

Archives and Special Collections

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA

COLLECTION REGISTER

Name: **Wentzel, Emma Catherine (1912- Present)** **MC 2007.01**

Material: Correspondence (1924-1934)

Volume: .25 linear feet (1 Document Box)

Donation: Purchase, 2006

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Emma Catherine Wentzel was born on February 12, 1912 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She attended Carlisle High School and afterwards graduated from Dickinson College with the class of 1934 as an education major. She was extremely active while here, according to the college yearbooks of 1933 and 1934. Wentzel was a member of Phi Mu for her Junior and senior years, the Harmon Literary Society for her first three years, and the Junior Prom Committee. She served as the class historian as a sophomore. In addition, she was on the Microcosm Editorial Board; was a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council her junior year; and a member of the YWCA for her freshman, sophomore and junior years.

Wentzel taught and tutored students while in college, and after graduation attended Shippensburg State College (now Shippensburg University) for graduate courses in elementary education. She taught for four years in Carlisle schools. Wentzel married H. Marcus Weitzel in 1937, but was widowed from him and later re-married a man named Frank Toth. She is listed as Emma Katherine Toth in the 1964 Class Reunion booklet. In 1951, she gave birth to her daughter, Emma Katherine. Wentzel currently resides in the Carlisle area.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Emma Catherine Wentzel collection is housed in one document box and divided into two series: Correspondence and Miscellaneous.

The Correspondence series contains 51 letters sent to Wentzel between the years 1926 to 1934. In general, the majority of letters describe the daily social and educational life of the authors and their personal relationships with the recipient. All of the letters were exchanged during Emma's high school and college years, and occasionally address such matters. However,

some are more formal in content, describing educational or financial arrangements of some sort. Two of the correspondents, Marjorie Ekholm and Sally Lukens, also attended Dickinson College as members of the class of 1931, and seem to have associated with Emma in extracurricular activities. The letters are organized alphabetically based on either the last name of the author or the name of the company or institution from which they come. After this, they are organized in chronological order based on the date written. The number in parentheses indicates the number of letters contained within each folder.

The Miscellaneous series contains a 1924 Dickinson calendar and a program from a March 1929 Dickinson Players performance.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2007.1

CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 01) Bowmans – Jan. 30, 1934
Byers, Dorothy – Aug. 7, 1934
- Folder 02) Dout, Dorothy G. “Dottie” – undated, Aug. 14, 1933-Sep. 11, 1934 (11)
- Folder 03) Ekholm, Marjorie – Sep. 9, 1930
Green, Charles – June 17, 1931
Hanold Outfitting Company – Sep. 8, 1930
“Kitty” – Jul. 26, 1934-Aug. 14, 1934 (2)
- Folder 04) “Kutzie” – Jul. 11, 1927-Aug. 20, 1929 (5)
Lehman, Ezra, State Teachers College – Aug. 1, 1930
Lin, Lu – Sep. 27, 1933
Lukens, Sally – Sep. 6, 1930
“Micky” – Aug. 14, 1934
- Folder 05) Storms, Alice R. – Jul 12, 1926-Dec. 18, 1930 (19)
- Folder 06) Vuilleumier, E.A., Dean of Dickinson College – Feb. 20, 1934
Weitzel, H.M. – Jan. 30, 1934-Mar. 9, 1934 (3)
Young Women’s Christian Association – Aug. 30, 1930

MISCELLANEOUS

- Folder 07) Calendar with image of Old West – 1924
Dickinson Players program, *Skinner’s Dress Suit* – Mar. 13, 1929