

Guide to the Elizabeth Nord Library and Archives Scrapbook Collection

Overview of the Collection

- Creator:** Quinn, Ann Marie
- Supervisor:** Petznick, Dr. Ware
- Title:** Scrapbook Collection
- Dates:** 1798-1998
- Quantity:** 81 Scrapbooks
- Summary:** Consists of 81 hand-made scrapbooks all relating to Shaker Heights, Ohio's events and people. This includes the development of Warrensville Township, the Shakers of North Union, the Van Sweringen brothers and their development of Shaker Heights as a garden city, and the development of the Shaker Historical Society. The scrapbooks include photographs, handouts, prints, documents, and educational information.
- Repository:** Shaker Historical Society. Elizabeth Nord Library and Archives
- Shaker Historical Society
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Shaker Heights, OH 44120
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- Languages:** Material in English
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Biographical Note

Molly LaRue (ca. 1965-1991) was a Shaker Heights native who, during her senior year of high school (1983), won a national stamp design contest – the first American student to design a postage stamp. Her stamp design showed three figures, drawn with a childlike innocence. She had been advised by her teacher to keep the design simple. She went on to graduate from Ohio Wesleyan University with a degree in Art Therapy. In the fall of 1991, while hiking along the Appalachian Mountain trail, she was a victim of a serial killer.

Elizabeth Nord (ca. 1880-1972) was a very influential character in the development of the Shaker Historical Society. She was a graduate of Flora Stone Mather College and eventually became a teacher. She married Herman J. Nord, and together they had three children. In the early years of the Shaker Historical Society, Mrs. Nord became the secretary, and held the position for twenty-two years. During that time she researched the Warrensville West Cemetery in Warrensville, Ohio. She also became the curator for the museum from 1956-1971.

North Union Shaker Community (1822-1889) was a community of The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing religious sect. They moved onto land that had been purchased by Ralph Russell in Connecticut's Western Reserve. The Russell family had previously visited a Shaker Community in Lebanon, Ohio; they had decided to convert. They brought the beliefs back with them, and renamed the area the "Valley of God's Pleasure." The settlement was self-sustaining and welcomed all different types of people who wanted to join the community. They were an inventive group who created the modern day version of a broom, an apple corer, metal pen nib, and many other inventions.

Oris Paxton (1879-1936) and **Mantis James** (1881-1934) **Van Sweringen** were brothers who bought railroad companies in order to develop Shaker Heights, Ohio. They started out with real estate and purchased land that had previously been owned by the North Union Shakers; they wanted to develop it into an ideal garden city suburb. They eventually had to break into the railroad business to make sure there was a line from Shaker Heights to Downtown Cleveland, so their residents would be able to get to the city with ease. They bought stakes in the Nickel Plate Railroad in order to insure their Rapid lines would not interfere onto public streets. This caused them to expand further into other means of electric transportation.

Content Description

Consists of eighty-one scrapbooks that have been compiled between the early 1900s until 2001. The scrapbooks are compiled with information about the North Union Shakers, the development of Shaker Heights, the Van Sweringens, the Shaker Historical Society, the development of Warrensville Township, and personal scrapbooks of Shaker Heights residents. The scrapbooks include newspaper clippings, full newspapers, photographs, paper cut outs, documents, manuscripts, and other information about the topics involving Shakers and the area. There are a number of individuals who have contributed research and presented the results in scrapbooks. They are: Elizabeth Nord, Reverend John Schott, and Caroline Piercy.

Use of Collection

Researchers are welcome to make an appointment by calling 216.921.1201 to consult the scrapbooks. As many are delicate, access to them will be at the discretion of the archivist.

Administrative Information

Arrangement:

Processing Note: Summer 2013

BB1 Top	Description	Dates
Warrensville		
SCR WAR 1	Richard Warren Rooms	1959
SCR WAR 2	Documents on Warrens family and Warrensville	1959
SCR WAR 3	Warrensville Cemetery documents	1959-1960
SCR WAR 4	Documents on Warrensville Cemeteries	1960-1964
SCR WAR 5	Warrensville Documents	1966-1969
Shakers of North Union and Beyond		
SCR NU 1	Information about Shakers for students	
SCR NU 2	North Union Photograph Album	1900s
SCR NU 4	'Grandmama's Album'	1900s
SCR NU 4	Copy of Shaker Story told in 1930	1930
SCR NU 5	Copy of Shaker Story told in 1930	1930
SCR NU 6*	Rev. John Schott 'World of Shaker' Scrapbook	1940s
SCR NU 7	Charles F. Lee Scrapbook	1957-1959
SCR NU 8	Pilgrimage to North Union	1958-1961
SCR NU 9	Shaker Villages Scrapbook	1960
SCR NU 10	Information relating to North Union Shakers	1960-1962
SCR NU 11	Earl Gurney Mead Letters and Newspapers	1961-1964
SCR NU 12	Last of the Shakers documents	1961-1968
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SCR NU 13	Jean Beachy's Scrapbook	1965-1986
SCR NU 14	General Info on Shaker Societies	1970s
SCR NU 15*	The World of Shaker Newspapers	
SCR NU 16	Documents and Slideshows about Shakers	1998
Van Sweringen Brothers		
SCR VS 1	Van Sweringen Brothers Newspaper Clippings	1911-1927
SCR VS 2	Van Sweringen Business Documents	1925-1926
SCR VS 3	Van Sweringen Brothers News clippings	1928-1933
SCR VS 4	Taplin-Van Sweringen Controversy	1929
SCR VS 5	The "Fabulous" Van Sweringen Brothers	1955
SCR VS 6	Documents from Frank Myers	1962-1963
SCR VS 7	Letters to James Tower Van Sweringen	1993
SCR VS 8	Copies of Van Sweringen Documents	1994
Shaker Heights		
SCR SH 1	Shaker Heights City	1912-1914

SCR SH 2	History of the Shaker Village Players	1919-1929
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SCR SH 3	Shaker Heights Then and Now	1930s
SCR SH 4	Rapid Transit/Terminal Tower Construction	1930s
SCR SH 5	Shaker Heights Sites	1946-1960
SCR SH 6	Rapid Transit and Terminal Tower Information	1950s-1960s
SCR SH 7	Golden Anniversary in the City and Schools	1961
SCR SH 8	Shaker Heights Anniversary Newspaper	1931-1962
SCR SH 9	Clark Freeway Information	1963-1970
SCR SH 10	Clark Freeway Information	1963-1974
SCR SH 11	Century Homes of Shaker Heights	1963-1982
SCR SH 12	Shaker Heights and Clark Freeway	1964
SCR SH 13	Shaker Heights Town Meeting 1976	1976
SCR SH 14	Molly LaRue Stamp Scrapbook	1983-1984
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SCR SH 15	Molly LaRue Stamp Scrapbook	1984
SCR SH 16	75 th Anniversary of Shaker Heights	1986-1987
Shaker Historical Society		
SCR SHS 1	Pearl Stark Book of Remembrance	1930-1970
SCR SHS 2	Select Papers from the Shaker Historical Society	1960-1964
SCR SHS 3	News clippings about the Shaker Historical Society	1951-1960
SCR SHS 4	Scrapbook #3 of Rev. John Schott	
SCR SHS 5	Frances Everhart Scrapbook	1957-1963
SCR SHS 6	SHS Secretarial and Curatorial Records	1957-1971
SCR SHS 7	Papers from the Shaker Historical Society	1958-1960
SCR SHS 8	Shaker Historical Society Newspaper/documents	
SCR SHS 9	History of Shaker Historical Society	1947-1977
SCR SHS 10	History of Shaker Historical Society	1947-1977
SCR SHS 11	Miscellaneous Documents of Shaker Historical	1960-1969
SCR SHS 12	Select Papers from Shaker Historical Society	1963-1964
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SCR SHS 13	Documents from Shaker Historical Society	1965
SCR SHS 14	Shaker Historical Society Women's Committee	1982-1993
SCR SHS 15	Shaker Historical Society Women's Committee	1991
SCR SHS 16	Shaker Historical Society Women's Committee	1992-2001
SCR SHS 17	Administrative Documents	1997-1999
SCR SHS 18	"At the Gate" film documents	1998-2000
SCR SHS 19*	To The Shaker Historical Society	
SCR SHS 20*	Given to Shaker Historical Society	
Miscellaneous		
SCR MISC 1	Ralph Russell Book of Remembrance	1860-1960

SCR MISC 2	Newspaper Clippings	
SCR MISC 3	Scrapbook	1920-1930
SCR MISC 4	Letters	1921 or 1965
SCR MISC 5	Paul T. Stove Book of Remembrance	1930-1960
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SCR MISC 6	Eleanor Webster Scrapbook	1934-1945
SCR MISC 7	Thesis	1942
SCR MISC 8	Caroline Piercy Scrapbook	1947-1955
SCR MISC 9	Miscellaneous Information	1940-1960
SCR MISC 10	Piercy Lectures	1940-1950
SCR MISC 11	Incorporation Info	1947-1964
SCR MISC 12	Caroline E. Piercy Remembrance	
SCR MISC 13	Manuscript of Caroline Piercy	1960
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Cut Out Books		
SCR CUT 1	Cut out Books	
SCR CUT 2	Cut out Books	
SCR CUT 3	Cut out Books	

*Indicates height too great for shelf- located in BB3 Bottom