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The Collection referred to above was created by GRACE NMM U XIP-10608 b 1902 d 1985 with whom I had extensive interaction in the 1980's. This reference with details on the contents of the collection are being placed in the AR File & labeled Upchurch Collection - Unit of Arkansas. A sketch of the family:

I. Richard U, III - Head of class

A. Claham U, J

1. Buttons U, II (AKA James Buttons U ??)

a. Joseph Franklin U

i. Fredrica NMM U 1894 - 1981

ii. Frank NMM U 1897 - 1918

iii. Grace NMM U 1902 - 1983

iv. Nellie Kate U 1909 - 1975



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCHURCH FAMILY

J. Frank Upchurch and his wife, Kate Miller Upchurch, and four daughters, Fredrica, Grace, Josephine, and Nellie, moved from Hackett to Fort Smith shortly after their only son, Frank, died from the flu in 1918. Fredrica Upchurch taught elementary school in the Fort Smith area from 1920-1968. Her younger sister, Grace, began working in the University of Arkansas library as a student in 1927. After graduation she became a full-time employee, where she remained for over forty years. The papers in this collection primarily concern Fredrica and Grace Upchurch. Biographical sketches of Fredrica and Grace Upchurch are in Series 1.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Papers and photographs of the Upchurch family of Hackett and Fort Smith (Sebastian County), Arkansas, were donated by Miss Grace Upchurch (1902-1987) of Fayetteville to Special Collections on March 24, 1974.

The papers, photographs, genealogical information, diplomas, and clippings refer to Fredrica and Grace Upchurch's parents, their brother, and sisters. There are also papers, including itemized accounts of daily expenses Fredrica and Grace Upchurch maintained over a sixty-year period, and photographs concerning the University of Arkansas, Arkansas State Normal School (later renamed Arkansas State Teachers College), and Fort Smith public and private schools.

RESTRICTION. Negatives are not available for research.

Prepared by Susan Lynn Parks, Special Collections Division, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville, Arkansas, in March 1988.

CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION (5 linear feet, 1 volume)

Series 1. Family Materials (Boxes 1-3)

This series includes the Upchurch family papers from Hackett and Fort Smith, musical and theatrical

ograms, and information on several Arkansas communities, including Hackett, Fayetteville, and Fort Smith. Home front materials contain World War II rationing stamps and booklets.

Subseries 1. The Upchurch Family.

Box 1

1. Correspondence, 1916-1969.
2. Correspondence, 1970-1974.
3. Upchurch family histories concerning the years 1855-1919.
4. Warranty deeds, county collector's records, bond for title, 1879-1906.
5. Photocopied pages from autograph book, 1882-1889.
6. Kate Miller's teacher's licenses and contracts, 1889-1890.
7. J. Frank and Kate Upchurch's marriage license, army registration card, children's Christmas book, Upchurch genealogical bulletin, 1891-1984.
8. University of Arkansas student invitations and programs, 1905-1927.
9. Musical and theatrical programs from Hackett, Fayetteville, and Fort Smith, 1911-1928.
10. Grace Upchurch's vacation itineraries, 1929-1972.
11. World War II home front material, c. 1941.
12. Short stories, poems, and songs written by Fredrica Upchurch, 1963 and n.d.
13. Clippings, 1921-1984.

Subseries 2. Fredrica Upchurch.

Fredrica Upchurch graduated from Arkansas State Normal School in 1915 with a degree in education. She then received her Bachelor of Science Education in 1928 from the University of Arkansas and five years later earned a Masters degree from Columbia University in New York City. Fredrica Upchurch taught elementary school at Stuttgart (Arkansas County), (1916-1917), Hackett (1917-1918), Belle Point (Sebastian County), (1919-1921), and was at Duval Elementary in Fort Smith from 1921-1960. After her retirement from Duval, Fredrica Upchurch taught eight more years at Fort Smith's Christ the King Catholic school. In 1969, Miss Upchurch received the Golden Apple Award from the Fort Smith Classroom Teachers Association for excellence in teaching.

This subseries contains material from Fort Smith elementary schools, University of Arkansas, Columbia University, and various sororities to which Miss Upchurch belonged.

Box 2

1. A Pansy Taken, given to Fredrica Upchurch by her Sunday School teacher, 1908.
2. Fort Smith and Hackett schools report cards and commencement programs, 1911-1960.
3. Arkansas State Normal School transcript, report card, commencement program, 1912-1921.
4. List of student's names from Stuttgart, Belle Point, and Duval schools, 1914-1930; class record books from Stuttgart, Hackett, Belle Point, and Duval schools, 1916-1950, 1951-1968, 1959-1960.
5. Fort Smith public schools teaching contracts, 1920-1958; teacher's license fee receipt from the Arkansas State Treasurer's office, 1921; Arkansas Teachers' Reading Circle Diploma, 1921 and 1928; Fort Smith Public schools bulletin, 1945 and 1948.
6. Receipts, membership cards, educational pamphlets, and list of names and gifts from the Duval retirement party[?], 1924-1960.
7. Columbia University, 1929-1934.
8. Histories of Duval school, 1931-1960.
9. University of Arkansas student records, 1921?-1931.
10. Fort Smith Methodist Church clippings and printed materials, c. 1935-1974.
11. Guest book from parties[?], 1960-1974.
12. Guest book for nursing home visitors, 1980-1981.
13. Kappa Delta Pi membership cards and newsletter, 1927-1929.
14. Delta Kappa Gamma certificates, 1939-1981.
15. Sheet music used in classroom, n.d.

Series 3. Grace Upchurch.

Grace Upchurch enrolled at the University of Arkansas in 1927, where she worked as a student assistant in the library, then located in Old Main. After her graduation in 1929, the library employed her on a full-time basis. She did take time off, however, to earn a bachelor of arts degree in library science from the University of Illinois in 1933. At her retirement in 1970, Grace Upchurch had worked forty-three years at the University Library.

This subseries contains material concerning the University of Arkansas, the University of Illinois, and the Arkansas State Teachers College. The University of Arkansas items include commencement programs and prints of sketches of University buildings by Carl Nelson.

Box 3

1. Hackett and Fort Smith schools and Arkansas State Teachers College, 1911-1924.
2. University of Arkansas student papers, 1926-1942.
3. University of Arkansas library student assistants, 1928-1967.
4. University of Illinois commencement programs and other printed items, 1929-1933.
5. University of Arkansas job appointment blanks, 1929-1933, 1942-1945, 1949-1971.
6. University of Arkansas library identification card, pamphlets, and bulletins, 1935-1969.
7. University of Arkansas and University of Arkansas at Little Rock invitations, personal data sheet, 1955-1981.
8. Fort Smith High School class of 1921 reunion, 1959 and 1971.
9. Cards from retirement party, c. 1970.
10. Minutes and yearly review from Fayetteville's City Boards and Commissions, and League of Women Voters, 1971-1973.
12. Fayetteville Methodist Church newsletters and lists of members, 1976.

Series 2. Expense Accounts (Boxes 4-6)

Fredrica Upchurch and Grace Upchurch maintained itemized expense accounts for personal and household articles.

Subseries 4. Fredrica Upchurch's expense records.

Box 4

1. 1914, 1923?, 1925?
2. 1925, 1927-1928, 1931, n.d.
3. 1929-1933.
4. 1941-1947.
5. 1942-1947.
6. 1948-1954.

Box 5

1. 1955-1969.
2. 1970-1977.

Subseries 5. Grace Upchurch's expense records.

Box 5 (Cont'd)

3. 1940-1944.
4. 1940-1946.
5. 1939-1974.
6. 1945-1947.
7. 1948-1949.
8. 1948-1951.

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1. 1951-1953.
2. 1954-1955.
3. 1956-1957.
4. 1958-1959.
5. 1970-1974.
6. 1975-1978.
7. 1976-1979.

Series 3. Photographs, Post Cards, and Sketches (Boxes 7-9)

This series contains photographs and negatives of the Upchurch and Miller families, and Fredrica Upchurch's students at Duval Elementary. Other photographs include Hackett and Fort Smith schoolchildren, students at Arkansas State Normal School in Conway, Christ the King school in Fort Smith, and photographs and slides from Grace and Fredrica's retirement parties. Completing the series are post cards of Fort Smith and the University of Arkansas.

Volume 1: Photographs of Grace Upchurch's retirement from the University of Arkansas Library, 1970.

Boxes 7-9

Subseries 1. Photographs 1-96. Upchurch and Miller family photographs taken in the Fort Smith or Hackett area, c. 1870-1973.

Subseries 2. Photographs 97-107. Hackett and Fort Smith. Subjects include schoolchildren, bank building, coal miners, and an aerial view of Fort Smith, 1900-1950[?].

Subseries 3. Photographs 108-114. Arkansas State Normal School students, 1914-1923.

Subseries 4. Photographs 115-213. Fredrica Upchurch and Duval Elementary school students, c. 1920-c. 1960.

Subseries 5. Photographs 214-232. Christ the King school class photographs, 1962-1968.

Subseries 6. Photographs 233-249. Fredrica Upchurch's retirement party, 1960. Subjects include students, parents, and faculty from Duval Elementary school. Photographs 246-248 are 35 mm slides.

Subseries 7. Photographs 250-263. University of Arkansas. Subjects include buildings on campus, library employees, and Grace Upchurch's retirement party, 1957-1970.

Subseries 8. Post cards 264-283. Fort Smith (lithographic post cards) and University of Arkansas, c. 1940.

Subseries 9. Sketches 284-299. Prints of sketches of University of Arkansas buildings by Carl Nelson, 1970-1978.

The following item has been removed to Manuscript Oversize Box 1:

Scrapbook by Fredrica Upchurch on Fort Smith, c. 1935.

The following items have been removed to Manuscript Oversize Box 3: Fourteen diplomas, 1913-1933.

One Uncle Sam United States defense bonds and stamps poster published by Gruen Watches, 1941.

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