



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: 1916-2019

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

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Related Collections: For related collections please refer to:

The Cara Thornes Collection

Beulah Williams Library Archive and Special Collections

Note: This includes a Gypsy Day Souvenir Program from 1932.

The Gerber Family Collection

Beulah Williams Library Archive and Special Collections

Note: This includes Gypsy Day Programs from 1936, 1990, and 1993, as well as Pauline Davies's 2015 Gypsy Day Outfit and 1994 Distinguished Alumni Plaque.

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: 1931-2019

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 75th Gypsy Day Committee (1990)
- FF6 Official Proclamation (September 21, 1990)
NOTE: photocopy, original located OS2:DR3:FF1
- 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.)
- FF22 Scrapbook Pages (n.d.)

Box #4

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

2. Series 2: Memorabilia

Box #5

- FF1 1931
- FF2 1933
- FF3a 1940s
- FF3b 1941
- FF3c 1947
- FF4a 1952
- FF4b 1954
- FF5a 1956
- FF5b 1958
- FF6a 1960
- FF6b 1961
- FF6c 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
FF56	2017
FF57	2018
FF58	2019

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, 2015-2017)
FF4 Aberdeen American News – Special Edition (1972, 1979-1981)
FF5 Parade Float (1980s)
FF8 Aberdeen American News – Special Edition (1982-1986)
FF9 Aberdeen American News – Special Edition (1988-1991)
FF6 Aberdeen American News – Special Edition – 100 years (September 20, 2015)
FF7 Candidate Posters (2015-2017)

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 Stael 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 50th 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.)