NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION RECORD

RG1103.AM: Lewton, Mabel E. (Cutter) Packer, 1890-1978

Papers: ca. 1909-1955
Ashland, Saunders County, Neb.
Size: 2.0 cu.ft.; 2 boxes

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born March 24, 1890, in Weeping Water, Nebraska, Mabel E. (Cutter) Packer Lewton was the daughter of Abraham and Annie Cutter. On September 21, 1916 she married Dr. John M. Packer, residing in Memphis, Nebraska, for two years and then Ashland, Nebraska, for thirty-five years. Dr. Packer died in 1956. On June 14, 1959, Mabel married Ellis Lewton. The couple moved to Stanton, Nebraska, where they lived for nineteen years.

Mabel was a member of numerous organizations throughout her life, including the First Christian Church in Ashland; P.E.O. Sisterhood of Ashland; Ashland Woman’s Club; Matthews Chapter 242, Order of the Eastern Star; P.E.O. Sisterhood of Stanton; Women’s Fellowship of the Congregational Church; and the Stanton Woman’s Club. She died on December 1, 1978.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of two boxes containing papers and records collected by Mabel Packer Lewton. The materials generally relate to the various organizations she served in over the years. The collection is not fully processed, but an inventory is available.

INVENTORY

Box 1

The Delphian Society, Acacia Chapter, Ashland, Nebraska, Yearbook, 1929, 1933-1940, also charter membership card.
Ashland Garden Club, program and membership, 1952-1954
American Legion Auxiliary, Ashland Unit #129, officers and membership, 1951-1955
Fales Auxiliary, 1950, 1951, and 1954
PEO Sisterhood:
 Chapter BD: Ashland, NE, program and membership, 1924-27, 1929-37, 1939-55
 Chapter AN: Lexington, Nebr., program and membership, 1930-32, 1934-35, 1939-40
 Chapter CA: Des Moines, Iowa, 1952-1953
 Chapter CP: Omaha, Nebraska, 1927-1934
Chapter CS: Lincoln, Nebraska, 1927-28
Chapter CZ: Wakefield, Nebraska: 1927-28
Chapter DA: Hastings, Nebraska, 1928-29
Chapter I: Wahoo, Nebraska, 1929-1930
Nebraska State Chapter: State Convention, 39 (1928) and 52 (1941)

First Christian Church, Ashland, Nebraska
  Ladies Aid Society, Yearbook, 1927-1932
  Christian Women’s Fellowship, 1950-51. Program and membership
  Women’s Council, officers and program, 1937-1941, 1944-1950
  Constitution and by-laws of the Women’s Council

Christian Church, state conventions, 1933, 1938, and 1943 (Nebraska Yearbook, 1940)
Christian Women’s Fellowship, Humboldt, Nebraska, 1953-55; Fairbury, Nebraska 1954-55; Bethany Christian Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, 1954-55
Bethany Christian Church, Directory and Program Guide, 1952-1953
Yearbook of Programs of Missionary Societies, 1932-33, and Through Eye-Gate to State Missions, Nebraska Christian Missionary Society
Minutes of First Christian Church Circle Group, 1934

Box 2

Basketball and baseball:
  Nebraska High Schools, 12th annual basketball tourney, 1922 (program)
  Basketball score books, Ashland, Nebraska, 1920-21
  Minutes of the Memphis Athletic Club, 1916
  St. Louis vs. Philadelphia, World Series, 1930 (official score card)

Cotner University:
  Baccalaureate Day program, June 4, 1916
  Handbooks 1, 3 and 4
  Songs of Old Cotner
  William Prince Aylsworth- Biography

Official World’s Fair Weekly, July 23, 1933
Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, official program, January 1, 1941
Sigma Theta, Directory, 1915-16
Saunders County Eighth Grade Promotion Exercises, May 13, 1950 and Ashland High School Graduation Exercises, 1947 (programs)

Nebraska Clippings
Omaha Printing Company Songbook, 26th and 27th edition (Transferred to NSHS Library, 09-25-2013 TMM)
Bankbook of J.M. Packer, August 1915- November 1920
Records of the Avoca Christian Church (Now the Congregational Church at Avoca), 1 book, 2 ladies’ aid secretaries books

Cotner University programs, 1909-14; letter from G.J. Van Buren concerning basketball 3 party programs of Mabel Cutter
“Prize winners in Ashland stir up Contests” from Omaha Bee News, October 11. 1935
Order and bill of sale for Ford Model T Runabout, 1915 and receipt
A few tax receipts
Iowa Wesleyan News, January 15, 1927
The Christian Reporter, July 17, 1925
The Nebraska Tidings, November 1933

Subject headings:
Ashland (Neb.) -- History
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Cotner College (Lincoln, Neb.)
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Disciples of Christ -- Nebraska
First Christian Church (Ashland, Neb.)
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Packer, John M., 1883-1956
PEO Sisterhood (Ashland, Neb.)

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