired in 1990.

Harold and Bernice had two daughters (Lynne and Laurie Jo) and one son (Timothy).

Description of Collection

The collection consists of six boxes containing a set of diaries written by Harold Matke. The diaries consist of handwritten daily entries detailing his daily life and activities, the weather and events in the news. Earlier entries are only several sentences in length while later entries are a very full written page.

Some years are missing but the diaries available cover 1940-1942, 1954, 1961, 1963, 1968, 1970-1975, 1978-1987, 1989-2000, 2002-2005. The vast majority of the diaries are bound though several years are loose papers.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Donated by Harold Matke c. 2003.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- Diaries.

Geographic Name(s)

- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- History.
- Minneapolis (Minn.) -- Social life and customs.

Collection Inventory

	Box
Biographical Profile	1
Diary 1940, 1941, 1942 and 1963	1
Diary 1968	1
Diary (unbound) 1954	1
Daily Diary 1961	1
Diary 1971	2
Diary 1972	2
Diary 1973	2
Diary 1974	2
Diary 1975	2
Diary 1978	2
Diary 1979	2

Diary 1980	2
Diary 1981	2
Diary 1982	2
Diary 1983	2
Diary 1984	2
Diary (vol. 1) 1985	2
Daily Diary 1976	3
Daily Diary 1977	3
Diary (vol. 2) 1985	4
Diary 1986	4
Diary (vol. 1) 1987	4
Diary (vol. 2) 1987	4
Diary 1989	4
Diary 1990	4

Diary 1991	4
Diary 1992	4
Diary 1993	4
Diary 1994	4
Diary 1995	5
Diary 1996	5
Diary 1997	5
Diary 1998	5
Diary 1999	5
Diary 2000	5
Diary 2002	5
Diary 2003	5
Diary 2004	6
Diary 2005	6