

Dagny Dietrichson Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Collection number: B619, Accession # 2021.222-0001 and 2021.222.0002

Collection repository: Hennepin History Museum
2303 Third Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Collection title: Dagny Dietrichson

Dates: 1927-1933

Extent: 2boxes (1 Paige box, 1 Photo box)

Creator: Dagny Dietrichson

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Location: Col H, Row 7

Language of the Material: English

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY

Dagny Dietrichson taught at the Girls Vocational Training School (GVTS) from 1926 to 1942. She primarily taught retail training but also taught English and history. The GVTS was housed in the old Central High School building until it became part of the Miller Vocational School programming in 1932.

Born in Menominee, WI October 5, 1896, to Rev. Paul Adolf Dietrichson and Ragnhild (Rachel) Jackson, Dagny was the eighth child of her parents 9 children. The last child was William Dietrichson, father of William (Bill) Dietrichson Jr, Minneapolis artist and WCCO set designer. Dagny attended the University of Minnesota and received her B.S. in education in the winter of 1925. She went to work at GVTS in 1926.

Dagny Dietrichson served as the dean of the retail sales department in 1941. In 1942, Dagny was enrolled in the graduate program at the University of Minnesota. From December of 1944 to March of 1946, she lived in Lisbon, Portugal, working with children who had been separated from their parents during the war. She was not listed as a teacher again at Vocational High School until 1947, where she was described as a visiting teacher. She kept that role until 1963.

Dietrichson was a member of the Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts, as well as the Telelag society, and president of the Minneapolis Teacher's Federation in 1932.

Dagny died June 17, 1979 in Menomonee, WI.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The material in this collection was donated by Larry Risser for William Dietrichson Jr., Dagny Dietrichson's nephew. The collection contains no direct correspondence to or from D. Dietrichson, however, it does have a good deal of information on the GVTS students and their families in the form of case files and student bios, the majority of which were produced by D. Dietrichson between the years 1927 and 1933. The collection also includes staff meeting minutes, student records, and retail training materials, as well as class books and memory books published by the retail training department students of the then Girls Vocational School housed in the old Central High School building. The many photos in the collection range from student class and teacher photos to house and event photos, the bulk of which are labeled with students' names and house numbers.

The folder arrangement in the collection is as close to original order as we could maintain. That is, the contents of each folder have not been rearranged, however, the folders themselves have been arranged into series. The photos are arranged chronologically by year.

Four yearbooks that were accessioned with this collection were removed and placed in the Vocational High School yearbook collection. They are for the following years: 1934, 1940, 1941, and 1957. 3 film reels were also removed from the collection and placed with similar media in Room 4, Col. G, Row 14. Reel 1 was titled "Books, People, Ages," appx. 200ft., Reel 2, "Books, People Ages", appx. 450ft, and Reel 3 untitled, appx. 450ft. Each reel is 7" in diameter.

The collection is arranged in 4 series with no sub-series. The series include:

Series 1: Administration

Series 2: Productions

Series 3: Publications

Series 4: Photographs

ACCESS

The collection is open to researchers and has no restrictions.

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RELATED MATERIAL

Additional items related to Vocational High School, at which Dietrichson taught until 1963, can be found in these other collections.

- Hennepin History Museum - B601_Miller Vocational High School
- Hennepin History Museum - Yearbook Collection, Miller Vocational High School

- Minneapolis Vocational Alumni – Vocation Class [yearbook PDFs](#)
- Hennepin County Library Special Collection, Digital Collection – [Hennepin County Yearbook Collection](#), online, as well as in print.

ACQUISITION

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COLLECTION INVENTORY

Series 1: Administration

Box Folder

1	0	Archivist Notes
Staff Records		
1	1	Administrative: Staff Records, Students 1930-1932
1	2	Administrative: Staff Records, Students 1935
1	3	Administrative: Staff Records 1927-1932
1	4	Administrative: Staff Records, 1924
1	5	Administrative: Staff Records, 1929-1932
1	6	Administrative: Staff Records, circa 1930
1	7	Administrative: Staff Records, Students 1930-1932
1	8	Administrative: Staff Records, circa 1928
1	9	Administrative: Staff Records circa 1930
1	10	Administrative: Finance 1928-1932
1	11	Administrative: Training circa 1928
1	12	Administrative: Training circa 1928
1	13	Administrative: Training, Research circa 1932
1	14	Administrative: Finance 1927-1932
1	15	Administrative: Staff Records circa 1928
1	16	Administrative: Research circa 1930
1	17	Administrative: Training 1928-1931
1	18	Administrative: Staff Records, Students 1928-1930
1	19	Administrative: Training circa 1927
1	20	Administrative: Research circa 1931

Series 2: Productions

1	21	Productions: Plays circa 1931
1	22	Productions: Pageants 1927
1	23	Productions: Pageants 1927

Series 3: Publications

1	24	Publications 1926
1	25	Publications: Newsletters Feb-June 1927
1	26	Publications: Newsletters 1927
1	27	Publications: Newsletters Jan-June 1928
1	28	Publications: Newsletters Sept 1928-June 1929
1	29	Publications: Poetry & Creative Writing 1927, 1928

1	30	Publications: Newsletters Jan-June 1929
1	31	Publications: Newsletters Jan-Sept. 1929
1	32	Publications: Newsletters Feb-June 1930
1	33	Publications: Newsletters Sept. 1929-Jan 1930, Feb-June 1931, Sept. 1931-Jan 1932
1	34	Publications: Newsletters Feb 1932-june 1933
1	35	Publications: Newsletters 1933, 1934
1	36	Publications: Poetry & Creative Writing circa 1920
1	37	Publications: Poetry & Creative Writing 1954-1955
1	38	Publications: Memory Book 1934
1	39	Publications: Memory Book 1936, 1937
1	40	Publications: Memory Book 1932
1	41	Publications: Memory Book 1933
1	42	Publications: Memory Book 1935

Series 4: Photographs

1	43	Pageant circa 1930
1	44	Negatives (oversized) 1930
1926-1927		
2	1	1926-1927 "Rhythms"
2	2	Test photos and negatives
1928		
2	3	Student (Pageant) photos
2	4	House photos
2	5	Student photos
2	6	House photos
2	7	Student photos
2	8	Student photos
2	9	Classroom photos and building exterior
2	10	Woman at spinning wheel (Mrs. Neilson)
2	11	Student photos, selling material
2	12	Negatives and note
2	13	Negatives
2	14	Student pageant and class photos
2	15	Classroom photos and building exterior
1929		
2	16	Student photos
2	17	Student photos
2	18	Student and group photos
2	19	student and teacher photos
1930		
2	20	Student photos
2	21	House photos
2	22	Pageant photos
2	23	Student and house photos

2	24	Club and group photos, house photos
2	25	Skating outing
2	26	Outdoor group photos
2	27	House photos

1933

2	28	Student photos
2	29	Spring Pageant 1933
2	30	Staff / Admin photo
2	31	Student outing
2	32	Group photos outside of school
2	33	Student photos

1934

2	34	Student photos
2	35	Negatives



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