Inventory of the

Student Papers

In the

Northern Illinois University Archives

UA 38

INTRODUCTION

The personal and academic papers contained here offer a glimpse of student life at Northern from the turn of the century to the present. The Regional History Center holds all property rights; literary rights - except for marked copyrighted materials - are dedicated to the public.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

These records include student notebooks, exams, research papers, literary works, some correspondence, and photographs. Some of the personal papers pre-date the establishment of the university. The series is arranged by surname of the student, although not strictly alphabetically. The papers are organized into two subseries. The first subseries contain only a few items per student. The second subseries contains more substantive materials for each students. Researchers seeking material relating to students should consult additional University Archives collections, especially Student Publications (UA 36), Student Activities (UA 35), and Alumni Association (UA 8).

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SUB	SERIES I.		
Α	1	Mary L. Bates	Genealogy Charts, Correspondence, Certificate, Photographs, (1871-1971)
	2	Lynn O'Connell	Ceramic Notebook, 1981
	3-4	Mollie Brezer	Diary, 1901-1906; Photographs (subjects include N.I.S.N.S.)
	5	Elaine Burstatte	NIU memorabilia from the 1930's. (4) four identified photographs of student life.
	6	Mabel Carney	Publication, 1912, 1926
	7	L. G. Cody	Photographs (subjects include the Class of 1901-1904, N.I.S.N.S. Campus)

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Α	8	Alice Darnell	"Three Great Periods in the History of Art", 1	910
	9	Edwin Eide	Photographs (subjects include Campus Build Stone Gate, Freshman Stone Bench)	lings,
	10	Dorothy Ellis	NIU Memorabilia from the 1940's. (25) twent items in all including Social Activity programs Psi Omega and Kappa Delta Pi records, and eight Play photographs.	, Alpha
	11	Mary Vance Garretson	Photographs (subjects include Garretson N.I. Halloween Party)	S.N.S.
	12	E. P. Gibson	Correspondence, 1968; Photographs (subjecting include N.I.S.N.S. students, the Stone Gate, 1916)	
	13	Lena Gross	Photographs (subjects include N.I.S.N.S. students basketball team, 1902)	dents,
	14	Gertie M. (Barber) Latimer	Letters, Memoirs of N.I.S.N.S., 1901-1902	
	15	Phillip Madden	Photographs of Campus Scenes, 1900	
	16	Wilma (Gilmore) McCrossen	Correspondence, 1965	
	17	Irene McKay	Photographs (subjects include campus scene Castle, John W. Cook, Lagoon, McMurry Hall Williston Hall)	
	18	Vicki J. Munch	The Development of the Department of Phys Education for Women at Northern Illinois Uni 1899-1970	
	19	Harry Nelson	Correspondence, Photographs, 1914-1918	
	20	Ethel Phillips Owens	Photographs (subjects include men's track and basketball team, 1904; Campus Gan.d.)	ates,

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Α	21-22	Laura H. Pearson	Correspondence, 1974-1976; Photographs (include N.I.S.N.S. students, the Rickard Hou	•
	23	Robert Scarry	Publication, 1970, 1973	
	24	G. P. Smith	Geography Workbook, Study of the Campus	
	25	Lois Springer	Correspondence (1977)	
	26	James Webster	Paper, An Inquiry Concerning the Site Select N.I.S.N.S. in 1895	tion for
	Ovze.	Joseph Ilika	"A Mini Social History of NISTC in WW II," co scrapbook pages and clippings	ontains
В	1	Janet Hawthorne	NIU memorabilia from 1960-1964, programs clippings, and homecoming banner	,
	2	Irene Klemmedson	Poetry book, song books, activity programs, clippings from 1928-1930.	
	3	Janet Sue Johnson	Photograph and related story, ca. 1993.	
	4	William Schmidt	Programs and publications, 1943-1948	
	5	Lillian Shanahan Boynton	Photographs of McMurry Training School, No campus and DeKalb area, 1920-1923	orthern
	6-7	Tina Reithmayer	Theater & Arts programs, resident hall informand campus brochures, 1978-1980	nation,
	8	Bernice Sheddon	Photograph album, includes autographs and memorabilia, ca. 1922-1927	
	9	Martha L. Jenks (Ball)	Two stories relating to her life at NISTC, 194	0-1945
	10	Elizabeth Riotto	Tests and syllabuses for History & Political S classes, Douglas Hall and other memorabilia 1973	
	11	Charlotte A. Flanders	N.I.S.T.C. Christmas Card, ca. 1929, printed Industrial Arts Department	by the

<u>BOX</u>	FOLDER	<u>FILE</u>	DESCRIPTION
В	12	Vivian Irene Gates	Scrapbook of photographs and memorabilia of NISNS, includes autographs & addresses of classmates, 1914-1917
	13	Betty H. Davis Hollingsworth	Memorabilia from Davis' years at NISTC, ca. 1938-1940
	14	Dorothy Willrett	1943 <u>Norther</u> autographed (includes some faculty), 1949 VA Subsistence Allowance form
	15	Sarah Stiles Parker	Memorabilia from Stiles' years at NISTC, 1926- 1927, includes dance programs, & two photos
	16	Smith, Ed	Where to, Black Man? An American Negro's African Diary, 1967
	17	Phillips, Cora May	Photo Album, 1909-1910 (NISNS Campus, Dadd's Boarding Club girls, Princeton, Illinois, and family members)
	18	Murra, Fim & Mary Bayley	Photographs, 1902-1905
	19	Holderness, Kathryn	1927 <u>Norther</u> , autographed and annotated, and one small photograph of Altgeld Hall, ca. 1927
	20	King, Ruth F.	1922 Norther, autographed (includes some faculty)
	21	Ackert, James E.	"Educational Reminiscences" (includes N.I.S.N.S. 1899-1903); Letter, 1965; Publications, 1952, 1956
	22	Marshall, Jeanie M.	1903 <u>Norther</u> , several postcards and photographs pasted inside covers
	23	Schroer, David/Diane	Articles relating to discrimination against transgender individuals, 2005-2009 [1977 graduate]
	24	Ptacek, Robert A. (Bohumil)	Homecoming Programs, 1940 & 1941, biographical sketch; photocopy of Ptacek in uniform; photocopy of 1942 page with Ptacek; article from Czechoslovak Life Journal, January 2010

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В	25	McMenamin, Joe & Barbara	[graduated 1955 & 1957] photographs of 1952 Homecoming Parade; Altgeld Hall; May Fete and Graduation 1955; and Joe & Barbara, ca. 1980's
	26	Spottiswood, Jacob	"Free Temetra!: The AFT, NIU, and the controversial campaign to reinstate one of the campus' most controversial figures." [Senior Thesis 2011]
С	1	Schlottman, Charlotte	Physical Training Workbook and Teaching Tool, 1919
	2	Hinsch, Dr. Gertrude	American Saluki Association Caracvanserai, 2010 [chapter written by Dr. Hinsch, page 25-33]
	3	Larson, Gertrude	Scrapbook pages and photographs of NISNS, 1915- 1916
	4	Ivey, Cleveland	Memorial Programs, 2018

SUBSERIES II.

Joanne Becker
Karen Kelsey
Carol Becker
Evelyne Zink Johnson
Vera Wiswall
Dorothy & Helen Corey
See inventory below

Thomas Bodett SA Records, 1971-1979; Material on Disabled

Students, 1975-1977

Catherine Hoffman See inventory below Gladys Larsen Wetz See inventory below Elsa Ann Fischer Browne See inventory below See inventory below Thelma Wright **Howard Nash Johnston** See inventory below Leonard & Joan McCracken See inventory below Margaret Allen Arnold See inventory below Joan Metzger See inventory below Charlotte Willrett See inventory below Harvey E. Hoyt See inventory below Ruth Thiel/Thompson Scrapbook, 1911-1917 Joannie (Grosser) McAvoy See inventory below Charles & Barbara Whitford See inventory below E. Marvin Eckberg See inventory below

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - JOANNE BECKER

Joanne Becker, from Monee, Illinois, received her B.S. in Home Economics from Northern Illinois State College in 1954. She was a member of Alpha Psi Omega, College Choir, Home Ec. Club, Nu Alpha Lambda, President's Panel, and Town Girls. She married Charles Strub and lives in DeKalb. Becker's papers date from 1950-1954 and consist of programs, magazines, grade cards and report cards, class preparations, class work.

BOX	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Classes: Education 356 and 424 Education Class English 101, Spring 1952 Food I Health 180 Home Economics 360 Home Economics 445, Fall 1952 Home Management Class Miscellaneous School Papers
	10	Nutrition 180 Class Preparation:
	11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Class Preparation: "About You" Workbook Adjustments and Conflicts in Marriage Adolescence Adolescent Relations Choice of Mate Dating Friendship Grooming Health and Physical Fitness Human Relations Love Teaching Family Living Values and Rituals
	24 25	Weight Reduction Grade Cards and Reports, 1950-1954
	26 27	Magazines, 1952-1953 Programs, 1951-1952

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - KAREN KELSEY

Karen Kelsey received her Masters in Arts in History from Northern Illinois University in 1987. She attended school while commuting from Crystal Lake, worked outside the home as a pharmacy technician, maintained a household, and raised three children.

Kelsey's diaries contain personal information on her family, work, health, studies as a graduate student of history at NIU, and her views on political and current events.

Restriction: The diaries are closed to the public for ten years from the time of donation.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	6 volumes	Diaries, October 20, 1987-September 19, 1993
2	6 volumes	Diaries, September 20, 1993-June 4, 1997
3	6 volumes	Diaries, June 7, 1997-September 14, 2003
4	6 volumes	Diaries, September 16, 2003-September 1, 2008
5	6 volumes	Diaries, September 6, 2008-April 18, 2013
6	6 volumes	Diaries, April 26, 2013-July 9, 2017
7	2 volumes	Diaries, July 20, 2017-June 29, 2018

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - CAROL BECKER

Carol Becker from Monee, Illinois, was born October 16, 1934. She received her bachelor's degree at Northern Illinois University in 1956 and her master's degree at Hunter College, New York, NY in 1957. Becker taught in Blue Lake, Illinois in 1957-1958 before joining the staff of the Department for the Visually Handicapped at Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind in Tucson, Arizona as a math teacher in the fall of 1958. She received her certification for teaching the visually handicapped by attending San Francisco State University and the University of Arizona. Becker's contributions to the education of the visually handicapped in their use of the Nemeth Code and the abacus have been felt throughout the country. She established an Abacus Club at ASDB in which the children gained skills that enabled them to compete mathematically with their sighted peers in public schools. She published several articles describing methods of teaching children abacus skills and preparing teachers to teach these skills. She contributed further to teacher preparation as an instructor of braille at the University of Arizona for several years. Becker passed away June 3, 1983 in Tucson, Arizona.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Obituaries, June 3, 1983
	2	Birth, Baptism, Confirmation, and Grade School Diplomas, 1934, 1948
	3	Income and Expenses during College, 1952-1956
	4	Correspondence from Carol Becker to Sister Joanne Strub, 1957, 1960, 1968, 1981-1982
	5	Correspondence, 1983
	6	Publications, 1975-1982, n.d.
	7	Playground Article and Photographs of Carol Becker Memorial Bench, 1983
	8	Photographs, n.d.
	9	Abacus used by Carol Becker in Teaching Math at ASDB
	10	Braille Sheet
	11	Arizona Cactus, October 1983
	12	Poem, A Day with "The Perfect Dorm", n.d.
	13	Article, "The Dauntless Joe Hogg," February 1973

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - EVELYNE ZINK JOHNSON

Nettie Evelyne Zink of Buda, Bureau County, Illinois was born March 15, 1907, the daughter of George E. and Nettie Zink. (Evelyne only used "Nettie" on official documents, and dropped it after her marriage.) After graduation from High School in Buda in June 1925, she entered the two-year program at Northern Illinois State Teachers College on September 9, 1925. She suspended her studies after the spring 1926 term to help care for her father, while teaching at the Tadpole School. Evelyne returned to school full time in the fall of 1928, graduating June 6, 1929. She began teaching at the Wethersfield Grade School in 1929, where she remained until her marriage to Harold Johnson in June 1937. Living in Buda, Illinois she devoted the next fourteen years to her family. Mrs. Johnson resumed teaching in 1951 at the Buda Grade School, followed by Mineral Grade School and the Sheffield Grade School. She also continued her own education, receiving a B.S. in Education from Northern in August 1963. She retired from teaching fourth grade at Sheffield in June 1972. At the time of her death on May 23, 1999 she lived in Genoa, Illinois with her son Jay.

The materials in this collection not only document Evelyne's education at N.I.S.T.C. and N.I.U., but also her 29-year teaching career. Evelyne's scrapbook contains mementoes of her years attending Northern, from 1925 to 1929. Included are photographs, post cards, invitations, grade cards, movie playbills, local restaurant menus, N.I.S.T.C. songs and cheers, and autographs of her friends from the "Hunt Club," a local boarding house.

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1	1	Obituary, May 1999; Newspaper Clippings, 1956, 1963, 1972
	2	Buda Grade and High School, Grade Reports and Diplomas, 1913-1925
	3	N.I.S.T.C. Freshman Beanie, 1925; and Student Handbook, 1926
	4	Evelyne Zink Photographs, 1963, n.d.
	5	N.I.S.T.C. and Hunt Club Photographs, (1925-1929)
	6	N.I.S.T.C. Coursework, 1925-1929
	7	Music Lesson Book, and handwritten booklets of Ukulele
		Music, (1925-1929), [one book includes memories from Hunt Club friends, 1926]
	8	1929 Norther, autographed
	9	Northern, Transcripts and Grade Records, (1925-1969)
	10	N.I.S.T.C. Diploma, 1929; Travel Permit, 1929 (Diploma
	. •	located in UA 11 Drawer 9, Folder 6)
	11	Northern Student Memorabilia, (1958-1963)
	12	N.I.U. Coursework, 1963, 1969

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1	13 14	Delta Kappa Gamma Membership, 1965-1968 Student I.D. Cards, 1955, 1962/63, 1965/66; Extension Course Book; Science Report
	15 16	Teacher's Life Poems, etc., 1958, 1964, n.d. Salary Schedules, Western Community School District #306, 1964-1973
	17	Retirement Memorabilia, 1972
	18 19	Teachers' Retirement Deduction Receipts, (1950-1952) Poems from Wilbur McLaughlin, classmate at Buda High School, 1925
2	1 Vol. 1 2	Scrapbook, Sept. 1925 - June 1929 Games, Puzzles, Quiz Questions, and Songs, n.d. Classroom Projects from Normal Instructor and Primary Plans, 1915-1918
	3	Classroom Decorations, Crown for Birthday Child, n.d.
3	1 2	Teacher's Certificates, 1926, 1929, 1963, 1966 Teachers Contracts, (1926-1972) Grading/Record Books
	3 4-5	Tadpole School, 1926-1928 Wethersfield Grade School, 1929-1937
	6	Buda Grade School, 1951-1952
	7-8	Mineral Grade School, 1952-1955
	9-18 19	Sheffield Grade School, 1955-1972 Student Rosters, Sheffield School, 1956-1972
	20-21 22	Memorabilia and Photographs from Teaching, ca. 1926-1988 Letters and Photographs from Jean Wolcott, 1938-1939, 1971

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - VERA WISWALL

Vera Wiswall and her family lived just a few blocks from the Northern Illinois State Normal School campus, at 308 Augusta Avenue in DeKalb. She graduated from Northern in 1906 and went on to receive degrees from Oberlin College and Oberlin Conservatory. Wiswall came back to teach music at Northern in 1911 and retired in 1951. She died in DeKalb, January 26, 1967.

Wiswall's papers consist of programs for the Ellwood-Glidden Societies, Treble, and a Memoriam for John Williston Cook; three Zoology and Nature Study Notebooks; and three song and poetry books. The notebooks are of particular interest as they contain class notes and sketches of plants and animals related to her studies.

BOX	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Ellwood-Glidden Societies Contest brochures, (1901-1912); Treble Clef Society Concert programs, 1922, 1923; Memoriam of John Williston Cook, Oct. 15, 1922
	2 volumes	Zoology Notebooks, ca. 1905
	1 volume	Nature Study Notebook, 1905
	1 volume	The Abridged Academy Songbook, 1903
	1 volume	Farm Ballads, by Will Carleton, 1873
	1 volume	Farm Festivals, by Will Carleton, 1882

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - DOROTHY & HELEN COREY

Dorothy and Helen Corey were daughters of Frank S. and Caroline Corey. The family home was located near the Northern Illinois State Normal School campus, on the corner of West Lincoln Highway and Normal Road. Dorothy graduated from Northern in 1910, and Helen in 1920. Dorothy taught at Haish School in DeKalb for several years before continuing her studies at Carroll College in Beloit, Wisconsin, ca. 1914. Her sister Helen married Paul Arndt, and in the early 1940's the Arndt's moved into the Corey family home, at 105 Normal Road. Members of the Arndt family continued to reside in the home until 1989 when NIU purchased the property. It has been the home of University Resources for Women since 1990.

The Corey papers consist of Dorothy's scrapbook for the years 1908 to 1913, and her photo album from ca. 1914 which contains a number of photographs of the Corey home on Normal Road, with the remainder of Beloit. Also included here are letters written to Helen Corey/Arndt from John Williston Cook, Swen Parson, and Willard Smith, president of the class of 1920.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Helen Corey/Arndt Correspondence (1920-1935)
	1 volume	Dorothy Corey Scrapbook, 1908-1913
	1 volume	Dorothy Corey Photo Album, ca. 1914

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - CATHERINE HOFFMAN

Catherine Hoffman, from Sycamore, Illinois, graduated from Northern Illinois State Teachers College in DeKalb, in 1943. She studied Home Economics and Chemistry, and was a member of the Home Economics Club and Town Girls. The materials in this collection were donated by her sister, Joan Hoffman on October 8, 2001.

<u>BOX</u>	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	1	"A New Door Opens to Youth at Northern," (booklet on new Science Building, 1943); "So You're an N.I. Graduate," n.d.; "Occupational Therapy," a War Department Technical Manual, 1944; Homecoming Issue of Northern Illinois News Items, September 1954; and Circle of Gold Alumni Program and Correspondence, 1993.
	2 vols	Norther Yearbooks (autographed), 1940, 1943

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - GLADYS LARSEN WETZ

Gladys Larsen was born in DeKalb, Illinois on March 7, 1893. She attended the training school at Northern Illinois State Normal School when it opened in the fall of 1899. She later attended N.I.S.N.S. and graduated in 1911. On April 4, 1914 she married Henry Wetz, and in her later years moved to Roswell, New Mexico to be near her daughter.

Gladys Wetz's letters and reminiscences provide a wealth of information on the early years of Northern, its faculty and students, as well as information on the city of DeKalb. Information included in this collection includes several genealogy charts, correspondence, memoirs (early years of college and community), and photographs (including the Haish Mansion, and the Class of 1911).

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1 2	Photographs; Genealogy; Correspondence 1917-1975 Comments on Norther, 1909 through 1914;
	3 4	Comments on Northern Illinois, 1908 through 1912 "Glimpses of Yesteryear," 1967-1969 "Recollections of Northern 1899-1911"

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - ELSA ANN FISCHER BROWNE

Elsa Ann Fischer was born September 13, 1911. She graduated from Dixon High School [where future President Ronald Reagan also attended] in 1929. In the fall of that year she traveled to DeKalb to begin classes at the Northern Illinois State Teachers College. During her four years at Northern she participated in Orchestra and String Quartet, the Geography Club, Williston Hall girls, and was a member of Nu lota Pi. While attending NISTC she met Robert Cameron Browne, who attended the school for two years. They married on January 20, 1940. [Robert taught for several years in Erie and Rock Falls, Illinois and then went to work for Northwestern Steel and Wire Company as a metallurgist, and later became superintendent of plant operations.]

Following her graduation from Northern in 1933, Elsa worked in an office for two years, taught in a rural school for one year, and at Stillman Valley Community High School for four years. After her marriage she gave up teaching. Elsa was well known in the Sterling and Rock Falls areas from her participation in the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Republican Party politics, and church activities. Her husband Robert died August 1, 1979. Elsa Browne resided in Rock Falls, Illinois in 2004. The materials in this collection were donated by her niece Phyllis E. Kurzrock in May 2004.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Fischer, Elsa Ann - Photo and Short Biography
	2	Northern Illinois State Teachers College (NISTC), Student Faculty Directories, 1929-1930, 1930-1931
	3	"The Willistonite" Williston Hall Yearbook, Vol. 2, 1930
	4	Commencement Announcements, 1931, 1933
		Fischer'S NISTC school books:
	5	Geography Notebook, Winter 1930-1931
	6	Asia, Africa and Australia, published 1918
	7	European History Atlas, published 1929
	8	Student's Objective-Test Manual and Answer Book, [1932]
	9	Higher Levels: Habits and Skills, Book IV, Text and Keys for
		Scoring, published 1932
	10	Teaching Literature, published 1926
	11	Class of 1933, 50 th Anniversary Souvenir Directory, October 1983
	12	Circle of Gold Luncheon, June 30, 1986
	13	Stillman Valley Community High School Yearbooks, 1937, 1939
2	4 vols.	Norther Yearbooks, autographed, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - THELMA WRIGHT

Thelma Jeannette Wright attended grade school in Rock Falls, Illinois before her family moved to Algonquin. After graduating from Dundee High School in May 1940 Thelma came to Northern Illinois State Teachers College in DeKalb, where she received a B.S. in Music and English in 1944. While at NISTC she lived in Williston dormitory, was a member of the Treble Clef, and was on the Norther yearbook staff for 1944. After graduation taught both vocal and instrumental music in the Dundee-Carpentersville grade schools.

This collection contains three scrapbooks which document the years 1940 to 1945. Included here is correspondence, cards, newspaper clippings, musical programs, playbills, and memorabilia relating not only to activities at Northern, but also to her interest in music. Since Thelma attended school here during World War II a number of items relate to the effect of the war on campus.

This collection was brought in by the Northern Alumni Association in August 2004.

BOX	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Newspaper articles, and correspondence, 1940-1945, 1966
	2 vols	Scrapbooks, 1940-1943
2	1 vol.	Scrapbook, ca. 1943-1945

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - HOWARD NASH JOHNSTON

Howard Nash Johnston came to Northern Illinois State Normal School in the Fall of 1908 from Byron, Illinois. Johnston played on the baseball, basketball and football teams and participated in a number of school related activities, and was a member of the Patriots, and the "King" of a group known as the "Trouble Cleft." Following his graduation in 1910 Johnston was principal in Kingston, Illinois. He married Eva Stanbury, also from Byron, class of 1912. In 1977 Howard N. Johnston was President of the Holcomb State Bank in Holcomb, Illinois.

This collection contains one scrapbook and a folder which contain photographs and memorabilia relating to Howard Nash Johnston's activities at NISNS, as well as photographs of the women of the Tudor Boarding Club, and from the classes of 1908 thru 1910.

The collection was brought in by the Northern Alumni Association in August 2004.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Photographs and Memorabilia, 1908-1917
	1 vol.	Scrapbook: Tudor Boarding Club 1908-1909, Memorabilia relating to Howard N. Johnston, 1908-1910

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - LEONARD AND JOAN (MART) MCCRACKEN

Leonard Dean McCracken and Joan Halcyon Mart met while students at Northern Illinois State Teachers College. Leonard was from McHenry, Illinois, majored in Physical Education and Mathematics, and was a member of the Golf Team. He graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He worked in Research and Development at Wilson Sporting Goods, and had retired by 1995.

Joan Mart was from DesPlaines, Illinois and graduated from Northern in 1952, also with a BSED. She majored in Physical Education and Fine Arts, and was a member of a number of campus organizations including the Fine Arts Club, Major-Minor, the Daughters of Neptune, and the Women's Athletic Association. She worked for a time as the Audio-Visual Librarian for the Village of Arlington Heights, where the McCracken's lived.

The materials in this collection were donated by their daughter Jane Swenson on May 14, 2007.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Varsity Club Spring Semi-Formal dance card/program, June 3, 1950; Senior Ball Dinner Dance program, May 29, 1952; Commencement Programs from June 11, 1950, June 1, 1952, and June 4, 1966.
	2 vols.	Norther Yearbooks (Autographed), 1950, 1952

Two of Leonard McCracken's red pullover "letter sweaters," one with a large black NI patch, and the other with a similar black patch with GOLF in red, are located in UA 11.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - MARGARET ALLEN ARNOLD

Margaret Jean [Peggy] Allen, the daughter of Bly and Roy Allen, was raised in DeKalb, Illinois and attended the University School at Northern Illinois University from 1961 to 1964. Allen then attended DeKalb High School where she was the first female President of the Student Council in 1966/1967. She married Steve Arnold, and they eventually moved to Madison, Wisconsin. The materials in this collection were donated by Margaret Arnold on February 16, 2007.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Margaret Allen's University Junior High School Report Cards, Fall 1961 - Spring 1964
	2	Programs, Concerts, Dances, Bookmarks [University Junior High], (1961-1964)
	3	Student Handbooks, University Junior High, 1962/63 and 1963/64
	4	Margaret Allen's University Junior High Memory Book, 1963-1964
	5	University School Industrial Arts Class: Peggy Allen's "Business Card" and a Calendar for 1963-1964
	6	Postcards: University School, Clarkson Dormitory at Taft Field Campus, and Taft Field Campus Food Center, all ca. 1963-1964
	7	"The Blackhawk Smoke Signal," University Junior High Newspaper, April and June 1964
	8	Newspaper Clippings, (1964-1967)
	9	Safety Patrol Handbook, Littlejohn School, 1960
	1 vol.	Scrapbook of DeKalb High School Athletic Activities, 1966/1967

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - JOAN M. METZGER

Joan Marie Metzger, the daughter of Lorraine and Robert Descourouez, was born and raised in St. Charles, Illinois. She graduated from Mundelein College [Chicago] in 1972 with a B.A. in History. In 1973 she married Allan Metzger, and they moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1978 where Joan began working in the research library of the Arizona Historical Society. Following their return to Illinois in the fall of 1987, Joan decided to pursue a Master of Library Science degree at Northern Illinois University. She began attending classes in the fall of 1988 and graduated in May of 1991. Joan became the Assistant University Archivist in the Regional History Center at NIU in September 1995.

The materials included here are from the courses Metzger took for her MLS degree, and include course syllabi and requirements, class notes, assignments, and some exams. Researchers should also see VFM 4.96 - "The Littlest Carnegie: A History of the Clinton Township Public Library, Waterman, Illinois," written for LIBS 571 in the spring of 1991, and VFM 4.94 - "The Finnish Community of DeKalb, Illinois," written for HIST 492 in the spring of 1990. The Library and Information Science program at NIU was phased out in 1993.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Library and Information Studies, Master of Arts Degree Program, Information, 1988-1991
	2-5	LIBS 412 - Cataloging and Classification of Library Materials, taught by Deanne Holzberlein, Fall 1988
	6	LIBS 413 - Selection of Library Materials, taught by Patricia Cannon, Spring 1989
	7	LIBS 508 - Reference Theory and Practice, taught by Patricia Canon, Summer 1989
2	1	LIBS 490 - Preservation and Conservation of Library Materials, Interim Session Workshop, conducted by Deanne Holzberlein, August 1989
	2	LIBS 522 - Information Resources in the Social Sciences, taught by David Shavit, Fall 1989
	3-4	LIBS 537 - Special Libraries, taught by Andrew Torok, Fall 1989; Includes course project draft, "Recommendations for a Research Library at the Garfield Farm and Tavern Museum, La Fox, Illinois."
	5-6	LIBS 501 - Foundations of Librarianship, taught by Deanne Holdberlein, Spring 1990; Includes paper/oral report on "Copyright in the Library Environment."
	7	LIBS 503 - Introduction to Information Science, taught by Andrew Torok, Spring 1990

<u>BOX</u>	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
2	8	HIST 492 - Principles of Historical Administration, taught by Glen Gildemeister, Spring 1990
	9	LIBS 505 - Library Organization and Management, taught by David Shavit, Summer 1990
3	1-2	LIBS 521 - Information Resources in the Humanities, taught by Patricia Canon, Fall 1990; Includes papers written and resources used on topic of "Stereographs."
	3	LIBS 535 - Public Libraries, taught by David Shavit, Fall 1990
	4	LIBS 571 - Research Methods in Librarianship, taught by Patricia Canon, Spring 1991; Includes notes and resource material used in writing "The Littlest Carnegie: A History of the Clinton Township Public Library, Waterman, Illinois."
	5	Comprehensive Examination: Reading List and "Comps Advice for Worriers," Spring 1991
	6	Spring Colloquium and "Research and Career Day" Flyer, Sponsored by Department of Library and Information Studies, March 27, 1992

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - CHARLOTTE H. WILLRETT

Charlotte H. Willrett, from Malta, Illinois, was a student at Northern Illinois State Teachers College from 1943 until her graduation in 1947. She studied Home Economics and Chemistry, and was a member of the Home Economics Club, of which she served as secretary and vice-president; Town Girls; the Y.W.C.A.; Kappa Delta Pi, and Pi Kappa Sigma. Charlotte married Gaylord O. Berg and moved to Rochelle where they lived until Gaylord's death in 1995. Charlotte then moved to Wheaton, Illinois.

<u>BOX</u>	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Picture of Charlotte Willrett from the 1947 Norther, with scholastic information
	2	Bulletin of the Northern Illinois State Teachers College, Annual Catalog, 1943-1944
	3	Pi Kappa Sigma Handbook, 1946
	4	"The Laurel" of Pi Kappa Sigma, November 1946-November 1947
	ovze.	Norther 1944, includes numerous autographs from students, and some faculty

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH - HARVEY E. HOYT

Harvey Edward Hoyt was born July 7, 1907 in Elburn, Illinois, the youngest of three children born to Edward L. Hoyt and Della A. Sharp. Harvey graduated from the two-year program at Northern Illinois State Teachers College in 1928. He taught at the Elburn Elementary School, and later taught 5th grade at Sugar Grove Elementary School. A member of the Community Congregational Church in Elburn, he was noted for his work with the Boy Scouts. In addition to teaching, Harvey served as the Village Clerk of Elburn from 1948 until his retirement in September 1988. In 1965 Hoyt was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his years of faithful service as treasurer of the Northern Illinois University Alumni Association. He also wrote the "Late Twenties" column for the Northern Alumnus. A lifelong resident of Elburn, Harvey Hoyt died December 20, 1989 at the age of 82, at Jennings Terrace in Aurora, where he had been a patient for several months.

The materials in this collection were donated by Marilyn Thompson in May and June of 2011.

<u>BOX</u>	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	1	"Northern Alumnus," December 1954, March 1955, and June 1965; Photocopy of page from 1928 Norther yearbook
	1 vol.	1926 Norther yearbook, autographed, and in original box

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH- JOANIE (GROSSER) MCAVOY

Born to Frank and Mildred Grosser, Joanie (Grosser) McAvoy, was raised in Brookfield, Illinois. She attended NIU where she received her Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1971 and her Masters of Science in Education in 1975. During her time at NIU, Grosser actively participated in NIU life, attending football games and serving as Co-Chairman of the Homecoming Committee in 1970. After graduating from NIU, Grosser worked at the Aurora campus of the Waubonsee Community College and later in the Schaumburg Community School District. She married John Rockwood McAvoy, also a graduate of NIU. John received his Bachelor of Science degree at NIU in 1971 and worked as an accountant for Griffin Pipe Products Co. and Amsted Industries. Joanie and John McAvoy reside in Lisle, Illinois.

FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	Homecoming Committee, 1970
2	Homecoming advertisements, 1970
3	Homecoming Queen, Larry Bloom nomination articles, 1970
4	Football ticket stubs, October 1970, September 1971 (6)
5	Football programs (including UW-Madison vs. NIU program), 1970-1971 (4)
6	Dorm life, Homecoming, football photos (37), 1968-1970
7	Grant South photos (2), 1967-1969
8	Four-year form, classes, no date
9	Graduate study in Education, 1971
10	Articles on NIU, 1970, 1980
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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH- CHARLES AND BARBARA (GUENETTE) WHITFORD

Charles Whitford and Barbara Guenette met while attending the Northern Illinois State Teachers College together in the late 1930s and married 1941, eventually having two daughters, Cheryl and Nancy. Born in 1916, Charles was one of six children born to Manley and Ethel (Cadman) Whitford. Charles graduated in 1938 from NISTC with a Bachelors in Science focusing on Mathematics and Physics and was a member of the Sigma Zeta society. Charles taught school briefly after graduating for NISTC. During World War II, he served in U.S. Army. Sometime after the war, Charles and Barbara moved to Aurora where Charles worked as an engineer at Western Electric Company, Inc. until his retirement. Charles' sister, Harriet (Whitford) Gale, and their mother, Ethel (Cadman) Whitford, were teachers, while Charles' brother, Manley Whitford, ran the Whitford Clothing store in Hinckley.

Barbara (Guenette) Whitford grew up in Waukegan, Illinois alongside her sisters Lois (Guenette) Bouton and Gretchen Guenette. Barbara graduated from Waukegan Township High School in 1934 and by 1938 was receiving financial assistance from the P.E.O. to attend NISTC. Graduating in 1939 from Senior College with a Bachelor of Arts, Barbara was a member of the English Club and Daughters of Neptune. Barbara's sister, Lois, graduated from the NISTC Junior College in 1939, having been a member of the Women's Athletic Association, Physical Education Club and Daughters of Neptune. Both Barbara and Lois wrote for *The Northern Illinois* in 1939. Lois (Guenette) Bouton joined the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve in World War II, then became an elementary teacher in Zion, Illinois, having retired by 1989. Gretchen Guenette served as a photographer for the Women's Army Corp (WAC) from 1949-1969, afterwards becoming an x-ray technician until her death in 1994. After college, Barbara became an avid gardener and both she and Charles actively collected postcards from around the world in addition to information on local history and significant events in their friends' lives.

The extensive collection of postcards from Charles and Barbara (Guenette) Whitford is now located in the RC 199 Postcard Collection.

<u>BOX</u>	<u>FOLDER</u>	DESCRIPTION
1	1	Freshman Week social event card, Charles Whitford, 1934
	2	Barbara Guenette admissions packet and Statement of Standing, 1936-1938
	3	Barbara Guenette, Williston Hall waitressing and room assignment, May, July, August 1938

<u>BOX</u>	FOLDER	DESCRIPTION
1	4	Barbara Guenette loan and school finance correspondence with P.E. O. 1938-1939, no date
	5	NIU programs, 1936-1939, 1963
	6	The Nothern Illinois with articles by Barbara and Lois Guenette and Charles Whitford on Honor Roll, January-March 1939, October 1, 1943 (6)
	7	Charles Whitford class notes, no date
	8	Comprehensive Objective, Achievement, and Survey Geometry tests, Charles Whitford, circa 1930
	9	McMurry Training School, student teaching observation and worksheet booklet, Charles Whitford, circa 1938
	10	Sigma Zeta, Charles Whitford, January, April-May 1938, April 1939, no date
	11	Education Tests for Use in High School, 1936
	12	Charles Whitford class notes and geometry examples, no date
	13	Unit I: An Introductory Unit in Plane Geometry, Charles Whitford, no date
	14	Unit III: Multiplication and Division of Algebraic Numbers, Charles Whitford, 1937
	15	Red Cross Life Saving methods, Barbara Guenette, 1932
	16	Barbara Guenette class notes, no date
	17	Sentence Variety Unit, Barbara Guenette, February 1939
	18	Ballad Unit, Barbara Guenette, January 1939
	19	Teaching job applications and correspondence, Barbara Guenette, 1939, no date
	20	Charles Whitford and Barbara Guenette report cards, 1934-1939
	21	Illinois State Examining Board for Teacher Certificates, Barbara Guenette, no date
	22	Lorado Taft Newsletter, Earth Science Teacher Conference, 1955, 1952
	23	Photographs, circa 1930s, no date (13 photos)
	24	Photo album, 1937-1940
	25	Photographs, Whitford home at 115 Hiawatha, 1947, 1950 (3 photos)
	26	Historical Westmont, houses, 1946-1947, 1949, 1951-1952, (12 negative strips)
	27	"The W," Waukegan High School Yearbook, Barbara Guenette, 1933
	28	"Annual W," Waukegan High School Yearbook, Commencement program, service, and play, Barbara Guenette, 1934
	29	Waukegan Township High School, 25th Reunion, October 10, 1959
	30	Ephemera, 1933, 1936, 1941, 1949-1950, 1952, 1960, no date

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1	31	Women's Athletic Association (WAA) Sport Dance card, Lois Guenette was in the WAA, May 6, 1938
	32	Barbara (Guenette) Whitford, Garden Club ribbons, circa 1947-1952 (7 ribbons)
	33	Photographs, Oswegorama Parade, Oswego, Illinois- Barbara Whitford on Sugar, Charles Whitford on Spice, both dressed as Navajos, September 13, 1958 (3 slides)
	34	Whitford Men's Furnishing, owned by Manley Cadman Whitford, Charles Whitford's brother, circa 1940s
	35	Photographs, Ethel (Cadman) Whitford at Teachers Institute in DeKalb, March 1912 (4 photos)
	36	Photographs, Harriet (Whitford) Gale, teacher in LaGrange, no date (2 photos)
	37	Ethel M. (Cadman) Whitford's Teaching Certificate, Ogle County, Charles Whitford's mother, July 22, 1900
	38	Frank Gale, Harriet (Whitford) Gale's husband, tribute, American Legion pin, no date
	39	American Legion, Broadview Post No. 626 Installation of Officers, Commander Harley Bergstrand, a friend of Charles Whitford, September 13, 1952
	40	Northern Illinois region business postcards, flyers, and business cards, 1892, 1896, 1928, 1935, 1947-1947, 1950-1954, 1966, 1983, no date
	41	"Marshall Fields & Company and Chicago" booklet, 1946
	42	Burlington Railroad calendar and case, 1953
	43	DeKalb Centennial envelope with letter, 1956
	44	Shabbona, Neconihe Moka Man (Friend of the White Man), pageant, Order of the Arrow Wiyapunit Lodge # 106, Boy Scouts, June 12, 1956
	45	Naperville Settlement and Aurora newspaper clippings, December 1960 and January 14, 1984
	46	"Thrift Corner Yarns," Aurora Savings & Loans Association, April 1965
	47	Phillips 66 ad with needle pack, Clarendon Hills, no date
	48	Westmont, Illinois, no date
	49	Deerfield Industries, no date
	50	Snow newspaper article, no date
	51	Calendars, 1920, 1932, 1938, 1948, 2006
	52	Story and poem booklets, "Junior Verse," owned by Gretchen Guenette, and "The Boy from Missouri Valley," 1930, 1916
	53	"Today" Daily Devotional booklets, poems, and notes, January-March 1939, no date

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1	54	Religious booklets: "His Last Week" and "Thoughts and Prayers for Anxious Hours," 1905, 1943
	55	All About Small Dogs in the Big City, Ann Seranne, given by Gretchen Guenette, Barbara (Guenette) Whitford's sister, 1975
	56	Warrenville Women's Club Recipes, 1953
	57	Recollections of a Midwest M.D., Harry Y. Greeley, M.D., Charles Whitford's doctor, 1984
	58 59	Dr. Harry Greeley newspaper articles, 1983-1984, 1989, 1993 County School Memories, compiled by Bonnie Hughes Falk, Edith O. Chaffer recollections noted, 1986
2	1	The Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard, Anna A. Gordon, Memorial Edition, 1898
	2	Recollections, 1837-1910, by Charles W. Marsh (1910), given to Lumen Charles Whitford, Charles Whitford's grandfather, 1920
	3	College Currency, Money for Business Training, Herb and Martha Schingoethe, Neil Shafer editor, signed by Herb and Martha Schingoethe as gift to Whitfords, 1993

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH-E. MARVIN ECKBERG

Edwin Marvin Eckberg was born to Oscar and Bertha Eckberg in 1915. Raised in DeKalb, Illinois, E.M. Eckberg attended DeKalb Township High School. He graduated from Northern Illinois State Teachers College in 1936 with a Bachelors in Education and a focus on zoology and chemistry. He was a member of Beta Tau Sigma and Alpha Phi Omega while at NISTC. By the time he entered NISTC, his mother Bertha was working at the DeKalb Trust and Savings. After graduating from the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Medicine in 1940, he practiced medicine in Galva, Illinois. Material from Eckberg's medical studies at the University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College are denoted.

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1	1	Speech, Government and Society notes and classwork, 1935, no date
	2	Physics experiments (4-60), E.M. Eckberg and others, 1934-1935
	3	Chemistry notes by various individuals, 1934-1935
	4	Ecology notes and classwork, 1935, no date
	5	Bacteriology notes and classwork, University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College, September- December 1937
	6	Physiology notes and class work, University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College, October 1937-May 1938
	7	Pharmacology notes and classwork, University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College, 1938
	8	Diseases and medical conditions, notes and classwork, University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College, 1938
	9	Pathology notes and slide drawings, slides (1-143), University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College, January-March 1938
	10	Biological studies, experiments (33-113), [University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College], no date
	11	Experiments on animal reactions to drugs, [University of Illinois, Chicago Medical College], no date
2	1	Human Anatomy drawings, University of Illinois, Chicago Medical School, no date
	2	Botany notes, diagrams, and classwork, no date
	3	Insect and Animal Biology notes, drawings, and classwork, no date
	4	History notes and class work, no date
	5	Evolution of Man notes and classwork, no date

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2	6 7	Plays and Drama notes and classwork, no date Unknown class notes, 1938, no date
	8	The Barb, DeKalb Township High School newspaper, Marvin Eckberg as distributor, February, March, October 1930
	9	Northern Illinois State Teachers College Student Association Ticket book, Fall 1933
	10	NISTC programs, newspaper, ephemera, 1930, 1933, 1936, no date
	11	Medical journals, magazines, and booklets, 1929, 1931, 1936-1938, no date
	12	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farmer's Bulletin, animals, 1924, 1930
	13	Poems and Plays, 1921, 1923, no date
	14	Correspondence, 1922, 1935, no date
	15	Joseph H. Dodson, "The Birdhouse Man," order forms, no date
	16	DeKalb area stores and banks, circa 1930s, no date
	17	Bertha Eckberg's Sunday School material and DeKalb Evangelical Lutheran Constitution, 1934, no date
	18	Unidentified photos, damaged [albumen or gelatin prints], no date
	19	Ephemera, 1926, 1932, 1935, no date