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Anna B. Gordon collection

Title: Anna B. Gordon collection
Collection No: MSS.478
Extent: 0.25 cubic feet
Inclusive Dates: 1934-1988

Abstract: The collection comprises materials documenting the career of Anna B. Gordon (1893-1991) who taught music at South Side High School, Memphis, Tennessee, and a transcript of a 1988 interview.

Donor: Anna B. Gordon, Memphis, Tennessee, 1988.
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Biographical information

Anna Bennett Gordon was born on August 18, 1893 in Vicksburg, Mississippi. Her family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, in the mid-1890s and she went to school at Lauderdale and was in the first graduating class at Central High School in 1913. Gordon became a teacher, working for A.B. Hill, Lauderdale, Maury and Pope Schools before becoming the music teacher at South Side High School in 1929. She also obtained a Bachelor of Music from the University of Wisconsin at Madison by attending summer school. Later teaching math, Gordon retired from South Side around 1958. She died on June 4, 1991.

Scope and contents

The collection consists of materials which were collected during interviews with Anna Gordon conducted by Dr. Charles Crawford of Memphis State University in 1988. These include clippings about the choirs and singers Gordon coached while working as a music teacher at South Side High School in Memphis. There are also two South Side High School publications, including the 1945 yearbook and a newspaper from December 1945. A Certificate of Service from Memphis City Schools documents Gordon's teaching career to 1945 and a Memphis Symphony Orchestra program from 1939 includes Gordon as a second violinist. There is also a copy of the transcript of the 1988 interviews.

Subject terms

Gordon, Anna B., 1893-1991.
Memphis Symphony Orchestra.
South Side High School (Memphis, Tenn.)

Inventory

Box 1

Folder

- 1 "Board of Education of the Memphis City Schools, Certificate of Service". Lists Anna Gordon's teaching service, 1913-1945; Program: Memphis Symphony Orchestra, 1939 March 13. Gordon listed as a second violin player.
- 2 Clippings, 1934, 1937 and undated. Images of South Side High School choirs.
- 3 Yearbook: South Side High School, *Scrapper*, 1945.
- OS1 Newspaper: South Side High School, *The Triple S*, Vol. 18, No. 4, 1945 December 13.
- 4 Transcript: Interviews with Anna Gordon conducted by Dr. Charles Crawford, Memphis State University, 1988.