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Dirks, Martha Adeline (Woods)

Title

Martha A. Dirks Papers, 1952-1992

Date

1952-1992; 1620-1946 (historic documents' facsimile dates)

Extent

1.68 linear feet (4 document boxes)

Language

English

Access

No restrictions.

Abstract

Mrs. Martha A. Dirks taught library science classes at Fort Hays State University from 1969 to 1992. Her papers are housed in four document boxes and date from 1952 to 1992; with one folder containing facsimiles of historical documents dating from 1620 to 1946. These papers are comprised mainly of course materials from library science classes taught by Mrs. Dirks at Fort Hays State University, and accreditation materials from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (N.C.A.T.E.) and Kansas Department of Education.

Biographical/Historical Note

Martha Adeline (Woods) Dirks was born on July 29, 1922. She was the youngest child of Dr. Mordie L. Woods (1883-1959) and Minnie Maude Pettigrew (1884-1975) of Newton, Kansas. Dirks was a 1940 graduate of Newton High School, Newton, Kansas.

Mrs. Dirks was married on August 26, 1942 to WaKeeney, Kansas, optometrist Dr. Arthur W. (Doc) Dirks. Dr. Dirks died on April 29, 1997. They had three children: Renee Rowcliffe of Woodland Park, Colorado.; Dana Metcalf of New Bern, North Carolina.; and Arthur Lee Dirks of Taunton, Massachusetts.

Mrs. Dirks was an associate professor at Fort Hays State University where she taught library science from 1969 to 1992. She received her bachelor of science in education degree from Fort Hays Kansas State College in 1963 and a master's degree in library science from Wayne

State University, Detroit, Michigan in 1969. She also taught speech, debate, dramatics and French in Quinter, Kansas and WaKeeney, Kansas high schools from 1963 to 1968.

Following her retirement on June 1, 1992, Mrs. Dirks was active in the development of the new WaKeeney Public Library. She assisted in the cataloging of books and other items for the library and in 2002 had a room named in her honor, the “Martha Dirks Special Collection” room.

A long-term resident of WaKeeney, Kansas, Mrs. Dirks moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, in 2004. Dirks passed away on May 28, 2009 after a brief illness. She is survived by her three children; four grandchildren, Kristin Dirks of Anchorage, Alaska, Matthew Metcalf of New Bern, N.C., Manda Paine of Dryden, Wash., and Heather Coffman of McLouth; and four great-grandchildren.

Scope and Content

The Martha A. Dirks Papers are housed in four document boxes and date from 1952 to 1992. The bulk of the dates range from 1970 through 1992. The papers are comprised mainly of library of science course materials taught by Mrs. Dirks at Fort Hays State University, and accreditation materials from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (N.C.A.T.E.) and Kansas Department of Education. One folder (Box 1, Folder 1) contains Freedom Train documents which are facsimiles of historical documents dating from 1620 through 1946.

Corporate Names

Forsyth Library
Fort Hays Kansas State College
Fort Hays State University
Kansas. Department of Education
National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education

Subjects

Library science libraries
Library science literature
Library science Study and teaching

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