Annie Pearl Pratt Van Noppen Collection

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Title: Annie Pearl Pratt Van Noppen Collection

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Van Noppen, Annie Pearl

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Descriptive Note: Annie Pearl Pratt was born in 1886 in Madison, NC. In 1905 she married John James Van Noppen II, a dentist in Spray, NC. They had 5 sons. Annie, or Pearl as she was known, was a teacher and avid student of local history. She was a member of the Leaksville Spray History club for 14 years, and then in 1922 she founded the Dolly Madison Book Club in Madison, NC. The club was primarily a study club, with members writing papers and presenting them at meetings. They also performed community service by donating books to the high school library and the County Home, maintaining local
cemeteries, and filling Christmas stockings for soldiers. The club was active for at least 15 years in Madison.

**Contents:**

1 typewritten copy “Historic Churches of North Carolina” by Pearl Van Noppen (no date)

1 typewritten copy “Neighboring Gardens” which includes descriptions of some homes in Rockingham County and Pittsylvania County, Va. including The Century House in Leaksville, Windsor, Dan’s Hill, Berry Hill, and Oak Hill. (no date)

1 typewritten copy “Outline of the History of Dolly Madison Book Club” written on the occasion of the club’s 15th anniversary

1 poem, handwritten, by Violet Mielner in honor of the Dolly Madison Book Club

1 news clipping, “Double Cabin in Stokes Holds Several Treasures” (no date)


1 news clipping, “She Makes a Home for Wild Flowers”, Winston Salem Journal, no date

1 typewritten manuscript, “Colonel James Hunter and the Regulators” by Annie Pearl Van Noppen

1 typewritten manuscript, “Early Settlers in This Region” (Western Rockingham) by Annie Pearl Van Noppen

1 copy “Old Times in the Old Town” with reminiscences of life in Madison, NC. Includes a watercolor painted cover.

1 copy “Old Homes in Rockingham Along the Dan” by Annie Pearl Pratt Van Noppen (published in the Madison Messenger in the 1950’s)