

Guide to the Jennie Clarkson Dreher Papers, ca. 1791, 1859-1994

See guides to other collections held by
Manuscripts Division

at the South Caroliniana Library – University of South Carolina
<http://www.sc.edu/library/socar/mnscrpts/findaids.html>

Author: Jennie Clarkson Dreher (1916-2006)

Extent:

2.5 linear feet (2 cartons) [Annex]

3 bound volumes [Annex]

1 legal size document box

1 oversize folder

Most materials stored offsite; advance notice required.

BACKGROUND:

Born and reared in Columbia, SC, Jennie Clarkson Dreher Evins (1916-2006) graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1937 with an AB in Education and a certificate in Fine Arts. In 1942 she married James F. Dreher. She was active in civic and cultural endeavors, including the Columbia Junior League, the Junior League Speech and Hearing Clinic, the Town Theatre, and the Columbia Museum of Art. As president of the Historic Columbia Foundation, 1962-1967 and 1970-1971, she worked to raise monies and to encourage the passage of legislation promoting the saving of historic sites and properties in Columbia, one of which was the Robert Mills Historic House and Park. The Richland County Historic Preservation Commission, the City Planning Commission, The Capital City Development Foundation's Downtown Revitalization Committee, the South Carolina Bicentennial Commission, the Board of

Advisors of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Board of Trustees of the National Trust counted her as a valued member. She was twice honored as the recipient of the Order of the Palmetto. After the death of James Dreher, she married Tom Evins.

SUMMARY:

Papers, 1797, 1859-1994 and undated, consisting of manuscripts, bound volumes, pamphlets, and photographs collected by Jennie Clarkson Dreher. Speeches given in Columbia, Gainesville, FL, and Wilmington reflect her interest in the preservation of historic buildings and gardens, the Robert Mills House and the Boyleston Gardens being two examples. Pamphlets issued by the Historical Commission of South Carolina, 1898-1947, promotional material for Chicora College, 1916, and yearbooks of the American Legion Auxiliary to Richland Post no. 6, 1924-1931 reinforce her interest in history. Articles about her work in the community appeared in "The State," "Newsweek," and the "Columbia Mirror." Many of the bound volumes were cash books or business ledgers that were repurposed as scrapbooks, having news articles pasted over ledger entries. A scrapbook, 1925-1929, details the efforts of the American Legion Auxiliary to save the Woodrow Wilson House. Mrs. Henry Cappelmann gave the scrapbook to Dreher. Ledgers belonging to the Columbia Stage Company contain lists of stockholders. An audiocassette of the 1978 Ambassador's Breakfast and a sound/slide presentation of the 1978 Ambassador of the Year sponsored by the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce are included with the papers. Jennie Clarkson Dreher was the first woman ever to be so honored by the group. An oversize folder contains a United Daughters of the Confederacy membership, n.d., two Orders of the Palmetto, 1979 and 1994, Advisory Committee on the Arts membership, 1979 and Xeroxed copies of a petition of the German Protestant Church Zion on Saludy River, 1797 and a petition, undated, signed by women of Lexington District re sale of intoxicating liquors and consumption of the same at the place of purchase.

Accession Number: 15025

Contents List to the Jennie Clarkson Dreher Papers:

Legal size document box (on site)

Folder

1. Biographical data
2. A Carolina Calendar, 1915
3. Misc. newspaper articles and recollections, 1923-1932, May 1960-2 May 1991, nd.
4. Minutes, Directors and Stockholders, Columbia Stage Company, 18 Apr 1924-11 Feb 1950
5. 3 MSS, 14 Nov 1932-2 Dec 1937
6. 1 MS, "The Fields Beyond," 27 Oct 1945
7. 6 MSS, 18-29 Oct 1956, n.d.
8. "Newsweek," 3 May 1965
9. Foundation for Historic Restoration, Pendleton, SC, 25 Apr 1972
10. Annual Meeting of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 27 Oct 1972
11. Robert Mills House, 1972
12. "Preservation and Local Politics," Gainesville, FL, 29 Mar 1974
13. Ambassador of the Year, Mar 1978, 27 Jan 1993
14. 1 MS, 28 Feb 1978
15. "Sarah Boyleston and her Garden (1871-1963)," 10-11 Apr 1984
16. 10 MSS, 15-23 Dec 1983
17. Speech and notes, Wilmington, NC, n.d
18. 9 MPs, n.d.
19. Loose ledger pages, fragments, n.d.
20. 9Ps, May 1953-1975, n.d.
21. Poems, 1933-1948 by Margaret Crawford Risher [some of which reflect impact of World War II]
22. Poems, 1938-1948 by Margaret Crawford Risher
23. 3 vols., 1897, 1931, 1934
24. Picture of Clarkson home in Columbia, S.C. (inscription on back, n.d.)

Carton 1 (1879-1952) [ANNEX]

95 pamphlets and bound volumes including:

the American Legion Auxiliary to Richland Post no. 6 yearbooks (1925/26 - 1930/31)

S.C. Department of the American Legion Auxiliary yearbooks (1925/26-1930/31)

Report of the Historical Commission of the State of SC (1898-1947)

Bulletins of the Historical Commission of S.C. (1915-1932)

Ledgers of the Columbia Stage Company (S.C.) (1924-1949)

Carton 2 (1859-1987) [ANNEX]

10 bound volumes including ledgers used as scrapbooks and recipe books; a ledger containing names and types of insurance premiums due/paid; bound copies of plays written by James F. Dreher; and a sound/slide presentation of the 1978 Ambassador of the Year Award presented by the Greater Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

Bound Volumes [ANNEX]

Cash Account Book, 1866-1900, Receipts(recipes), 1883-n.d.

American Legion Auxiliary Scrapbook, 1919-1925 (re preservation of the Woodrow Wilson home in Columbia, S.C.)

Coupon Register Scrapbook, 1899, n.d.

Oversize folder [on site]

Petition of the German Protestant Church Zion Twelve Mile Creek, waters of the Saluda River. in the Dutch Fork Area of the Orangeburg District, 1797 (Photocopy)

Petition to Lexington District, undated (Photocopy)

United Daughters of the Confederacy certificate, n.d.

Order of the Palmetto presented to JCD, 1979, 1994

Advisory Committee on the Arts, 1979