

## Annie Pearl Pratt Van Noppen Collection

- Repository:** Rockingham Co. Historical Collections  
Gerald B. James Library  
Rockingham Community College  
P. O. Box 38  
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- Title:** Annie Pearl Pratt Van Noppen Collection
- Accession No.:** 15-089
- Extent:** 1 folder – unboxed collections
- Provenance:** Donated by Robin Taylor
- Inclusive Dates:** 1922-1937
- Subject Headings:** Dolly Madison Book Club  
Madison (N. C.) -- History  
Rockingham County (N. C.) -- History  
Van Noppen, Annie Pearl
- Items Separated:**
- Related Collections:**
- Preferred Citation:** *Annie Pearl Pratt Van Noppen Collection. 15-089. Rockingham Co. Historical Collections, Gerald B. James Library, Rockingham Community College.*
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, "Miss Van Noppen Soon Will Marry Jack H. Millsaps", Greensboro Daily News, August 13, 1961

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)

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