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**Manuscript Group 162
Dr. Ruth Anderson Papers,
School of Home Economics**

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5 boxes, 5 linear feet**

Biographical Note

Clara Ruth Anderson (March 12, 1921-October 23, 2013) was born in Armstrong Township near Shelocta, Indiana County, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Alexander and Mae Bracken Anderson, and she was baptized at Shelocta United Presbyterian Church on June 10, 1922. In 1951, she graduated from Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC, became IUP in 1966) with her undergraduate degree in Business Education. She earned her MA and D.Ed. in Home Economics Education from Pennsylvania State University, completing her doctorate in 1975. She taught Home Economics before becoming a professor in the School of Home Economics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1970. Dr. Anderson's office was in Ackerman Hall until her retirement in 1987.

Scope and Content

The Dr. Ruth Anderson Papers includes biographical information about family genealogy, her education, and her career in the School of Home Economics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The collection also includes a sampling of the extensive information collected or written by Dr. Anderson about her travels across the United States and around the world including trips that she made to Alaska, Antarctica, China, Cuba, Europe, Panama, and Russia between 1956 and 2003.

Provenance

This collection was donated by the estate of Dr. Ruth Anderson and Kyle Campbell in 2013.

Restrictions

None, this collection is open to the public.

Processor

In 2014, the collection was organized and the finding aid was completed by Harrison Wick.

Container List

Box 1 Genealogy (18 folders)

1. Biographical information about Dr. Ruth Anderson (1921-2013)
2. Genealogy: Anderson-Bracken Family History, 1987
3. Genealogy: Anderson Family
4. Genealogy: Armstrong Family
5. Genealogy: Bracken Family
6. Genealogy: Published books about Clans – MacDonald and Ross Families
7. Genealogy: England
8. Genealogy Notes
9. Genealogy Glossary
10. Genealogy: Hetrick Family
11. Genealogy: Indiana County Townships and Boroughs

12. Genealogy: Ireland
13. Genealogy: Maps
14. Genealogy: Robinson Family
15. Genealogy: Scotland
16. Genealogy: Swearingen Family
17. Genealogy: United States Settlements
18. Genealogy: Wakefield Family

Box 2 Education and Teaching Career (7 folders and publications)

1. Yearbook: Greensburg High School, 1938
2. Greensburg High School
 - a. Diploma and Commencement Program, June 2, 1938
 - b. Yearbook, 1938
 - c. Reunion Programs
3. Diploma: Pennsylvania State University – Master of Education, General Home Economics, 1955
4. Yearbook: Chartiers Township High School, 1957 (Teacher)
5. Diploma: Pennsylvania State University – Doctor of Education, Home Economics Education, 1975
6. Dissertation Thesis “Instructional Modules in Evaluation with Correlated Slide-Tape Sequence” by Dr. Clara Ruth Anderson, Doctor of Education in Home Economics Education at Penn State University, 1975
7. Metrics: A resource guide for Home Economics, 1975 Final Report, developed for EPDA grant, prepared by Dr. Ruth Anderson, Project Director, School of Home Economics, a metric workshop was conducted at IUP in June 1975

Box 3 Education, and Travel Notes and VHS Video Recordings (27 items including 12 VHS Tapes)

1. Name plates from IUP: Ruth Anderson (desk) and Dr. Anderson (office)
2. Publication: *The World Who's Who of Women*. Third Edition, 1976
3. Travel (Folder 1): List of all trips taken, 1956-2003
4. Travel (Folder 2): Notes on Trips to Alaska
5. Travel (Folder 3): Notes on Trips to Antarctica
6. Travel (Folder 4): Notes on Trips to Australia and New Zealand
7. Travel (Folder 5): Notes on Trips to China, and Panama Canal and Puerto Rico
8. Travel (Folder 6): Notes on Trips on the Danube and Vienna
9. Travel (Folder 7): Notes on Trips to Germany, Austria, and Egypt
10. Travel (Folder 8): Notes on Trips to Ireland and the Delta Queen
11. Travel (Folder 9): Notes on Trips to Russia, Spain and Portugal
12. Travel (Folder 10): Notes on Trips to Switzerland
13. Travel (Folder 11): Notes on Trips within the United States
14. Travel (Tape 1): VHS Video Recordings – Alaska, 1992 (digitized)
15. Travel (Tape 2): VHS Video Recordings – Antarctica (1) digitized
16. Travel (Tape 3): VHS Video Recordings – Antarctica (2), 1991 (digitized)
17. Travel (Tape 4): VHS Video Recordings – Danube, 1998 (digitized)
18. Travel (Tape 5): VHS Video Recordings – Danube (Mozart Concert) digitized
19. Travel (Tape 6): VHS Video Recordings – Danube, 2001 (digitized)

20. Travel (Tape 7): VHS Video Recordings – Egypt, 1998 (digitized)
21. Travel (Tape 8): VHS Video Recordings – Iberian Vacation, 1999 (digitized)
22. Travel (Tape 9): VHS Video Recordings – Panama Canal, Caribbean, Canada, and New England, 1993 (digitized)
23. Travel (Tape 10): VHS Video Recordings – Russia, 1991 (digitized)
24. Travel (Tape 11): VHS Video Recordings – Nashville and Scotland, 1996 (digitized)
25. Travel (Tape 12): VHS Video Recordings – Switzerland, 1994 (digitized)
26. Education-related (Item 1): Cross Stitch, Kappa Omicron Phi, presented to Dr. Ruth Anderson in appreciation of contributions to the Tau Chapter of Kappa Omicron Phi, October 15, 1984
27. Education-related (Item 2): Doctoral Hood – Pennsylvania State University – Doctor of Education, Home Economics Education, 1975

Box 4 Photograph and Travel Albums (7 Albums)

1. Antarctic, Argentina, Brazil, and Falklands
2. Baltic and Cuba
3. England, Ireland, and Scotland (British Isles)
4. Egypt
5. Orient and Hawaii
6. Photographs: Biographical, Educational Career, Family History
7. Russia and Volga Cruise

Box 5 Travel – 35mm Slides (5 Carousels)

1. Amazon
2. Alaska
3. Antarctica
4. China
5. Russia