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Nu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, Mankato, Minnesota. Papers, 1953 –
2008.

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ABSTRACT:

This collection consists of the records of the Nu Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, of Mankato, Minnesota. This was a national women's teachers association, and had chapters in cities throughout the United States. Included in the collection are biographies of Nu Chapter members, information on their teaching careers, newspaper clippings, meeting minutes, and obituaries of members who passed away. The audiocassette included in the collection contains the essays "As I Recall the Founding of the Nu Chapter" by Eleanor Beibl and "As I Recall the Teaching in a Rural School" by Rhea McCarthy.

HISTORICAL NOTE:

The Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma was organized in March of 1953. This group was the Mankato branch of Delta Kappa Gamma, which is a national honor society for women in education. By 1964, there were thirty-two members in the Nu Chapter. In the beginning, meetings were held at members' homes, but later took place at the Altador Tea Room, the Mankato State College, and the Viking Motel.

The subjects that most concerned the Nu Chapter were trends in education, teacher welfare, community responsibility, and foreign cultures. The Nu Chapter used a rose as their symbol, and incorporated the colors of red and gold. Many prominent educators from area schools and colleges were members of the Nu Chapter. Grace Armstrong and Effie Conkling, two well-known professors at Mankato State College were influential in the Nu Chapter.

Historical information obtained from the collection.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

This collection consists of the records of the Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma national honor society. The collection is made up mostly of books compiled by members of the Nu Chapter. The two volumes entitled "Retirees" describe the activities of Nu Chapter members, and contain photographs, newspaper clippings, and programs compiled upon the members' retirement from the teaching profession.

Another two volumes of scrapbooks, entitled "Necrology" are also included in the collection. These volumes contain death notices and obituaries of Nu Chapter members who passed away. Photographs and memorial service programs are also included in these volumes.

A scrapbook volume entitled "Parade of Presidents" is also a part of the collection. This scrapbook contains a list of presidents of the Nu Chapter, and contains biographical information about the presidents.

“Charter Members” is the title of another volume compiled by the Nu Members. This scrapbook gives the early history of the Nu Chapter and its founding members. A cassette tape containing essays about the founding of the chapter and teaching rural schools is also included with this volume.

Three volumes of records kept by the Nu Chapter are also included in the collection. The group’s meeting minutes and a list of members of the Executive Committee are included in a volume entitled “Secretary’s Book”. Another record book of more meeting minutes and the treasurer’s cashbook is also a part of the collection.

RESTRICTIONS:

There are no restrictions on use of this collection for research purposes. The researcher assumes full responsibility for observing all copyright, property and libel laws as they apply.

COLLECTION CITATION:

This collection should be cited as:

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ACQUISITION:

Dr. Verona Burton donated this collection in March 1989.
Sybil Solting donated additional materials in July 2017.

PROCESSED BY:

Karyn Nester processed this collection in April 1989.
Finding aid revised by Robert Russell March 2001.
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RELATED COLLECTIONS:

It has been determined that there are no similar manuscript collections about the Nu Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma available elsewhere.

LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Education—Mankato (Minn.)--Societies, etc.
Mankato (Minn.)--Women--Societies and clubs.
Women educators--Minnesota--Societies.
Women teachers--Minnesota.

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| Parade of Presidents, 1953 – 1984 | 2 | 1 |
| Photocopy of Retirees Vol. 2, 1980 – 1985, newspaper clippings and Chapter Bulletin, 1966 | 1 | 3 |
| Record Book, 1976 – 1984 | 2 | 8 |
| Retirees Vol. 1, 1953 – 1980 | 1 | 1 |
| Retirees Vol. 2, 1980 – 1985 | 1 | 2 |
| Secretary's Book, 1968 – 1976 | 2 | 7 |
| Treasurer's Cashbook, 1995-2008 | 1 | 5 |