OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION

Title: Marjorie Schoen papers.
Date: [190-]-1991.
Abstract: Biographical and genealogical materials, photographs, college and graduate school records, speeches, casework summaries, sermons, lecture and other notes, essays, book reviews, correspondence, clippings, certificates, and other papers of a woman who was at various times during her long life a high school English teacher, farm wife and mother, professional social worker, minister’s assistant, church work and social service volunteer, and published author in Minnesota, Wyoming, and Indiana.
Quantity: 1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).
Location: See Detailed Description section for box location.

BIOGRAPHY OF MARJORIE DRAPER CALDWELL SCHOEN

Date | Event
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1893 | Born December 12 in Wells, Faribault County, Minnesota, the second of four children of Calvin H. and Julie Hall Draper.
1912 | Graduated from Wells High School.
1916 | Graduated from Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.
1916-1918 | Taught English at Park Rapids (Minnesota) High School.
1918 | In May married Lacey M. Caldwell, former agriculture teacher and athletic coach at Park Rapids High School, and moved to Hayti, Hamlin County, South Dakota, where Lacey was employed as county agricultural agent.
1919-1933 | Returned to Wells for Lacey to manage farms owned by First National Bank of Wells, whose president was Calvin Draper. Ca. 1920 rented one of the farms and engaged in farming. During these years four children were born (Cornelia, Donna, Bruce, and Nancy).
1934-1936  Lacey diagnosed with severe essential hypertension and eventually was no longer able to work. Family moved to Wells and received life insurance policy disability payments.


1938-1939  Worked full time for St. Paul Travelers Aid at the Saint Paul Union Depot while attending school.

1939  Granted Master of Arts in Social Work degree in December.

1940-1945  Worked as a caseworker, with additional administrative and educational responsibilities, for Family Service of Saint Paul.

1941  Lacey died on April 30 and was buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Wells.

1945  Married Laurence T. Schoen on December 25 and moved to his farm in Freeborn Township, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

1950s-1962  Involved in volunteer work at the local, district, state, and national levels of the Congregational Christian Churches and the United Church of Christ.

1962  Laurence died on May 16 and was buried in Freeborn Cemetery, Freeborn Township.


1965-1967  Employed as assistant to the minister of the First Congregational Church of Rock Springs, Wyoming, sharing all responsibilities of the pastorate with the minister.

1967-1972  Moved to Evansville, Indiana, where daughter Cornelia Henry lived. Returned to social work as marriage counselor and family life educator at Family and Children’s Service, Inc. of Evansville. Retired in 1972.

1967-ca. 1978  Resumed volunteer work, as administrator of ecumenical religious organizations, transactional analysis group leader, and family life educator. Took a creative writing class, read widely, and wrote book reviews. Joined Trinity United Methodist Church.


1991  Died on June 22 in Evansville; her ashes were buried in Rosehill Cemetery, Wells.

Information for the chronology was compiled from the collection and from Family Chronicles.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE COLLECTION

These records are arranged thematically, reflecting the many facets of Schoen’s life, in the following seven sections:

Family and Friends, undated and 1900s-1991
Education, 1916, 1936-1944
Public Speaking, 1920s-1933
Work, 1917, 1944-1945, ca. 1965-ca. 1972
Volunteering, 1956-1978
Miscellaneous, 1969-1985

RELATED MATERIALS

Schoen’s autobiography/genealogy, Family Chronicles: being the history of the Draper and Caldwell families during my lifetime: by Marjorie Schoen, is available in the Minnesota Historical Society print collection. Materials relating to St. Paul Travelers Aid and Family Service of Saint Paul are available in the Society manuscript and print collections.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:
- Lay ministry.
- Transactional analysis.

Places:
- Wells (Minn.) – Photographs.
- Park Rapids (Minn.) – Photographs.

Persons:
- Caldwell, Lacey M.
- Schoen, Laurence T.
- Draper family.
- Caldwell family.
- Schoen family.

Organizations:
- Carleton College (Northfield, Minn.) – Photographs.
- Family Service of Saint Paul.

Types of Documentation:
- Photographs.
- Lecture notes.
- Sermons.
- Speeches.
- Essays.

Occupations:
- Women social workers – Minnesota.
- Women social workers – Indiana.
Women in church work – Minnesota – Protestant churches.
Women in church work – Indiana – Protestant churches.
Women volunteers in social service – Indiana.
Older volunteers – Minnesota.
Older volunteers – Indiana.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

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Family and Friends, undated and 1900s-1991:
Includes biographical information.

Draper, Caldwell, and Schoen family photographs, undated-1970s.
Photograph album, [1900s-ca. 1912]. 2 folders.
Photograph album, [ca. 1912-ca. 1918]. 2 folders.

Education, 1916, 1936-1944:
University of Minnesota School of Social Work, Plan B Paper:

Public Speaking, 1920s-1933:
Marjorie Caldwell Speeches:
[1920s-1930s].
“The Assets of the Farm Woman,” January 1933.
The speech, with related letters and clippings, October 1932 – May 1933.
Lacey Caldwell speech to the Wells PTA, [ca. 1933].

**Work, 1917, 1944-1945, ca. 1965-ca. 1972:**
- State of Minnesota Teaching Certificate, August 1, 1917.
- Social Work – Indiana:
  - Lecture notes for marriage class, [ca. 1967-ca. 1972].
  - Lecture notes for parenting, casework, transactional analysis, and personality development classes, [ca. 1967-ca. 1972].
  - Notes on transactional analysis and related topics, [ca. 1967-ca. 1972].

**Volunteering, 1956-1978:**
- Social Work – Indiana:
  - Transactional analysis group, 1975.
  - Expectant parents class, 1975-1978.

**Reading and Writing, 1958-1961, 1971-1981:**
- Notebook, 1958-1961 (Schoen farm years).
- Creative writing class, [1970s?].
- Letters received regarding *Family Chronicles*, 1981.

**Miscellaneous, 1969-1985:**