

McLean County Museum of History

Munce Collection

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Brief History

Mary Jeanette Munce was born to Clara DeMotte Munce and Charles C. Munce in 1907 in Bloomington. She earned a bachelors from Illinois Wesleyan University, where her grandfather DeMotte had once been a vice president. Later she received a masters degree from University of Illinois at Urbana. She taught at Piper City and then taught Latin at Bloomington High School for forty years before retiring in 1972. Mary Jeanette organized the James Knowles Chapter of the Children of the American Revolution (CAR). She died in 1982.

Mary Jeanette had a brother named Charles and a younger sister named Margaret Munce Campbell (1912-2008.) Margaret graduated Illinois Wesleyan University in 1933 where she was also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She wed Glen H. Campbell in 1941. She served on the board of the Lucy Orme Morgan Home for Girls.

Mary Jeanette and Margaret's mother, Clara DeMotte Munce (1876-1954), also attended IWU, joined Kappa Kappa Gamma, and later served on the board of the Girls' Industrial Home as well as being an active member of the Amateur Music Club and an officer in the DAR.

Scope

The collection includes a number of CAR materials from the local chapter and from Mary Jeannette Munce's service as state CAR president. And, it includes assorted materials from the Girls Industrial Home/Lucy Orme Morgan Home. Event programs, etc. are included for Illinois Wesleyan University organizations, Bloomington-Normal Forum Association plus other local clubs, churches, etc.

Box and Folder Inventory:

CAR/DAR (folders 1 - 8)

Folder 1: Biographical (*These materials were added by staff in 2013*)

- 1.1 "Mary Jeannette Munce," obituary, *Pantagraph*, 1982 Nov 28.
- 1.2 "A Home Wedding," marriage of Clara DeMotte and Charles C. Munce, *Pantagraph*, 1906 Oct 25.
- 1.3 "Munce Rites Set" and "Munce Funeral," regarding Clara Munce, *Pantagraph*, 1954 Dec 17 and 19.
- 1.4 Autobiographical notes for Clara Louise Demotte, genealogy website, accessed Nov 2013.
- 1.5 Obituary for Margaret Munce Campbell, *Pantagraph*, 2008 May 9.

Folder 2: Local CAR membership applications

Applications for membership into the Lt. James Knowles Chapter in Bloomington for:

- 2.1 Mary Franceska Brown of Bloomington, 1934 Mar 12.
- 2.2 Helen Schaeffer of Bloomington, 1938 June 21.
- 2.3 Charlotte Schaeffer of Bloomington, 1938 June 21
- 2.4 Georgia Meyers of Bloomington, 1942 May 26.
- 2.5 Helen Jane Paxton of Bloomington, 1985 Aug 10.

Folder 3: Local CAR history, newspaper articles, etc.

- 3.1 History of local chapter, undated but covers 1933-35, 2pp.
- 3.2 Handwritten notes on history and officers covering 1933-38, 1 sheet.
- 3.3 Program at Washington, Illinois, 1936 Jun 9, 2 typed copies.
- 3.4 Handwritten notes, 1939 Mar 1.
- 3.5 Highlights and officers for 1943-44.
- 3.6 Highlights of unknown year plus attached handwritten notes. Probably 1944.
- 3.7 Handwritten notes for speech accompanying installation of local officers, undated.
- 3.8 Annual booklet for 1945-45 listing members, monthly programs, etc.
- 3.9 Program for 6th Annual State Conference held at Bloomington and hosted by local chapter, 1944 Jun 16-17, 2 copies.

- 3.10 Letter from Kate Duncan Smith DAR School in Alabama to Miss Roberta Wills of Bloomington concerning literature about the school, 1941 Feb 21. Attached 10 page including history and requests for support.
- 3.11 "Prospects of the C.A.R.," handwritten presentation on scholarships and support already provided plus information about others. 2 pp plus attached material on Kate Duncan Smith DAR School.
- 3.12 "CAR State Conference To be Held at Hotel," *Pantagraph*, 1944 June 11. Annual conference at Illinois Hotel.
- 3.13 "Miss Dodge New Junior State CAR President," *Pantagraph*, undated.
- 3.14 "Young Girls Will Attend Meeting," *Pantagraph*, 1941 Apr 27 regarding 3rd state conference.

Folder 4: Tamasee Sun-Dial

- Five editions: Vol. 1 No.1 May 1938
- Vol. 1 No.2 Jan 1939
- Vol. 3 No.1 Dec 1940
- Vol. IV No.2 Apr 1942
- Vol. IV No.2 Apr 1942

Folder 5: Illinois CAR

- 5.1 "CAR Society to Meet Here: State Conference to Open Tomorrow," *Peoria Journal-Transcript*, 1942 Jun 16.
- 5.2 Correspondence from President Munce to Senior Presidents concerning instructions for the upcoming year, 1944 Sep 18, 3 pp.
- 5.3 Correspondence from President Munce to Junior Presidents concerning suggestions, undated, 5pp.
- 5.4 List of state officers and chapter presidents, undated, 2pp.
- 5.5 Suggestion and Working Sheet for Senior Presidents, undated, 4 pp.
- 5.6 Unused letterhead for State President Miss Mary Jeannette Munce.
- 5.7 Invitation to 6th Annual State Conference in Bloomington, June 1944.
- 5.8 Invitation to 8th Annual State Conference in Rock Island, June 1946.
- 5.9 Appointment notice from NSCAR appointing Mary Jeannette Munce president for Illinois CAR, Oct 1944.
- 5.10 Appointment notice from NSCAR appointing Mary Jeannette Munce p_____ for Illinois CAR, June 1946.
- 5.11 Postcard from Mrs. H.H. Smith Nat. Sec. to Mary J. Munce acknowledging contribution, Sep 1944.
- 5.12 By Laws of the State Society, 8 pp booklet, 1941, 3 copies.

Folder 6: National Society (NSCAR)

- 6.1 Correspondence from National President Frances Washington Kerr to "dear Co-Workers," concerning upcoming meetings and other info, 1940 Feb 3, 3 pp.
- 6.2 Correspondence from National President Frances Washington Kerr to "dear Co-Workers," sharing news, 1941 Feb, 8 pp.
- 6.3 "Patriotic Education Committee Program," for 1940-41, plus correspondence from American Music Committee, 1940 Jun 1.

- 6.4 NSCAR National Convention program, 1946.
- 6.5 "A brief outline of the early history of the CAR," undated, 1 p.
- 6.6 "CAR Information," Sep 1942, 4 pp, 2 copies.
- 6.7 Crossnore (NC) School Bulletin, Apr/May/Jun 1942.
- 6.8 NSCAR National President Mrs. Wm. H. Pouch, newsletter, Jan 1939, 4pp.
- 6.9 CAR Creed, ½ page.
- 6.10 "Children of Patriots," sheet music, ½ page.
- 6.11 CAR Magazine, information edition, Sep 1947, VOL XXXVI No 4.
- 6.12 Oath for officers, undated.

Folder 7: DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) and SAR (Sons of American Revolution) Good Citizenship Medals

Binder includes list of recipients, 1944-68, nomination letters, newspaper clippings, etc.

Folder 8: DAR Miscellaneous

- 8.1 Program: Celebration of the Centennial Year of Our State and the Sixty-Second Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Lost Speech, by local DAR chapter, 1918 May 29.
- 8.2 Program: Welcome Home to Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, by local DAR chapter, 1909 June 12.
- 8.3 "A Memorial in honor of Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson," by local DAR chapter, 1914. 32 pp.
- 8.4 DAR Manual for Citizenship, NSDAR, 1936, 63pp.
- 8.5 Flag of the United States, foldout on how to display and respect flag by American Legion, undated.
- 8.6 The American's Creed, undated.
- 8.7 Misc notes, 3 pp.

Other Materials (folders 9 - 16)

Folder 9: Girls Industrial Home / Lucy Orme Morgan Home

- 9.1 Girls' Industrial Home Rules, undated.
- 9.2 Handwritten notes on institution name and change (1889 & 1895) on Girls Industrial Home stationery.
- 9.3 Central Union Building Loan Association stationery with handwritten list of persons and amounts, undated but presumably in 1890s.
- 9.4 Handwritten page mourning loss of Mrs. Geo. L. Parker and looking to the coming year of 1928 at the Home, by Lucy Orme Morgan, President, undated.
- 9.5 A Testimonial to Mrs. George L. Parker from the Girls' Industrial Home Board, undated.
- 9.6 Booklet: Constitution and By-Laws of the Lucy Orme Morgan Home, 1930, 7 pp.
- 9.7 Picture postcards of Lucy Orme Morgan Home, 5 copies.
- 9.8 75th Anniversary brochure plus accompanying mailer, 3 copies each.

Folder 10: Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU)

- 10.1 Students' Handbook, 1894-95, from YMCA & YWCA, 36 pp.
- 10.2 "Commencement Memories," unused memory booklet published by Brown's Business College.

- 10.3 Athletic tickets first semester 1930-31 for Margaret Munce and first semester 1932-33 for Glen Campbell.
- 10.4 Basketball schedule, 1931-32.
- 10.5 Intermural sports schedule, 1930.
- 10.6 Invitation to College of Music reception, July 1923.
- 10.7 Program: School of Music "Old Christmas Carols" concert, 1929 Dec 8.
- 10.8 Returned check, *Wesleyana*, 1932 Feb 26. Margaret Munce, Treasurer.
- 10.9 Program: Alumni Banquet, 1934 Jun 6.
- 10.10 Program: Memorial Convocation for WWII service persons, 1945 Oct 21.
- 10.11 Correspondence from general manager of Allerton House in Chicago to Clara D. Munce soliciting business, 1929 Aug 29.
- 10.12 Correspondence from Grand Registrar of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity to Margaret Munce concerning order for archive cabinet, 1932 Oct 17.
- 10.13 Correspondence from Grand Registrar of Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity to Margaret Munce concerning damaged volume, 1932 Oct 27.
- 10.14 Newmarket Mayer Livingston & Co invoice to Kappa Kappa Gamma for roses, 1933.
- 10.15 Two postcards from Grand Registrar of Kappa Kappa Gamma to Margaret Munce on obtaining 1859-98 "Keys," Feb 1933
- 10.16 Order blank for initiation shoes via Grand Registrar Marie B. McNaughton.

Folder 11: Bloomington-Normal Forum Association

- 11.1 Correspondence from president Henry Melby and secretary Mary Jeannette Munce to "Dear Friends" soliciting ticket sales for upcoming season, 1945 Sep 10, 2 copies.
- 11.2 Financial Report for 1944-45, 2 copies.
- 11.3 Program, 1945-46, 2 copies

Folder 12: Local Event Programs, Menus, etc.

- 12.1 Dinner menu for the Illinois Hotel, 1902 Dec 10.
- 12.2 Dinner menu for the Illinois Hotel, 1902 Dec 7.
- 12.3 Program: Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, 1917 Nov 18.
- 12.4 Program: Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, 50th Anniversary Services, 1938 Oct 23.
- 12.5 Program: YWCA 20th annual meeting, Jan 1929.
- 12.6 Program: Amateur Musical Club, 1928 Oct 15.
- 12.7 Program: Amateur Musical Club, 1929 Jan 29.
- 12.8 Program: Bloomington High School commencement, 1929 June 7. Margaret Munce listed as a graduate.
- 12.9 Menu: Alamo in Normal, 1939 Sep 7.

Folder 13: Miscellaneous Local Materials

- 13.1 "The Spiritualization of the Senses Through Literature," by J. Rose Colby, *The Normal School Quarterly*, Jul 1931. Series 28 No 129, 13pp.
- 13.2 Paul Beich Co. *Sweet Talk*, Vol. 2. No. 3, 1956 March 1. Publication about Beich employees.
- 13.3 Stamps: Bloomington Centennial, Feb 1950, 6 copies.
- 13.4 "The Bible Folder," 1895. Bloomington IL by J.D. Templeton. Study guide for Bible, geography, history.

- 13.5 Claim ticket for Margaret Munce from Chadband's Jewelry Store, undated.
- 13.6 Arrowsmith Battlefield by Wm. B. Brigham, reprint from 1943 publication.
- 13.7 Miniature Edition of *Daily Pantagraph*, 1925 Oct 5 & 6.
- 13.8 Promotional brochure for Bloomington, Illinois, Charm City of the Corn Country, undated.

Folder 14: Correspondence, etc.

- 14.1 August Gilder from Vals Les Bains, France, to "dear friend," about travels in France as a soldier and enclosing picture postcards and brochure, 1919 Apr 2.
- 14.2 Mary Jeanette (post marked Piper City) to "Mother" Mrs. C.D. Munce in Bloomington about social activities, April (27?) 1932.
- 14.3 Graduation congratulations cards and invitation to AAUW to Margaret Munce, Jun 1933.
- 14.4 V-mail to Glen H. Campbell at Kappa from brother Jim (J.E. Campbell) at San Francisco, providing general update, 1943 Sep 1.
- 14.5 Letter from Margaret to Glen Campbell at Bainbridge, MA, 1943 Oct 14.
- 14.6 Christmas cards and postcards, 7 items.

Folder 15: WWII War Ration Books

- 15.1 WWII War Ration Books: 7 books (total) for Glen Campbell, Clara Munce, Margaret Campbell and Mary Munce.
- 15.2 Supplemental Mileage Rations, Military Furlough Pass for Alton Railroad, and complimentary pass to El Paso Theatre.
- 15.3 Application for basic "A" or "D" mileage rations, unused.

Folder 16: Miscellaneous Non-Local

- 16.1 Program: Memorial Convocation at University of Illinois for President Wm. McKinley, 1901 Sep 19.
- 16.2 McKinley as a Candidate, his speeches since his nomination, Jun 18-Aug 1, 1896, published 1896, 80 pp.
- 16.3 Program: Dad's Day-- Illinois vs. Chicago, 1929 Nov 16.
- 16.4 Program: A Midsummer Night's Dream autographed by Max Reinhardt, undated.