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## Dora Jane "Dodie" Hamblin Papers



### Collection Summary

**Creator:** Dora Jane Hamblin

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**Abstract:** The collection includes original articles from magazines written by Dora Jane Hamblin for Life Magazine, Harper's Bazaar, Smithsonian, Reader's Digest, Sports Illustrated, The Coe Cosmos and The Cedar Rapids Gazette. Reviews of her book "That was the Life". Personal photos and correspondence

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## Scope and Content

Most of the Collection is articles Dora Jane wrote for Life Magazine from 1951 to 1979. It also includes articles written for The Coe Cosmos and Cedar Rapids Gazette from 1941 to 1947. Other articles Harper's Bazaar, Smithsonian, Reader's Digest, Sports Illustrated from 1968 to 1993. There are reviews of the book she wrote, *That Was the Life* about her time with Life Magazine. Personal Correspondence from Ethel Outland, Ralph Graves, Mary Martin and Dale Gramley. Articles written about Dora Jane mostly from the Cedar Rapids Gazette from 1943 to 1977.

## Biographical Note

Dora Jane Hamblin was born June 15, 1920 in Bedford, Iowa. She graduated magna cum laude from Coe College in 1941, majoring in Journalism. Among her many activities and accomplishments at Coe, Hamblin was a Delta Delta Delta president, Panhellenic president, and Cosmos editor. She also played tennis and was on both the hockey and basketball teams at Coe.

After graduation, Hamblin went on to get her Master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University in 1942. Ever in the action, she served in the Red Cross during World War II, travelling with them to Europe and the Pacific.

Hamblin started her long career at Life magazine in 1948, working at first as a researcher in New York City. She went on to be a correspondent in London, Paris, Chicago, and Rome. Dodie Hamblin also wrote a total of eight books, most about Italian archaeology. She also assisted Mary Martin with the biography of her life, a book entitled *My Heart Belongs*.

Dora Jane Hamblin spent the last 23 years of her life in her favorite country, Italy. She passed away in 1993, afflicted with throat cancer.

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