



## **Descriptive Summary:**

*Title:* The Gypsy Days Collection

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

*Creator:* Northern State University – University Relations

*Dates:* 1916-2016

*Extent:* 12.5 Linear Feet

## **Administrative Information**

*Acquisitions Information:* Donated by Northern State University – University Relations and a variety of outside donors.

*Processing Information:* This collection was processed by Sarah Jones

*Access Restrictions:* None

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## **Historical Note**

Begun in 1916, Gypsy Day is arguably Northern's most important social event of the academic year. Gypsy Day is similar to a traditional homecoming weekend and started in response to South Dakota State's Hobo Days. Held between September and November annually (now usually the last weekend in September), Gypsy Day has included a variety of student and alumni activities. The two most important events are the Gypsy Day football game and parade, with the Gypsy Day Queen and Marshall riding in a float at the parade. For more information, see *Chapter 28* of Northern State University: The First Century, 1901-2000.

## **Scope and Content**

The formats in this collection include bumper stickers, clothing, essays, magnets, newspaper clippings, pins, posters, press releases, programs, schedules, and scrapbooks. This collection is

divided into three series: *History*, *Memorabilia*, and *Costumes*. This collection is entirely in English. ***Photos have been removed and are placed in the NSU Photo Collection. Oversized photos are included in this collection under memorabilia.***

## Series Descriptions:

Series 1: History

Boxes: 1-4

Dates: 1916-2015

This series includes a book of past gypsy day royalty, essays, an official proclamation, press releases, and scrapbooks. This series is arranged chronologically.

Series 2: Memorabilia

Boxes: 5-6, OS4:DR3, Dates: 1931-2016

MF4:B:DR2,

Room 16

This series includes bumper stickers, magnets, newspaper clippings, an oversized painted glass, pins, posters, programs, and schedules. This series is arranged chronologically.

Series 3: Costumes

Boxes: 7-17

Dates: 1931, 1972, n.d.

This series includes items worn by past Gypsy Day Royalty. This series is alphabetically by the type of clothing.

## Detailed Description of the Collection

### 1. Series 1: History

#### *Box #1*

Gypsy Day Royalty – book with pictures and names of past royalty (1916-1956)

#### *Box #2*

Gypsy Day Royalty – book with pictures and names of past royalty (1957-1976)

#### *Box #3*

- FF1 Royal Order of the Gyps (1947-1952)
- FF2 Parade Line-Up (1956)
- FF3 Gypsy Day Royalty (1962, 1981, 2015)
- FF4 Gypsy Day Football (1965-1966, 1979, 2015)
- FF5 75<sup>th</sup> Gypsy Day Committee (1990)
- FF6 Official Proclamation (September 21, 1990)
- FF7 Press Releases (1991)
- FF8 Press Releases (1992)
- FF9 Parade Line-Up (1993)
- FF10 Press Releases (1993)
- FF11 Parade Line-Up (1994)
- FF12 Press Releases (1994)
- FF13 Correspondence – name (1994-97)
- FF14 Press Releases (1995)
- FF15 Press Releases (1996)
- FF16 Press Releases (1997)

FF17 Press Releases (1998)  
FF18 Press Releases (1999)  
FF19 Press Releases (2000)  
FF20 Press Releases (2001)  
FF21 History of Gypsy Day (n.d.)

*Box #4*

Scrapbooks (1965-1966)  
Film – KBFY-TV (n.d.)

**2. Series 2: Memorabilia**

*Box #5*

FF1 1931  
FF2 1933  
FF3 1941  
FF4 1954  
FF5 1958  
FF6a 1960  
FF6b 1962  
FF7 1963  
FF8 1964  
FF9 1965  
FF10 1966  
FF11 1967  
FF12 1968  
FF13 1969  
FF14 1970  
FF15 1971  
FF16 1972  
FF17 1973  
FF18 1974  
FF19 1975  
FF20 1977  
FF21 1978  
FF22 1979  
FF23 1980  
FF24 1981  
FF25 1982  
FF26 1983  
FF27 1984  
FF28 1985  
FF29 1986  
FF30 1987  
FF31 1988  
FF32 1989  
FF33 1990  
FF34 1991

FF35 1992  
FF36 1993  
FF37 1994  
FF38 1995  
FF39 1996  
FF40 1997  
FF41 1998  
FF42 1999  
FF43 2000  
FF44 2001  
FF45 2003  
FF46 2005  
FF47 2006  
FF48 2007  
FF49 2009  
FF50 2010  
FF51 2011  
FF52 2012  
FF53 2013  
FF54 2015  
FF55 2016

*Box #6*

Metal label – “This case is presented in memory of Eldor Hafnor, Marshal Gypsy Day 1932”  
Large Wood Stamps (1967, 1969)

Metal plaque – “In Memory of Larry L. Winters Nov 18, 1940 – Sept 7. 1980 Gypsy Day Marshall – 1961” (c.a. 1980)

Awards – Best Dressed Office (2009-2010)

T-Shirts (2010-2012, n.d.)

Sunglasses (2012)

Cups (2015)

Beads (n.d.)

“Catch that Gypsy Spirit” Clickers (n.d.)

Waldo, NSC Oversized Stickers (n.d.)

*Oversized – OS4:DR3*

Items 1-9 Oversized Photos (Digitized copies of original photos) (n.d.)

FF1 Schedule (1939)

FF2 Minneapolis Sunday Tribune (November 2, 1952)

FF3 Schedules (1964, 2015-2016)

FF4 Aberdeen American News – Special Edition (October 3-4, 1972)

FF5 Parade Float (1980s)

FF6 Aberdeen American News – Special Edition – 100 years (September 20, 2015)

FF7 Candidate Posters (2015-2016)

*Oversized – Room 16*

Item 1 Painted glass in the style of stained glass with a Gypsy painted on it (c.a. 1950s/60s)

*Oversized – MF4:B:DR2*  
FF1 Poster (2007)

### 3. Series 3: Costumes

*Box #7*  
Gypsy King Belts (n.d.)

*Box #8*  
Gypsy Queen Cape (n.d.)

*Box #9*  
Gypsy Queen Costume (1931)  
\*Worn by Cora (Thornes) Jaspers

*Oversized – Box #10 (10:10:02d)*  
Gypsy Court – 7 Women’s Dresses (n.d.)

*Box #11*  
Jacket – Made by Nora Staael Evert (n.d.)  
\*See the ***Nora Staael Evert Collection*** for details on her life

*Box #12*  
Gypsy Queen Robe (1972)  
\*Worn by Dorothy Hager Fisher – Gypsy Queen 1922 – on her 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Oversized – Box #13 (10:10:02a)*  
King of the Gyps – 2 Robes (n.d.)

*Oversized – Box #14 (10:10:02b)*  
Gypsy Court – 6 Men’s Gold Shirts (n.d.)

*Oversized – Box #15 (10:10:02c)*  
1 Black Skirt (n.d.)

*Box #16*  
Gypsy Queen Tiara (n.d.)

*Box #17*  
Gypsy Court – Men’s Vests (n.d.)