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Papers, 1925-1985. 0.50 linear ft.

Abstract

A 1925 graduate of Hope College and missionary in Winnebago, Nebraska, for 15 years. Collection includes correspondence, memorabilia from her Hope College days, and some materials about her days as a missionary. Of special interest is the 1925 memory book, prepared at the time of her graduation, which includes materials from her Dorian Society membership and numerous photographs of sports and leisure activities at Hope.

Accession No: H89-1036
Provenance: Anna Martha Elenbaas Ketting
Donor: Frances Baron
Photographs: 73 images
Processed by: Leon Witteveen, December 1993

Biography

Anna Martha Elenbaas was born in December 1900. She attended Zeeland High School and later graduated from Hope College in 1925, where she was a member of the Dorian Society. After graduation, she then went to Winnebago Mission, Nebraska, to serve for fifteen years as a missionary. Elenbaas married Rev. Erend Ketting, a mail-order pastor at the time. He was later the minister of St. Joe Baptist Church in Homer, Michigan, for thirty years. Anna taught in Jonesville, Michigan, for nine and a half years.

Anna Ketting passed away on November 4, 1992, in Holland, Michigan, at the age of 91.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of correspondence, materials from the sixtieth reunion of her Hope College graduating class, programs and publications from Hope College, some materials relating to her mission work, and valentines. Also included in the collection is a memory book containing memorabilia from Anna Elenbaas’s social activities and Dorian Society membership. The memory book also contains some photographs, most unidentified, of Hope College students and faculty.

Container List

- Correspondence, 1925-1930
- Ephemera, n.d., 1925
- Hope College materials, n.d., 1926-1975
  - Program, Dorian Society Banquet, 1927
  - Fifty Year Circle Certificate, 1975
  - Booklet, “Who are the Cultured?” n.d.
- Sixtieth (60th) Class Reunion Materials, 1985, Letters

Photographs
Hope College students, faculty, societies, and athletic teams (67 images)
Anna Elenbaas with friends (2 images)
Hope College Campus (4 images)
Mission Materials, n.d., 1930, 1933
Banquet program, n.d.
News Bulletin of Women’s Board of Domestic Missions, 1930
Sea Shell Window Pane used in Philippines, n.d.
Clipping and Program, Missionary Festival at Fifth Reformed Church, 1933
Memory Book, 1925