

# Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

## **Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz Collection**

**Collection Number:** 4.07.127

**Inclusive Dates:** 1918 – 2001

**Bulk Dates:** 1922 – 1928

**Quantity:** 1 box.

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown.

**Access Restrictions:** This collection is open for research.

**Copyright:** Millikin University, Northampton Gazette, Decatur Herald and Review, Columbus Ohio Dispatch, American News Service

**Photographs:** Yes

**Condition Notes:** Scrapbook includes ephemera loosely placed between pages (not affixed by glue or any other means). Student papers include rusty paperclips.

**Processed by:** Amanda Pippitt, June 2018.

### **Biographical Note**

Alice Loman Ambrose was born in Lexington, Illinois on November 25, 1906. She was an undergraduate at Millikin University from 1924-1928, graduating with a B.A. in Mathematics and minoring in French. She was Millikin's first straight-A graduate, attending Millikin on the S.E. McClelland scholarship all four years. She had a campus job as a departmental assistant in mathematics her junior year, and in English her senior year. She also earned money through academic awards, including the College Club Award, the Intercollegiate Peace Association state essay contest, and multiple French contest prizes. Ambrose was active in several campus groups, including the senior honorary society Pi Mu Theta, the YWCA, the Conant Society, and the Mathematics Club. She was also part of the *Decaturian* reportorial staff for two years and was heavily involved with the French Club, "Le Cercle Francais," serving as the club's president her senior year. Following her time at Millikin, she attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison and Cambridge University in England (where she studied under Ludwig Wittgenstein), earning both a master's and PhD in philosophy by 1932, and her second PhD in 1938. The majority of her teaching career was spent at Smith College, from which she retired in 1972. Along with her husband, Morris Lazerowitz, she wrote several books about philosophy, including "Fundamentals of Symbolic Logic."

### **Scope and Content Note**

Most of Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz's papers are held at the Smith College Archives. This collection consists of a small assortment of photos, items relating to her schooling in

Lexington, Illinois and Millikin University, and a copy of one of her books, which she donated to Millikin's Gorin Library.

**Series Notes**

*Series 1: Photographs*

4 envelopes, 1 folder and 1 CD-ROM

Black and white photos of Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz as a child and young woman, other Ambrose family members, and her home in Lexington, Illinois.

*Series 2: Lexington School*

1 folder

Items relating to Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz's school years in Lexington, Illinois.

*Series 3: Millikin University*

2 folders

Items related to Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz's school years at Millikin University, arranged by item type.

*Series 4: Scrapbook*

1 item

A small, hardback scrapbook with items relating to both the school in Lexington, Illinois and Millikin University.

*Series 5: Post Graduate Career*

2 items

Items relating to Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz's life after graduation from Millikin University.

**Collection Inventory**

<b>Folder/Item Title</b>	<b>Container #</b>	<b>Folder/Item #</b>	<b>Description</b>
Photographs-envelope 1	E-0010	1	17 small photographs of Alice Ambrose as a child and young woman, including the photo used for a graduation photo and one of her in cap and gown in front of Liberal Arts Hall. Some family photos as well.
Photographs-envelope 2	E-0010	2	8 Photographs. Photo postcard of a schoolroom scene,

			Alice as a child with brother, and her childhood home. Photo of Alice studying. One souvenir photo of Alice and friends. Three color photos of Ambrose's memorial service and a cat.
Photographs-envelope 3	E-0010	3	7 mounted photos, two of Alice as a baby, two as a child, and three of family relations.
Photographs-envelope 4	E-0010	4	2 photos mounted in folders, one of Alice studying at a desk, one a portrait of Alice in her teens.
Photographs-folder	E-0010	5	1 large mounted photo of her father's greenhouse, one photograph mounted in folder of Alice in her later years, and several printed copies of assorted photos. These include family, early life, later life, landscapes and unnamed persons.
Photograph	E-0010	6	small photo of unidentified woman in a decorative case with a lock of hair
CD-ROM	E-0010	7	CD-ROM with photo files of Alice, her family, and home in Lexington, Illinois
Lexington School	E-0010	8	8 <sup>th</sup> grade report card, note from teacher, copies of

			"The Searchlight" (1922-1924). Additional clippings are mounted on old scrapbook paper.
Millikin University student papers, grades and letter of recommendation	E-0010	9	A selection of papers written by Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz while at Millikin University, student transcript, letter of recommendation from Bonnie Blackburn concerning Ambrose's familiarity of the French language.
Millikin University-local newspaper clippings	E-0010	10	Decatur newspaper clippings relating to Alice Ambrose at Millikin University
Spoon	E-0010	11	Millikin commemorative spoon with image of main buildings on handle
Scrapbook	E-0010	12	Scrapbook of loose mementos from Alice's student career in Lexington and at Millikin
Post-Millikin career	E-0010	13	"General History of College Work as Student and Teacher" (résumé) signed copy of "Fundamentals of Symbolic Logic" by Alice Ambrose Lazerowitz (shelved with Special Collections books). Copy of short article written by Rosanne

			S. Soffer briefly summarizing Alice's life. Printed copies of newspaper clippings from Alice's time after Millikin including marriage announcements and obituaries from multiple newspapers.
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