



Descriptive Summary:

Title: The Blanche Brill Collection

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

Creator: Blanche Brill

Dates: 1923-1941

Extent: 1 linear foot

Administrative Information

Acquisitions Information: This collection was donated by Blanche Brill

Processing Information: This collection was processed by Stephanie Cossette

Access Restrictions: None

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Biographical Note

Blanche M. Brill was born August 5th, 1903 in Aberdeen, South Dakota. She graduated from Northern State College in 1932. During her time at Northern, she was involved in the Hiker's Club, the Kindergarten-Primary Teachers Council/Association for Childhood Education, the Women's Athletic Association, and the Newman Club. After graduating, Brill taught rural schools in Spink and Clark counties. She later taught at Native American schools in western South Dakota and with the U.S. Indian Bureau until her retirement in 1970. Brill died on June 28th, 1981 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she had been residing.

Scope and Content

This collection is arranged in two series: Scrapbooks and Mementos. The series Scrapbooks contains scrapbooks depicting Blanche's life in her late teens through her early 30's, including her time spent at Northern State College. The series Mementos contains miscellaneous items saved by Blanche. This collection is entirely in English.

Series Descriptions:

Series Title: Scrapbooks

Boxes: 1-2

Dates: 1923-1941

The scrapbooks have been arranged in chronological order. They contain photographs and ephemera depicting Blanche's life in her late teens through her early 30's, including her time spent at Northern State College. Items preserved in the scrapbooks include programs, tickets, receipts, greeting cards, newspaper clippings, and more.

Series Title: Mementos

Boxes: 2

Dates: 1928

The mementos include undated newspaper clippings, a dried flower, and a handwritten note from a friend. They have been left in their original order.

Detailed Description of the Collection

1. Series Title: Scrapbooks

Box #1

Item 1 1923-1929

Item 2 1928-1929

Item 3 1931-1932

Item 4 1931-1935

Box #2

Item 1 1937-1941

2. Series Title: Mementos

Box #2

FF1 Newspaper Clippings, c. 1928

Dried flower

Handwritten note