

Matilda Victorine Bailiff Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Baillif, Matilda Victorine, 1883-1957
Title	Matilda Victorine (Pepin) Bailiff Collection
Date	1870-1950
Extent	1.0 boxes
Language	English

Biography

Matilda Victorine Baillif was born in Bloomington, Minnesota on March 24, 1883. The daughter of Matilda Pepin and Jules Adolph Baillif, she had 5 brothers (Joseph Adolphus, John Theodore, Victor Alfred, Julies Earle, and Louis Oswald) and 1 sister (Stella Cordella). She graduated from Osakis High School, and received her B.A. and M.A. from the University of Minnesota. Baillif was licensed to teach a variety of subjects in Douglas, Hennepin, and Todd counties. She also worked as a court statistician. In the 1930s, Matilda Baillif began working as a private research counselor in Minneapolis and continued this work even after suffering a stroke in 1943 and disabling hip injury in August 1948. Throughout her life, Baillif maintained ties to a large extended family. She died on February 3, 1957.

Collection Description

One box. Collection covers 1870-1950, primarily 1895-1948. The collection consists of a scrapbook - broken into 10 folders - organized in loose chronological order. Relatives' materials are scattered; other acquaintances and their families' materials are collected to when Matilda first knew them.

Ten folders containing Matilda Victorine Baillif's work: My Autobiography: In Pictures and Other Mementos. The title page contains a note dated April 20, 1947 that indicates Baillif created the scrapbook for the Hennepin County Historical Society's Bloomington Collection.

Folder 1: Copies from the collection containing autobiographical information about Matilda Victorine Baillif's mother, Matilda (Pepin) Baillif.

Folder 2: Pictures of the Baillif family home and Matilda Baillif's family, certificates from schools and church, including her teaching certification, examination grades, and church documents commemorating her first communion and confirmation at St. Alexius Church. This folder also contains Baillif's teaching licenses for a variety of subjects, from Arithmetic to Drawing, in Douglas, Hennepin, and Todd counties.

Folder 3: Folder one contains Matilda Baillif's diploma, report cards, class schedules, commencement invitations and programs, and other mementos from Baillif's time as a student at the University of Minnesota. There are several photographs of Matilda Baillif and taken at graduation and photos of Matilda's friends including the Quigly family and a deceased classmate, Frances Engstrom. There is also a letter from the Church of St. Lawrence along with other religious keepsakes. This folder also contains several letters of recommendation attesting to Baillif's competence as a teacher.

Folder 4: Commencement and wedding invitations, cards and correspondence from and photographs of Matilda Baillif's friends--particularly 1910 U of MN graduates--including the Nyquist family, the Houck family, Jessie "Marcia" Marsh, the Bell family, and Rose Nuwash; errata on Pope Benedict XV, small devotional cards; photographs of the U of MN campus; photographs, play programs, teacher contracts,

letters of recommendation, teaching certificates, and related newspaper clippings from Baillif's first positions as teacher and principal.

Folder 5: Further clippings, programs, contracts, recommendations, photographs from Baillif's years as a teacher, including information on Florence Krejci and the Ziska family (Silver Lake) and the Kopecky family (Chaska). Items related to U of MN 1914 Summer Session and Baillif's graduate work, as well as various photographs of a group of her friends called the 1429ers, possibly after a U of MN dormitory. This folder also includes items relevant to Baillif's kidney removal surgery (including later correspondence with the surgeon) and her relatives, as well as various correspondence, wedding and commencement announcements, and newspaper clippings.

Folder 6: Newspaper clippings, photographs, religious cards/service announcements/indulgences/mass remembrances, etc. Events include Baillif's grandmother's death, Baillif's parents' building of a bungalow and their deaths, Baillif's trip to Europe to visit her friends the Baudots and the beginning of her career as a research counselor. Folder also has several versions of Baillif's business card.

Folder 7: Similar contents to previous folders. Featured people include the Gustafsons, the Schuldts, the Roses, the Wrights. Other notable events include Pope Pius XII, a road trip Baillif took with her sister and friends, Baillif's stroke in 1943 and hip injury in 1948, a family reunion of the Lavocat-Martins. Thereafter, Baillif writes, "The rest of this record is given over to pictures and mementos of relatives", including her grandparents, the Logeais, the Stroms, and the Lamberts.

Folder 8: More photographs and mementos of relatives, including several Pepin families, the Peters, the Nussers, and the Lewises. Further relatives include the Noels, the Morrisettes, the Longtons, and the Cloutier.

Folder 9: This folder also contains photographs and mementos of relatives, particularly of the Baillifs. It also includes the Cloutiers, the Lavalles, the Koppels, the Emersons, the St. Martins, the Lavocats, the Bartletts, and the Todds.

Folder 10: The photographs (and scattered mementos) in this folder are of Matilda's Baillif relatives. Also included in this folder are a few picture postcards from local areas such as Park Falls, WI.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Collection Inventory

Box

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Part 1 1883-1953

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Controlled Access Headings**Geographic Name(s)**

- Bloomington (Minn.)
- Douglas County (Minn.)
- Little Canada (Minn.)
- Osakis (Minn.)

Personal Name(s)

- Baillif, Albert
- Baillif, Joseph
- Baillif, Victor

- Pepin, Adessa
- Pepin, John
- Pepin, Matilda (Morrissette)

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Part 2 1909-1943

Scope and Contents note

Matilda Baillif's diploma, report cards, class schedules, commencement invitations and programs, and other mementos from Bailiff's time as a student at the University of Minnesota. There are several photographs of Matilda Baillif and taken at graduation and photos of Matilda's friends including the Quigly family and a deceased classmate, Frances Engstrom. There is also a letter from the Church of St. Lawrence along with other religious keepsakes. This folder also contains several letters of recommendation attesting to Baillif's competence as a teacher.

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- College Student Records -- Minnesota
- Graduation (University of Minnesota)

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Part 3 1912-1942

Scope and Contents note

Further clippings, programs, contracts, recommendations, photographs from Baillif's years as a teacher, including information on Florence Krejci and the Ziska family (Silver Lake) and the Kopecky family (Chaska). Items related to U of MN 1914 Summer Session and Baillif's graduate work, as well as various photographs of a group of her friends called the 1429ers, possibly after a U of MN dormitory. This folder also includes items relevant to Baillif's kidney removal surgery (including later correspondence with the surgeon) and her relatives, as well as various correspondence, wedding and commencement announcements, and newspaper clippings.

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Controlled Access Headings**Occupation(s)**

- School Principals--Minnesota-Silver Lake

Part 4 1913-1942

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Controlled Access Headings**Family Name(s)**

- Pepin Family.

Personal Name(s)

- Pepin, Ferman
- Peters, Angelica
- Peters, Charles