

**Box List:** June Szirotny Scrapbooks, 1929 - 1950  
**English Department**  
**ID:** 15/7/54  
**Arrangement:**

**Series 1: Series 1: Lifestory: Comprehensive scrapbooks documenting June Skye's life through photographs, essays and memorabilia until 1950.**

**Complete Finding Aid:**

<http://archives.library.illinois.edu/archon/index.php?p=collections/controlcard&id=XXX>

**Repository:**

**University Archives**  
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**Series 1: Lifestory: Comprehensive scrapbooks documenting June Skye's life through photographs, journaling, and memorabilia. (1929-1950)**

This series consists of Szirotny's CV, a list of her publications, information about Karoly Szirotny, the book: George Eliot's Feminism: A Right to Rebellion, four issues of the magazine "Children's Activities for Home and School" from 1938-1939, in which are stories submitted by June Skye as a child, and ten detailed scrapbooks on the early life of June Marjorie (Skye) Szirotny, created by her mother: Esther Pearce Skye. The scrapbooks cover the years from June Skye's birth in Riverdale, Illinois, in 1929 to young adulthood at the University of Michigan. They include extensive notes on Skye's childhood, collected memorabilia, and hundreds of photographs by Esther Pearce Skye. The scrapbooks show life in the Midwestern United States in the 30s and 40s from the perspective of a small town mother documenting the lives of her children.

**Box 1**

1. Our Baby's First 7 Years. Volume 1. 1929 – 1936.

Actual Dates: 1922 – 1937

Predominant Dates: 1929 – 1936

Content note: This scrapbook contains information on June's first seven years of life.

Included are photographs and memorabilia such as her birth certificate, medical examinations, and cards. The scrapbooks records June's development, such as her height and weight through the seven years, when she first made noises and talked, when she first recognized her mother and father, and more. June's mother also kept a record of details such as each of her first seven birthday parties—including the gifts she received and the guests that came—how they celebrated each holiday, and June's experiences starting school.

2. Mother Storks Baby Book. Volume 2. 1929 – 1935

Actual Dates: 1929 – 1936.

Predominant Dates: 1928 – 1930

Content note: This scrapbook contains information on June's early life. This includes detailed descriptions of June's physical development, letters June received, photographs, and other memorabilia from June's life. This includes locks of June's hair from birth and at fourteen months. The book takes note of many firsts, such as: June's first outing, first short clothes, first tooth, first words, etc.

3. June Marjorie Skye. Volume 3. February 12<sup>th</sup> 1933 – February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1934

Actual Dates 1933 – 1934 (Genealogy 1828)

Predominant Dates: 1933

4. Your Child Year by Year. Volume 4. 1929 – 1940

Actual Dates: 1927 – 1940 (Genealogy 1828)

Predominant Dates: 1929 – 1940

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5. June M. Skye. Volume 5. 1937 – 1938  
Actual Dates: 1912 - 1939  
Predominant Dates: 1937 – 1938

**Box 2**

1. *Children's Activities for Home and School*. 1938 – 1939  
Actual: 1938 – 1939  
Predominant 1938 – 1939
2. June M. Sky. Volume 6. 1941 – 1942  
Actual Dates: 1940 - 1942  
Predominant Dates: 1941 – 1942
3. June M. Sky. Volume 7. 1942 – 1946  
Actual Dates: 1915 – 1946  
Predominant Dates: 1942 – 1946
4. A Report on the History of American Costume. June Skye. 1942
5. Music Appreciation. June Skye. 1943

**Box 3**

1. June M. Skye. Volume 8. 1946 – 1948  
Actual Dates: 1946 – 1948  
  
Predominant Dates: [1946 – 1948]
2. June Skye at the University of Michigan. Volume – not numbered  
Actual dates: 1919 – 1961  
Predominant dates: 1946 – 1948
3. *George Eliot's Feminism: The Right to Rebellion* by June Szirotny (2015)

**Box 4**

1. June M. Skye. Volume 9. 1948 – 1950  
Actual Dates: 1948 – 1950  
Predominant Dates: 1948 – 1950
2. Karoly Szirotny scan of immigration card and information (n.d.)
3. Wedding day photograph, 1959
4. *George Eliot's Feminism: The Right to Rebellion* by June Szirotny (2015) (stored in box 3)
5. CV, 1947 - 2012
6. List of publications, 1968 - 2021