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**MS 1367
Ada McCormick
Papers, 1915-1968
(bulk 1940s-1950s)**

DESCRIPTION

This collection contains materials related to some of the activities and events in which Ada Pierce McCormick and her husband, Fred, were involved. Included are some of the assignments Mr. McCormick used in his courses in the English department at the University of Arizona, correspondence and material related to political issues during the World War II era, and materials from some of Ms. McCormick's lectures and conferences. Also included are photographs of notable people and places in Arizona, mostly Tucson.

3 Boxes, 1.5 linear ft.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Ada Pierce was born in Bangor, Maine on March 28, 1888. She married Fred McCormick in 1915 and they moved to Tucson in 1931. She was a lecturer to young women on marriage and the family, and a crusader for human rights and social justice issues. She was the editor of a publication called The Letter from 1943-1948. She founded the Little Chapel of All Nations in 1937 under the name Chapel of Wondering Scholar, which was incorporated under the current name in 1954. Ms. McCormick died on August 4, 1974 in Tucson.

ACQUISITION

Donated by the McCormick Estate in 1975.

ARRANGEMENT

The collection is arranged into six series: 1/Correspondence; 2/Politics and WWII; 3/University of Arizona; 4/Clubs and Interests; 5/ Business matters; 6/ Photographs

ACCESS

There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING

The collection was processed by Nancy Siner in May 2009.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Series 1: Correspondence

f.1 Correspondence (incl. So. Ariz. Polo Club), 1915-1955

Series 2: Politics and World War II

- f.2a Politics: Campaign correspondence and ephemera, 1932-1946 (incl. William R. Mathews for Congress pamphlet with biographical sketch)
- f.2b Politics: Political cartoons by Tom Ellinwood, 1959-1961
- f.3 Politics: House of Representative documents, 1941-1955
- f.4 Politics: Refugee children, 1939
- f.5 Politics: Tucson regional planning, 1943-1944
- f.6 Politics: Wendell Willkie campaign, 1940
- f.7 WWII: Committee for a Jewish Army newsletters, 1942
- f.8 WWII: Mileage rationing documents, 1943-1945
- f.9 WWII: Miscellaneous, 1940-1945 (incl. Tucson USO Club, 1930 Report on Tucson)

Series 3: University of Arizona

- f.10 Commencement programs, 1933-1955
- f.11 Materials for lecture courses, Assignments #2-29
- f.12 Materials for lecture courses, Assignments #30-316

Box 2

- f.13 University President inauguration, 1938-1965
- f.14 Miscellaneous, 1932-1968

Series 4: Clubs, Interests

- f.15 Horse racing, Rillito Race Track, Tucson Racing Assn.
- f.16 Old Pueblo Club, 1940-1953, brochures
- f.17 Tucson Peace Center, 1967

Series 5: Business Materials

- f.18 Conferences and lectures, 1934-1947
- f.19 Investments; Prospectus reports, 1929 re: stock market crash
- f.20 "The Letter" publication, 1943-1946
- f.21 Little Chapel of All Nations Articles of Incorporation, 1954

Series 6: Photographs

f.22 Individual women, identified

Including: Ada McCormick, Mary Estill Caldwell, Ruth Stefan, Esther Henderson, Ethel Carpenter, Judy Goddard, Geo. Harvill, Frances O'Brien, Helen d'Autremont, Margaret Sanger (1936)

f.23 Individual men, identified

Including: Ernie Cabat, Merlin Duval, Sherwood Anderson, Bob Morrow, Mo Udall, Alex Jacome, Jr., William Zeckendorf, Ted DeGrazia.

f.24 Individual men, identified

Including: Leon Uris, schoolchildren and Jack Ross at Johnson's Drug, Roger O'Mara, Gov. Jack Williams, Dave Sholin.

f.25 Groups, identified

Bill Mathews, Isabella Greenway, Helen D'Autremont, Richard Harvill, Alex Jacome, Sr. and wife, Cele Peterson, Ida Tarbell, Rabbi Bilgray, Frances Gillmor, Doug Martin

f.26 Groups, Identified

Including: Helen d'Autremont, Ada McCormick, Gov. Goddard, Ted DeGrazia, Roemary Drachman Taylor, Fred McCormick, Bob Nugent, Swede Johnson.

Box 3

f.27 League of Women Voters

f.28 Opera

f.29 Model U.N.

f.30 International event

f.31 Catholic Church events and people (Bishop Francis Green, St. Joseph's Hospital addition groundbreaking)

f.32 Religious sites, Arizona

Including: San Xavier Mission, St. Augustine Cathedral, St. Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church, Garden of Gethsemane

f.33 University of Arizona and surrounding homes

f.34 Miscellaneous places around Arizona

Including: Morenci, Kitt Peak, Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix, Desert Sanitorium, El Dorado Lodge at Wilmot/Speedway

f.35 Taos, N.M. (Mabel Dodge's place)

f.36 Miscellaneous places (not Arizona)

f.37 Unidentified people including Tohono O'odham people, pottery, baskets

f.38 Miscellaneous photographs

Outside Item

One photograph, aerial view of downtown Tucson area.