

Finding Aid for the Mary Emily Schroeder papers on the history of Garfield Park neighborhood Collection 147

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Summary Information

Repository	Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections Department
Creator	Schroeder, Mary Emily, 1912-1987
Title	Mary Emily Schroeder papers on the history of Garfield Park neighborhood
Date [inclusive]	1947-1979
Extent	0.71 Linear feet Two boxes
Language	English
Abstract	Mary E. Schroeder (1912-1987) was a neighborhood activist and environmentalist in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her papers contain drafts of a manuscript for a historical novel "Journal & Journey of a Neighborhood," detailing the history of Garfield Park Neighborhood, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. One chapter of this was self-published as "The Charles W. Garfield Story." A few family photographs and miscellaneous Grand Rapids ephemera also accompany the collection, including pages of Wurzburg Department Store's 75th Anniversary calendar, with reproductions of watercolor illustration showing historic Grand Rapids scenes, by Miriam Suleeba.

Biographical/Historical note

The daughter of Albert Schroeder and Emily Scheimann, Mary Emily Schroeder (9/12/1912 - 4/5/1987) moved to Grand Rapids in 1916 from nearby Paris Township (now City of Kentwood). A graduate of South High School, Schroeder spent her first 40 years seeing to the needs of her ailing mother. Because of the time spent in the house, Schroeder attempted, unsuccessfully, to become a poet and author. Her life's work was an historical novel, "Journal and Journey of a Neighborhood," based on the history of the Garfield Park Neighborhood. One chapter of this was self-published as "The Charles W. Garfield Story."

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Immediate Source of Acquisition note

Estate of Emily Schroeder; accession numbers 1987.034, 2007.106 and unknown.

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

Coll. 263-1 has biographical information on Charles Garfield, including a copy of Schroeder's completed booklet "The Charles W. Garfield Story"

Coll. 252, Grand Rapids Neighborhood Associations / Grand Rapids Neighborhood Business Associations Collection is currently being created (2/2006) to collect together information from the various areas, including the Garfield Park Neighborhood Association materials.

Collection 394, the Charles Garfield papers

See also the Vertical File for clippings on Garfield Park, and biographical information on Charles Garfield.

Controlled Access Headings

Genre(s)

- personal papers

Geographic Name(s)

- Garfield Park neighborhood (Grand Rapids, Mich.)
- Grand Rapids (Mich.) -- History

Personal Name(s)

- Garfield, Charles William, 1848-1934

Series I. Manuscript, n.d.

Collection Inventory

Series I. Manuscript, n.d.		
The Charles W. Garfield Story		
	Box	Folder
Manuscripts.	1	1
Miscellaneous notes.	1	2
Charles W. Garfield Story / by Mary Emily Schroeder. Serfling Printing Co., c. 1977. Signed by the Author: Greetings to the GPNA Board [Garfield Park Neighborhood Association] July 27, 1977. 2007.106	1	2.5
Journey and Journal of a Neighborhood		
	Box	Folder
Prologue.	1	3
Welcome to the Wilderness.	1	4
Of Missions and men.	1	5
The Friendly Indians--Ottawa Chief Noonday.	1	6

Series II. Photographs (6)

The Frontier Fox and the Gallant Lady.	1	7
Trek to a Trading Post.	1	8
Barney Burton and Bride.	1	9
The Charles W. Garfield Story.	1	10
End of the Glory Road.	2	11
Epilogue.	2	12
Drafts.	2	13
Series II. Photographs (6)		
	Box	Folder
Parliament Square, London [England] Photo postcard to Mary E. Schroeder, Nov. 1930, from Temple Tours SA	2	14
Uncle Julius' Grocery, E. Bridge and Lafayette. [Julius Wagner Grocery, 197 E. Bridge.] Photo mat in poor condition, with more than half missing, or cracked off.	2	14
Schneider Cigar Store. [Interior.] Damage to the photo itself at the corners.	2	14

Series III. Calendar and Ephemera

“Otto Krause family” written on the front of the photo. Damage to photo, perhaps from being stuck to the back of photo board or dark paper.	2	14
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People. Groups. Two views of a group of women and children dining outside, with an angled roof shed behind. Some first name identifications on one of the snapshots. B/w	2	14
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Series III. Calendar and Ephemera

	Box	Folder
Wurzburg 75 Anniversary calendar, 1872-1947, with color illustrations of Grand Rapids by Miriam Suleeba. Has note “Reproduced from a water color by Miriam Seleebe” (12 sheets, Jan. missing)	2	15
Your Grand Rapids Press carriers, 1979 Season's Greetings. Calendar	2	16
Industrial Bank Dinner Dance, Feb. 22, 1927, program/menu.	2	16