



Descriptive Summary:

Title: The Adda A. Pierce Collection

Repository: Beulah Williams Library Archives and Special Collections, Northern State University

Creator: N/A

Dates: 1919-1968

Extent: .50 linear feet

Administrative Information

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Biographical Note

Adda Alma Pierce was born in Brown County, South Dakota in October 1888. She received her teaching degree from Northern State Teachers College when she was 39 years old. Her first teaching assignment was a one room school house with five students in Huron, South Dakota. Pierce taught at a total of 14 schools before she retired from teaching in 1957. In her years of teaching she taught things such as commere, social studies, typing, and English. She followed the post-school activities on many of her students in the newspaper, and was very interested in local events such as the Snow Queen Pageant. Pierce moved back to Aberdeen in 1952 where she lived the rest of her life until her death in 1974.

Extra information obtained from:

Obituaries. Aberdeen American News. 27 June 1974.

Scope and Content

This collection includes programs, brochures, correspondence, yearbooks, photographs, notes, newspaper clippings, and a scrapbook. The programs and brochures are from community plays, graduation ceremonies, and other small-town events. These items highlight Miss Pierce's various interests and involvements. The correspondence belonging to Miss Pierce is from different points in her life and mostly talks about day to day occurrences. The scrapbook is of use to researchers interested in her personal life, but it contains even more insight into her professional activities as a teacher. This collection is arranged into three series: *Teaching*, *Personal Life*, and *Yearbooks*.

Series Descriptions:

Series 1: Teaching

Boxes: 1

Dates: 1927-1968

This series is arranged chronologically. Items with no date are placed at the end.

Series 2: Personal Life

Boxes: 1

Dates: 1919-1958

This series is arranged chronologically. Items with no date are placed at the end.

Series 3: Yearbooks

Boxes: 1

Dates: 1941-1955

This series is arranged chronologically.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Series 1: Teaching

Box # 1

- FF 1 The Northern Normal and Industrial School Commencement Program (May 27-June 3, 1927)
- FF 1 Northern State Teachers College Graduation Announcement (June 3, 1927)
- FF 1 State Finances Under G.O.P. 3 pp (June 1, 1927-1958)
- FF 1 Herreid High School commencement program (May 23, 1947)
- FF 1 *How You Spell It* Booklet (1953)
- FF 1 Presentation School of Nursing Graduation program (August 19, 1956)
- FF 1 Night of Music program (May 13, 1958)
- FF 1 CHIT-CHAT of the American Association of University Women brochure (November 1, 1959)
- FF 1 Presentation School of Nursing Graduation program (July 10, 1960)
- FF 1 12th Annual Flower Show of the Plymouth Congregational Church program (August 3, 1960)
- FF 1 South Dakota Inventors Congress program (February 2-4, 1962)
- FF 1 Eighteenth Annual All State Band program (March 23, 1968)
- FF 1 Sonja Marie Lundberg Graduation announcement card (n.d.)
- FF 1 Employee rating record sheet (n.d.)

2. Series 2: Personal Life

Box #1

- FF 2 Correspondence from Susie May to Adda Pierce (September 10, 1919)
- FF 2 Correspondence from Adda Pierce to her parents (April 21, 1939)
- FF 2 Farmers State Bank deposit book belonging to Adda Pierce (one entry) (April 1, 1941)

- FF 2 One photograph of unidentified female (1958)
- FF 2 Correspondence from Adda Pierce to her parents (n.d.)
- FF 2 Correspondence from Edward to Marguerite (last names not provided) (n.d.)
- Item 1 Scrapbook belonging to Adda Pierce that includes clippings, photographs, programs, and personal notes (1920s-1950s)

3. Series 3: Yearbooks

Box #1

- Item 2 Todd County High School yearbook (1941)
- Item 3 Todd County High School yearbook (1942)
- Item 4 Todd County High School yearbook (1942-1943)
- Item 5 De Smet High School yearbook (1946)
- Item 6 Lemon High School yearbook (1948)
- Item 7 Lemon High School yearbook (1949)
- Item 8 Lemon High School yearbook (1950)
- Item 9 Pickstown High School yearbook (1951-1952)
- Item 10 Strandburg High School yearbook (1955)