

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

Beulah Pelton Collection

Collection Number: 4.07.118

Inclusive Dates: 1913 – 1977

Bulk Dates:

Quantity: 2 boxes with 7 scrapbooks and 2 folders.

Acquisition Information: Unknown.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

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Photographs: Black and white, located in scrapbooks and 2 folders.

Condition Notes: Photos mounted with photo corners, some loose. Leather bindings of scrapbooks in pretty good shape.

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Biographical Note

Beulah Pelton was a 1918 Millikin graduate in Education. She was originally from Decatur and graduated from Decatur High School. She was a member of the Art Club (1915-1917), Spanish Club (1918), Y.W.C.A., Secretary of Pi Mu Theta (a senior social sorority), play stage manager, and part of the senior class play. She married Stewart W. Stoddart of LeRoy in 1922 and died in 1972.

Scope and Content Note

The majority of the collection is comprised of travel photographs that are labeled but rarely dated. There is little in the way of personal information about Ms. Pelton or Millikin University, though one album does have some photographs of Millikin buildings and students.

Series Notes

Series 1: Scrapbooks

7 items

Scrapbooks, mainly photographs, but with some postcards, of vacation sites in U.S., Canada, and Europe. The albums seem to be organized by area of the country, rather than chronologically. Only two albums have images relevant to Millikin, Decatur, and/or Illinois.

Series 2: Photographs

2 envelopes

Photographs not mounted in albums. Mainly unlabeled.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Item #	Description
Beulah Pelton scrapbook	F-0009	1	Black leather-bound scrapbook with “Beulah Pelton” engraved on cover. Photos of Michigan, Yellowstone, Salt Lake City, Denver, Washington, D.C., Springfield, Chicago, Millikin-relevant photos include: 2 photos of home on W. Wood St., photo of SATC member, 1918 Red Cross Shop, senior in college (on bench), photos of several Millikin buildings, including views from tower, football band shows, SATC trenches, group shots in front of Shilling, and Fairview Park, Lake Decatur. Dates ranging from 1914-1922.
Scrapbook	F-0009	2	Black, leather-bound scrapbook with “photographs” embossed in black on the cover. Photos & postcards of Kentucky, W. Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi,

			Louisiana. Dates 1924-1953.
Scrapbook	F-0009	3	Black, leather-bound scrapbook with “photographs” embossed in yellow on cover. Photos & postcards of Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Dates 1940-1953.
Scrapbook	F-0009	4	Brown, leather-bound scrapbook with “photographs” embossed in gold on cover. Photographs & postcards of Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Mexico, California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana. Undated.
Scrapbook	A-0042	5	Small black scrapbook embossed “photographs” in black on cover. Photos of European locales and military personnel, sites, and equipment. Photos of family in Illinois. Dates 1908-1922.
Scrapbook	A-0042	6	Black scrapbook with “photographs” embossed on cover in yellow. Photos of sites in Illinois, including Lincoln-related sites,

			Wisconsin, and Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, & Ohio. Dates 1923- 1948.
Scrapbook	A-0042	7	Black scrapbooks with “photographs” embossed on cover in gold. Photos of Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., New Jersey, New York, & Canada. Dates 1936-1951.
Miscellaneous Photos	A-0042	8	Small envelope with black and white photos, unlabeled group photos and wedding photos. Dates 1928-?
Miscellaneous Photos	A-0042	9	Large envelope with black and white photos, group photos, one labeled “Duo Club.” Date 1936-?