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Nofftz Family
Collection, 1883-1973

Collection 373

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator Name: Nofftz Family

Inclusive Dates: 1883-1973

Physical Description: 1 box, (0.5 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Nofftz Family collection materials were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives.

Access:

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Biographical Note:

Nellie Nofftz was born near Sadorus, Illinois on November 23, 1885. She was the child of Robert Hans Goodmann and Mary Ann Holetermann. She married Edward Nofftz in September of 1914 in Chicago. Nellie was a charter member of the Sadorus unit of the Champaign County Homemakers Bureau and the Champaign County Homemakers Extension Association. In addition, she was a charter member of the Sadorus Chapter No. 998 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

On February 13, 1969, Nellie died at the home of her daughter, Meta. She was buried in Rice Cemetery, located south of Sadorus. Nellie was a lifelong resident of the area, and had lived at the same address for 78 years.

Edward Nofftz was a farmer and the husband of Nellie. After he and Nellie were married, they made their home on the Goodmann farm west of Sadorus. Edward was murdered in March of 1919. He was buried in Rice Cemetery.

Meta Theodora Nofftz Miller was the child of Edward and Nellie Nofftz. She was born March 30, 1919 in Sadorus. On April 13, 1941, she was married to Thomas Richard Miller, who later died in 1987.

Meta was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in English from the University of Illinois in 1940 and a Doctor's Degree of Jurisprudence in 1942. During her time at the University of Illinois, she was a part of Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi. She was admitted to the Illinois Bar Association in 1942 and won the Moot Court Competition that same year.

In addition to her academic achievements, Meta was very involved with community organizations. She was a 55-year member of the Home Bureau and Homemakers Extension Association, where she was part of the Extension board in Champaign, McLean and Douglass Counties. From 1986 to 1988, she was the president of the Douglass County branch of the association. Meta also served a term as the Illinois



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Homemakers Extension Association International Director and State Historian. Furthermore, she was a 20-year member of the 4-H club in McLean and Douglass counties. As president of the Dry Fork Mutual Drainage District, she set a record for the longest-term served in that role, a position she held from 1946 to 1998.

Meta died September 18, 2002 at the Tabor Hills Nursing Home in Naperville. Like her mother and father, she was buried in Rice Cemetery.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains various forms of correspondence addressed to members of the Nofftz family. This includes letters, cards, invitations, funeral notices, expressions of sympathy, and thank you notes. In addition, the collection contains a small amount of 4H, Farm Bureau, and Home Extension materials.

Arrangement:

The materials in the collection are arranged alphabetically by folder title.

Subject Terms:

Letters
Sadorus (Ill.)

Name Terms:

Goodmann, Nellie
Goodmann, R. H.
Goodmann, Robert Hans
Miller, Meta Theodora
Miller, T. R.
Nofftz, Edward
Nofftz, Meta Theodora
Nofftz, Nellie

Container List

Box 1

Folder 1: Anniversary Invitation, 1924
Folder 2: Birth Announcements, 1931-1973, undated
Folder 3: Birthday Invitations, 1903, 1905
Folder 4: Commencement Invitation, 1908
Folder 5: Envelopes with Written Notes, 1933, undated
Folder 6: Farm Bureau, Home Extension, and 4H Materials, 1946-1948, undated
Folder 7: Funeral Notices, Expressions of Sympathy, and Thank you Notes, 1903-1960, undated
Folder 8: Party Invitation, 1920



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Folder 9: Personal Letters, 1925-1930, undated
Folder 10-11: Wedding Invitations, 1883-1973, undated