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Wiecking, Anna M., 1887-1973 and Family. Collection, 1907-1970.  
SMHC Manuscript Collection 0116

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**ABSTRACT:**

The Anna M. Wiecking and Family collection consists of documents, pictures, and articles written by Anna Wiecking. In addition, this collection contains information on Gilbert Fletcher and Maud Hart Lovelace both famous Mankatoans. The family histories of both Anna Wiecking's parents are included with various other items related to the Wiecking family. Furthermore, items related to Mankato State College address the retirements of two faculty members, various miscellaneous documents, and the graduating classes of 1907 and 1910.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Anna M. Wiecking, (1887-1973) was a teacher at Mankato State College from 1917-1956. She was born in Mankato, Minnesota on 6 December 1887, and received a two-year diploma from Mankato Normal School. Wiecking earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota, her master's degree in education from Columbia University in New York in 1915, and her doctorate from the University of Iowa in 1933. She was active in the Blue Earth County Historical Society and wrote numerous articles for newspapers on Blue Earth County history in addition to writing two books, titled *The History of Blue Earth County* and *As We Once Were*, for elementary school children. She died on the 23 November 1973 in Mankato.

Biographical information obtained from the *Mankato Free Press*, 23 November 1973.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

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The collection includes educational articles published by Wiecking in several different publications, some unpublished reminiscences of the Mankato area, and newspaper clippings about Mankato State College. Wiecking included extensive family histories, sewing samples from her years as a college student, and a typed copy of her family's vacation to Montana in 1917. In addition, this collection contains information on Gilbert Fletcher and Maud Hart Lovelace both famous Mankatoans. Two retirement speeches given by Wiecking for Signe Sletten and Cora Sletten are included. There are photos of the entire graduating class of 1907, the students involved with kindergarten education in 1910, and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the class of 1907.

**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:**

Anna Wiecking donated this collection in November 1968.

**PROCESSED BY:**

Archive's staff processed this collection in May 1975.  
Finding aid revised by Jeff A. Jenson September 2001.

**OCLC AND RLIN:**

After checking the OCLC and RLIN national databases in September 2001, it has been determined that there are similar manuscript collections about Anna M. Wiecking available at the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**LCSH SUBJECT HEADINGS:**

Wiecking, Anna M., 1887-1973.  
Fletcher, Gilbert. 1883-1933.  
Sletten, Cora.  
Sletten, Signe.  
Kerndt family.  
Wiecking family.  
Lovelace, Maud Hart, 1892-1980.  
Lovelace, Maud Hart, 1892-1980--Bibliography.  
Lovelace, Maud Hart, 1892-1980 Betsy-Tacy stories --History.  
Recreation areas--Minnesota--Mankato.  
Teachers--Training of--Minnesota  
Mankato State Teachers College – History.  
Mankato, Minnesota – Reminiscences.  
Artists--Minnesota--Mankato.  
Mankato (Minn.)--History.  
Mankato (Minn.)--Recreational activities.  
Blue Earth County (Minn.)--History.

**RELATED COLLECTIONS AT MSU:**

Fletcher, Gilbert M., 1883 – 1933. Papers, 1904 – 1967. SMHC Manuscript Collection 170, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Wiecking, Hermann R., 1858 - 1914. Papers, 1858 – 1914. SMHC Manuscript Collection 1269, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Wiecking, Emma, 1894 - 1992. Oral History Interview, 1977. SMHC Manuscript Collection 1254, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Memorial Library, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

<b>SMHC Manuscript Collection 116</b>	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Articles, "Changes in Teacher Education, 1900-1950"	1	1
Articles, Children's' Leisure in Mankato	1	2
Articles, Published, 1927-1960	1	3
"Biographical Sketch of Gilbert Fletcher (1883-1933)," 1970	1	4
Family History Information, 1927-1942	1	5
"Family Trek, 1917"	1	6
Graduation Photos & Programs	1	7
Lovelace, Maud Hart. Correspondence and Bibliographic Information	1	8
M.S.C. Related Items	1	9
Newspaper Clippings, 1956-1968	1	10
Pamphlet, Get Ready For Kindergarten, undated	1	11
Photographs, 1920, 1953	1	12
Reminiscences, Mankato Area, 1966-1968	1	13
Retirement Speeches, undated	1	14
Sewing Samples, 1905-1907	1	15