

Finding Aid: Fran Schmetzer Collection

Title: Fran Schmetzer Collection

Donor: Fran Schmetzer

A&M Box #: GSC20191019

No. of Boxes: 1

Inclusive Dates: 1858-2001

Bulk Dates: 1989-1999

Description: This collection is relative to the history of the town and the history of the college. Fran Schmetzer was a pillar of the community in Glenville. Fran graduated from Glenville State College in 1943, and created a lifelong relationship with the college. Many documents within are a testament to her life and the service and time she gave to the community. Her work extended to the Duck Run Bridge, which she was passionate about. She kept newspaper clippings from the school and community, and entertained several Japanese students who resided here in the late 90's early 2000's. Fran even included her receipts/grades from her piano lessons with Mildred Arbuckle.

Source:

Dates:

Size:

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Index Names: Fran Schmetzer, Mildred Arbuckle, Willa Brand, Yuki Saito, Rie Fukushima, Ryoko Wakasa, Ayuka, Ishii, Kae Osawa, Marie Kuritak, Miho Hada, Tomani Matsuzawa, Eri Toda, Miki Yoshiik, Junko Higa, Asuka Tukano, Miki

Kaho, Yukiko Saito, Aya Taniquichi, Mika Nagao, Yuki Fukumori, “William”, Dr. Bruce Flack, Dr. Thomas H. Powell, Michael E. “Jim” Bush,

Index Terms: Glenville State College, Glenville, Duck Run Bridge, Bear Run Bridge, Glenville Mercury

Box Contents:

File Folder 1: Contents are Miscellaneous Papers

- a. Photo of President of GSC Dr. Thomas Powell
- b. West Virginia State College “A Brief History” by Arline R. Thorn
- c. Personal notes of Fran: “The Glenville Mercury”
- d. “Greetings to the Holy Roller (Count?)” (revisit document) by Willa Brand (Former GSC Professor)
- e. GSC placemat, with info about GSC and students
- f. Baccalaureate Sermon Glenville State College- Ten Thirty, Sunday morning, May 22, 1960

File Folder 2: Copies of Gilmer County Historical Society Newsletters

- a. July 1999- “Glenville Normal School”
- b. Local Historical Landmarks “The Albert N. West ‘Architectural Legacy’” by Jim Bailey (John E. Arbuckle house)
- c. “The Hanging of ‘William the Slave’ - a happening of 1858” by Editor C.W. Mash (?) Glenville Democrat, Thursday September 12, 1929. Also with document is Gilmer County Historical Society on “William the Slave” (Marvin G. Miller)
- d. Gilmer County Historical Society Newsletter. January 1997, Vol.8 Num. 1, T. Marcellus Marshall (Thomas)

File Folder 3: Cippings of Newspapers

- a. July 23, 1998(?) clipping “Interim GSC President, Dr. Bruce Flack, not caretaker.” By David H. Corcoran (The Glenville Democrat)
- b. Clipping of Dr. Bruce Flack accepting photo of Clock Tower from Mr. Don Phillips (Former Media Center director)

- c. Clipping: “Dr. Thomas Powell to deliver keynote talk at Autism Society Conference.” (March 18, 1999)
- d. “Introducing GSC’s New Chief. Dr. Thomas H. Powell, Winthrop’s Dean, Named GSC’s 21<sup>st</sup> President” By David H. Corcoran (The Glenville Democrat/ Pathfinder) Thursday December 10, 1998
- e. “I Am What I Am” Michael E. “Jim” Bush article. (Post 9/11 there are several reminders in the pages following. (Charleston Gazette) September 17, 2001
- f. The Glenville Democrat/ Pathfinder “The Page...” Thursday April 6, 1995 Young man from Lincoln Nebraska asks for Glenville info (Heath Putnam) and letter from Maribeth and Rick Harvin about kindness and kindness in Glenville.
- g. Clippings from Glenville Democrat, Gilmer County Parks and Recreation Board Inc.- and reverse are fall 1995 student teacher photo. Nov. 9, 1995
- h. “\$20,000 land donation..... Construction of new entrance planned.” By Sharee Newsome
- i. GSC professor honored in forestry Hall of Fame (Ed Grafton)
- j. 1999 Glenville State College Recipients in Glenville Democrat, Jan. 13, 2000
- k. “Glenville State College to induct five individuals into it’s Sports Hall of Fame.

File Folder 4: GSC Campus map- early 90’s

File Folder 5: Student Renters 209 High Street Glenville 1991-2004

File Folder 6: Duck Run/ Bear Run Bridge 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Binder, contents

- a. History
- b. Photos
- c. The reconstruction.

File Folder 7: Recollections of “The Old Duck Run Swinging Bridge” 1922-1992 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A small publication with “Fran Schmetzer” written on top.

File Folder 8: Japanese Student Photos and other materials. Photos of several different Japanese Students, (Several Names listed)

File Folder 9: Mildred Arbuckle piano lesson receipts for Fran. Copies of receipts with personal notes plus grades.

File Folder 10: Fran Myers Schmetzer, Glenville State College *Mercury* nametag.

File Folder 11: Class of 1943 Glenville State College Reunion Photo

File Folder 12: Fran's pre 1950 Glenville photo album.

File Folder 13. Photos of John McKinney and Fran Schmetzer 2001.

File Folder 14: Glenville Normal School 1910-1914 Photo

File Folder 15: Recital by the pupils of Mrs. Mildred Arbuckle. 1933 program

File Folder 16: Glenville State College class of 1943 directory.

File Folder 17: 2004 Ashland Club Tour- Pamphlet

File Folder 18: 2002 Theatre Regarding WWII objectors.