

Minnesota State University, Mankato,  
Memorial Library, Southern Minnesota Historical Center.

Louk, Ione, 1912 - 1984. Papers, 1977.

SMHC Manuscript Collection 1253

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**ABSTRACT:**

This collection consists of items relating to Ione Louk, of Mankato, Minnesota. Included in this collection are an outline done by Mrs. Louk, which discusses the 1933 Hormel Company strike. The other component of the collection is an oral history interview conducted with Ione in 1977. In it, she discusses her background and what led her to Mankato State University, where she became the first student to graduate with a minor in Women's Studies.

Some items in this collection have been digitized and are located at:  
<https://arch.lib.mnsu.edu/islandora/object/MSUrepository%3A103062>.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Ione Louk was born in September 1912, in Greenfield, Iowa. She married Harry E. Louk in 1935. They had six children together. When Harry Louk retired from the Hormel Company in Austin, Minnesota, they moved to Mankato. Ione Louk was the first student to graduate with a minor in Women's Studies at Mankato State University, in 1976. Ione Louk died in April 1984.

**RESTRICTIONS:**

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**COLLECTION CITATION:**

This collection should be cited as:

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**ACQUISITION:**

Ione Louk donated this collection in January 1977.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Karin Thiem processed this collection in May 1979.

Finding aid revised by Robert Russell November 2000.

Kieu Cao updated finding aid in February 2017.

Mee Xiong, Anne Stenzel, and Reggie Domineck made additions to the collection in June 2017.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS:**

It has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about Ione Louk available elsewhere.

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Louk, Ione, 1912 – 1984.

Mankato State University—Women’s Studies.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS AT MSUM:**

Ellis Frank A., 1888 - 1976. Oral History Interview, 1974. SMHC Manuscript Collection 1258, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Murphy, Laurence W., 1899 – 1989. Oral History Interview, 1974. SMHC Manuscript Collection 1279, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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| Oral History Interview, Audio CD, 1977        | DVD        |               |
| Oral History Interview, Audiocassette, 1977   | Cassette   |               |
| Oral History Interview, Transcript, 1977      | 1          | 1             |
| “The Pig Stickers: the Hormel Strike of 1933” | 1          | 1             |