Guide to the Claire Still Scrapbooks, 1933-1959

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**Biography**

Claire Still was born on June 29, 1916 in Hastings, Nebraska, the last of three children. In 1922 she and her family relocated to Lincoln, Nebraska where she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1934.

Still attended the University of Nebraska located in Lincoln with a Regents' Scholarship. In 1938 she graduated with an A.B. in Sociology and then continued her studies at Lincoln, attending the Graduate School of Social Work until 1939. She completed her graduate degree in 1943 at the National Catholic School of Social Service in Washington DC.

During World War II, she worked for the American Red Cross at hospitals in Kentucky, Virginia and Washington, DC. From 1945 to 1968, she was employed as a medical social worker, living first in Washington, DC, then moving to Virginia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, and finally California. She received a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of California at Berkeley's library school in 1969. From that year until her second retirement in 1981, she was a librarian at the Stanford University Medical School Library.

She was reared with an appreciation for travel and fine arts that has followed her throughout her life. Her mother enrolled her in piano, ballet and elocution courses. As a student, she volunteered at the high school library and worked as a property manager for a Little Theater group in Alexandria. By 1959 she had visited all fifty U.S. states and had toured Europe. This love for travel and an enthusiasm for the performing arts are reflected in her scrapbooks.

Since her retirement, Still has held a number of offices in various associations, including chapter president of the American Association of University Women (1985-1986 and 1994-1995) and of the Leisure World Historical Society.

1916 Born in Hastings, Nebraska on June 29th.
1922 Moved to Lincoln, Nebraska with family.
1922-1934 Attended public schools in Lincoln.
1934 Graduated from Lincoln High School.
1938 Received Regents' scholarship to University of Nebraska.
1938-1939 Attended Graduate School of Social Work at University of Nebraska.
1939-1940 Worked at United States Census Bureau and Government Printing Office in Washington DC.
1941 Worked for D.C. Home Service, American Red Cross.
1943 Applied for Red Cross Scholarship to complete master's degree in Social Work at National Catholic School of Social Service in Washington DC.
1944 Received degree from Catholic University.
1944-1945 Worked for American Red Cross Hospitals in Louisville, Kentucky; Staunton, Virginia; and at Walter Reed General Hospital in Washington DC.
1945-1948 Medical social worker at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington DC.
1949-1952 Medical social worker at the Alexandria Virginia Community Center (an outpatient clinic).
1953-1959 Medical social worker at the Rehabilitation Center at St. Joseph's Hospital and Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.
1959-1960 Medical social worker at Stanford Medical Center.
1963 Social worker at The Albertinum in Ukiah, California.
1964-1968 Social Worker for Catholic Charities in San Jose, California.
1969 Received M.L.S. degree.
1969-1981 Librarian at Medical School Library at Stanford University.

**Scope and Content**

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For the most part, the scrapbooks are arranged chronologically by the predominant year. Within each book there is no discernible month-to-month chronology, and documents of a particular date are often inserted in the scrapbook for a different year. The scrapbooks are intact as they were created by Claire Still.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

**Subjects**

Military nursing--United States--Archival resources.

Women and war--United States--Archival resources.

World War, 1939-1945--Women--Archival resources.

Polio--History--Archival resources.

Theater--United States--Archival resources.

Theater--Archival resources.

Orange County (Calif.)--Archival resources.

**Genres and Forms of Material**

Scrapbooks.

Theater programs.

Ephemera.

Index Terms Related to this Collection

Online Archive of California.

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