

**Register of the
Matilda Erickson Andross
Papers
Collection 130**

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Matilda Erickson Andross Papers

(Collection 130)

Scope and Content

Matilda Erickson Andross was born February 10, 1880 in Aalborg, Denmark and apparently immigrated to the United States with her family while still a child. Upon her graduation in 1907 from Union College where she studied nursing, Matilda moved to Washington, D. C. to work as Assistant Secretary for the Sabbath School Department under Mrs. L. Flora Plummer. Matilda's responsibilities led her to work extensively with the newly organized Missionary Volunteer department. In 1920, Matilda married the widowed Elmer E. Andross and with him served in the Inter-American Division. Upon retirement, Matilda returned to the Washington, D. C. area with her husband who died in 1950. Matilda died in Glendale, CA on February 9, 1957 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Matilda wrote extensively both for and about young people. This collection contains articles and other materials related to the Missionary Volunteer program, as well as a book manuscript, talk outlines, and the writings of other people collected by Matilda. Before her marriage, Matilda published under the name Matilda Erickson. After her marriage books and articles bear the name Matilda E. Andross.

Arrangement

The arrangement of the collection has been done by the Adventist Heritage Center.

Provenance

This collection was given to the Andrews University Heritage Center on September 18, 1987 by C. Warren Becker, a relative of Matilda Erickson (Mrs. E. E. Andross).

Use

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INVENTORY

I. Personal Documents

General Material

- Fld 1 "The Bible Year." 1915. A certificate awarded to M. Erickson for reading the Bible through in a year.
Postcard. L. De Young to Matilda E. Andross, January 17, 1949.
Documents regarding the purchase of cemetery plots in George Washington Cemetery at the time of E. E. Andross' death, August 22, 1950.
Certificate of Death for Anna Matilda Andross, 1957.
"Andross" [Obituary]. *Pacific Union Recorder* (March 4, 1957). Photocopy.
- Fld 1a "Fragments From One of My Old College Scrapbooks."
Includes a collection of handwritten quotations and sayings (a few are printed and glued in).

II. Writings and Talks

Book (by Matilda E. Andross)

- Fld. 2 Untitled manuscript, March 4, 1949. (Apparently this book was never published. The title page lists four suggested titles.)

Early Writings (1907-1914) (by Matilda E. Andross)

Most of this material is related to her work with the Missionary Volunteer program.

- Fld. 3 Scrapbook labeled, "Copies of Some of my Early Attempts."
Scrapbook labeled, "Articles 1908-1914 (Very Incomplete)."
Follows folder.

Miscellaneous

- Fld. 4 Matilda E. Andross is the probable author of the following writings and talks.
- “Cheerfulness.”
 - “Education.”
 - “Go on God’s Errands.”
 - “Is Jesus Your Friend?”
 - “The Relation Between the Church School and the Academy.”
 - “Social Purity Talks to Young Women in Panama,” August & September, 1935.
(Notes refer to “Womanhood.”)
 - “Womanhood.”
(Handwritten notations correspond with notes in “Social Purity Talks to Young Women in Panama.”)
 - Untitled manuscript.
(Pages 1 and 2 are missing. Each section has its own subtitle. May be chapters of a book?)

Writings by Others

- Fld. 5 Becker, Linda. Prayer given at her 8th grade graduation in Rochester, N.Y., May 1962
Carpenter, Myrtle Barber. “My Hero.”
Flint, Annie Johnson. “He Giveth More Grace.”
(There is a second poem on back of this paper by an unidentified author.)
Holland, J. G. “Gradatim.”
Kansas City Star. “The Perfect Speaker.”
North, Charlie. “A Smile.”
Sangster, Margaret E. “Mother Has Had Her Day.”

Writings by Unknown Authors

- Fld. 6 “Birthday Thoughts.”
“The Boys Know Something.”
“Burial of Moses.”
“The Little Boy’s Plea”
“Schooltime.”
“Uncle Sam’s Reception.”
“Valedictory.”
“Which Will You Choose?”

Items Removed

Item removed for possible inclusion in another Adventist Heritage Center collection.

The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald, vol. 96 no. 16 (April 17, 1919). Special issue, "Christian Education Symposium." Includes minor markings by Matilda E. Andross.

The Literary Study of the Bible: An Account of the Leading Forms of Literature Represented in the Sacred Writings. Boston: D. C. Heath & Co., 1899, 1905.

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