

Anna Kadlec Papers, 1893-1991 (2 boxes)

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Restrictions

None.

Biographical Sketch

Anna Koutecky was born in Chicago on August 9, 1894, the first child of an immigrant couple from Czechoslovakia. In 1923 Anna married Frank Kadlec (1889-1938), a physician at Chicago's Jackson Park Hospital. They had two children, Nancy and Bonnie. (You will find more on Anna Koutecky-Kadlec's life in the biographical file, f.19.)

Anna worked at the University of Chicago Settlement House. With her knowledge of five languages, she quickly caught the eye of Mary McDowell, and became Miss McDowell's assistant. While at the settlement Anna also worked closely with Jane Addams of Hull House. Anna claimed that Addams and McDowell were training her to take over the Settlement House. During this time period she also attended the University of Chicago. Upon graduation, Anna received a fellowship to study the employment of women in the meat packing industry at Morris Packing Company in Chicago. Ms. Koutecky was then employed in industrial relations for the same company from 1918-1923.

Following her marriage, she took some time off to raise her children but later received her teaching certification and went back to work as a teacher at the Betsy Ross School in the 1930s. Mrs. Kadlec then went to the Tonti School in Chicago where she taught until 1960. In 1960, Anna moved to Richmond, KY where she taught at the Miller School for a year. She then taught at the ECU Model School for four years. Anna lived in Richmond until her death on August 30, 1991 at age 97.

Scope and Content Note

The Kadlec Papers contain information pertaining to the settlement house movement in Chicago during the early twentieth century; in particular, the University of Chicago Settlement House. In addition, the researcher will find information about Miss Mary McDowell, who was an early advocate of the settlement house movement in Chicago. In this collection the researcher will find various pamphlets and articles from Anna's days as a student at the University of Chicago. There is also information about the Morris Packing Company in Chicago, where Anna Kadlec was employed after graduation from college in 1917. The collection includes pamphlets published by the Juvenile Protection Association of Chicago, personal collection, business correspondence related to Morris Packing Company and newspaper clippings relating to Miss Mary McDowell, Jane Addams and the settlement house movement. A unique item in the collection is a photograph of Dwight Eisenhower when he was a 2nd Lt. and a Tactical Officer in the Mexican Border Control, dated 1916.

Donor Information

Nancy Runck (1989-001).

Box List

Box 01

- f.01 “My Autobiography,” written in 1914 by Anna Koutecky-Kadlec. Anna was twenty years old when she wrote this autobiography for her English class while she attended the University of Chicago. In it she describes the changes that the city of Chicago had endured in the previous twenty years and focuses on her education from the time she was in the sixth grade through her senior year of high school. Anna also includes the people who most influenced her early life. (1 item)
- f.02 Lake High School English Notebook, 1910. This item contains various homework assignments from her high school English class. There are summaries of various works of literature, in addition to a list of words and their definitions toward the end of the notebook. (1 item)
- f.03 Writing assignments while she was at University of Chicago. Anna was fascinated with creative writing, so you will find various pieces of such within this folder. In addition to writings from her English class, you will find an example of a weekly history report. (8 items)
- f.04 Various pamphlets and articles from the University of Chicago; “Star and Circle” 1922, “The Convocation Ode” 1916, General program for Convocation of 1916, “Hell’s Bells” alumni magazine. The “Star and Circle” is the publication of Delta Sigma Club of the University of Chicago. It was annually published by the alumni of this organization. “The Convocation Ode” was published to mark the quarter-centennial of the University of Chicago. The general program for the Convocation of 1916 describes the days events for the celebration of the quarter-centennial of the University of Chicago. “Hell’s Bells” was published by the University of Chicago as a newsletter that listed alumni and had an update of their lives. (9 items)
- f.05 Personal Correspondence; letters, postcards and business cards. The letters and postcards are from people who Anna met through the settlement house or through her job with Morris Packing Company. There are personal letters from people who worked at the various branches of Morris Packing Company. There are postcards that depict places such as the “Mohawk Trail through the Berkshires, Massachusetts,” the “Southern Cambria Trolley and Pennsylvania Limited Rounding Curve,” “Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Indiana,” and the “Henry Booth House, Chicago, 1898-1909.” There is also a postcard from the White House that is apparently responding to a letter of encouragement that Anna had sent to President Nixon. (16 items)
- f.06 Newspaper clippings; photocopies of clippings pertaining to Mary McDowell, Jane Addams, and from *The Daily Maroon*, 1917. Articles include information about the death of Miss Mary McDowell and Jane Addams’ Hull House. *The Daily Maroon* was the official newspaper of the University of Chicago. It seems that the particular articles from *The Daily Maroon* found in this collection are dealing with a dance at the University of Chicago. (12

items) **Note: Full Issues of *The Daily Maroon* are available in microform through the University of Chicago Library.**

- f.07 Personal Pamphlets; “The Mingler,” “The Blackfriars,” “The Annual Spring Festival of All Souls Church and Abraham Lincoln Centre” program, “Summer Outings in Chicago via Elevated Railroads,” and “Princess Theatre.” These pamphlets are mostly programs from theater performances that Anna likely attended. (5 items)
- f.08 “Souvenir Program of Chicago Day at the Fair,” October 9, 1893. This program was from the Worlds Fair that was held in Chicago in 1893. The program details the days events and a parade that was conducted on October 9, 1893. (1 item)
- f.09 Programs and pamphlets relating to the University of Chicago Settlement House. Includes several articles written by Mary McDowell. One pamphlet commemorates “Fifty Years at the University of Chicago Settlement, 1894-1944,” includes information about how the settlement house was founded and the duties and responsibilities of the University of Chicago Settlement. A brief itinerary of a University of Chicago Settlement “Cooperative,” May 9, 1919. An informal program of a memorial service for Mary McDowell, November 29, 1936. (10 items)
- f.10 Documents relating to prohibition. One letter is to the Anti Saloon League. This letter is from a concerned mother, wife and citizen. In this letter Mrs. Mary Petty states how drinking greatly influences her husband and son so much that she fears they will become drunkards. The second document illustrates men’s attitudes toward temperance. These men are members of the “Water Wagon Club” which promotes temperance. This document illustrates the decline of alcohol sales since the founding of this club that over two thousand men are members. These men work for the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad Company. (2 items)
- f.11 Pamphlets relating to the settlement house movement in Chicago. Two of the items give information about other settlement houses in Chicago; the Henry Booth House and the Chicago Commons. The third item is a pamphlet that shows how the Ford Motor Company supports education. (3 items)
- f.12 Pamphlets relating to immigration and citizenship for naturalization. One pamphlet is entitled “Report of the Immigration Committee of the Women’s Trade Union League of Chicago, from July 15, 1907 to April 1, 1908.” Also included is a pamphlet distributed at Hull House, “Lessons in Citizenship for Naturalization” by Charles P. Schwartz. (3 items)
- f.13 Pamphlets relating to the settlement house movement in Chicago. One pamphlet, “Christopher House” (1918), contains the annual report for the Christopher House Association of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston. A pamphlet very similar to the Christopher House pamphlet is one that contains the annual report for the “Greenwich House” (1917) in Chicago. Another pamphlet is from the Chicago Normal College, and is entitled “Handbook for the information and Guidance of Students” (1931-1932). It seems to be very similar to an undergraduate catalog that describes different major requirements

and general knowledge of the University. (3 items)

- f.14 Pamphlets relating to University of Chicago Settlement. One pamphlet describes “Chicago Housing Conditions: Among the Slovaks of the Twentieth Ward.” The other pamphlet describes the University of Chicago Settlement House. It describes the activities and services provided by the University of Chicago Settlement House. (2 items)
- f.15 Social Services pamphlets; relating to living conditions and child labor in Chicago. Many of these pamphlets were printed by the Juvenile Protective Association. They deal with child labor and the welfare of children, also with general crime in the Chicago area. There is one pamphlet dealing with food conservation, and one dealing with the garbage problem in Chicago, and the Women’s vote. There are also pamphlets that contain information about playgrounds for children, a pamphlet from The Chicago Kindergarten Institute, a pamphlet from the Northwestern University Settlement, Chicago, entitled “The Neighbor,” and an annual report for the Olivet Institute in Chicago.(14 items)
- f.16 “Hull House Yearbook” (1916) which contains information about Jane Addams’ Hull House. The yearbook contains information about services and activities offered at Hull House as well as the activities and services available to men. (1 item)
- f.17 Statistics on families in need who worked for Morris Packing Company. Anna’s job included providing social services for the workers of Morris Packing Company. The statistics here are those gathered for Anna’s work that would enable her to provide provisions for the families during winter months, especially Christmas. There are also documents that tell of community events that were contributed to by the company. (14 items)
- f.18 Correspondence with Morris Packing Company executives and other material pertaining to the Morris Packing Company. The letters contain information about different requests that Anna made to the company executives. There are also business replies to Anna regarding things that she had requested.(19 items)
- f.19 Information about Anna’s life. Anna’s obituary from the *Richmond Register*. Articles written about Anna Kadlec and her work as a social work reformer in Chicago while she worked for Morris Packing Company. Information in this folder explores the life of Anna Kadlec. Gives great insight to the accomplishments that were achieved by Anna’s dedication. (7 items)
- f.20 Items in this folder are related to Anna’s daughter, Nancy. The folder includes a high school educational experience summary dated 24 June 1943, a copy of an acceptance letter to Michigan State College as a veterinary student, and a piece of literature written by Nancy. (4 items)
- f.21 Information from the Chicago Historical Society about Mary McDowell, includes finding aid for the Mary McDowell collection that is owned by the Chicago Historical Society. Mary McDowell was a very influential person in the settlement house movement in Chicago. For more information about Mary McDowell, consult the Chicago Historical Society. (3

items)

Box 02 - Photographs (Click here to go to scanned images of these photographs.)

- f.01 001, 4638 S. Ashland—where settlement has its first quarters, above a feed store, 1892.
002, Corner of 47th and Ashland, 1892.
003, Men going to work at the packing house, 1910.
004-005, Archer Ave in Chicago, 1925.
006, Lake Park Ave, 1941.
007, Kindergarten Children, 1906.
008, Woman outside with Children, undated.
009, Boys on the way to picnic in the woods, 1917.
010, University of Chicago Settlement Sandbox, undated.
011, Anna with children in the University of Chicago Settlement playground, 1917.
012, Anna with children in the University of Chicago Settlement playground, 1917.
013, Settlement Playground, 1917.
014, One of Anna's Mothers Club, 1917.
015, Mothers and their children, 1917.
016, Playground, 1917.
017, Children at "The Foundation," undated.
018, Match game at Hull House, ca. 1903.
019, Planting trees on playground, 1902.
020, Playground, 1899.
021, Picnic, 1899.
022, Kindergarten Christmas Tree, 1899.
023, Armour Plant from Ashland Ave, undated.
024, McDowell Club, 1899.
025, Christmas Party, 1911.
026, Doll Dress Making Class, 1902.
027, Young Women's Club, 1900.
028, Children listening to a story, 1900.
029, Children of a mother in the Settlement House, 1917.
030, Children's Theater, ca. 1913.
- f.02 031, Mary McDowell, 1899.
032, Miss Mary McDowell holding a child, and an unidentified man, undated.
033, Christmas greeting to Ms. McDowell, 1908.
034, Mary McDowell, 1929.
035 & 036, Painting given to Anna from Mary McDowell, 1917.
- f.03 037, University of Chicago International Club, 1916.
038, University of Chicago Men's Choir, undated.
039, Unidentified Woman, 1916.
040, Graduates from the Chicago Teachers College, 1932.
041, Women playing baseball at University of Chicago, 1916.

- f.04 042-043, Morris & Company Beach Party, 1918.
044, Beach Party Baseball Game, 1918.
045, Beach Party at Calumet Park, 1918.
046, "Off to the Woods," 1919.
047, Overtime Workers, 1919.
048, 4th of July Parade led by Miss Mary McDowell, ca. 1913.
049, Children watching a pie eating contest, ca. July 4th, 1913.
050, Daughters of American Red Cross in the Settlement Dining Room, 1917.
051, Plant Morris women preparing Victory Gardens near University of Chicago Settlement, 1918.
052, Weekly outdoor movies, University of Chicago Settlement, 1927.
053, University of Chicago Settlement early Library rooms, ca. 1911.
054, May Poles, ca. 1911.
055, Lake Geneva, 1917.
056-059, Play Preparation at Lake Geneva, "Meditation," "Conversation," "Declaration," "Climax," 1917.
060, A great grandmother wit great grandchild, Harbor Springs, Michigan, July 1899.
061, Bohemian Sokal Band, undated.
062, Two Lithuanian sisters, undated.
063, A Slovak Woman, perhaps two days after her wedding, undated.
- f.05 064-068, Gypsies, they were often visitors in the stock yard neighborhood, 1911-1912.
- f.06 069, graves in near by Independence Hall, 1918.
070, View of Independence Hall, 1918.
071, Entrance to Independence Hall at 7:00am, July 4th, 1918.
072, A Philadelphia Street, 1918.
073-078, Social Work Convention at Atlantic City after business trip to Philadelphia, 1918.
079, Anna at Atlantic City, 1918.
080, Business trip to Kansas City, 1919.
081-083, Business trip to Oklahoma City, 1919.
084, Business trip to St. Joe, Missouri, 1917.
085, Visiting at St. Joe plant, holding a niece of plant nurse, 1917.
086, St. Joe Plant, 1917.
087-090, St. Joe Missouri, 1917-1918.
091, Anna (l) and a member of the medical staff (r), undated.
092, Medical Staff, undated.
093, Two of Anna's girls from the Bacon department at the packing plant, undated.
094, Bill, Anna's protector, two foremen and two superintendents, undated.
095-097, Pay Day, usually on Tuesdays, undated.
098, Anna with Medical Staff, undated.
099, Frieda Russell, one of the nurses at Morris and Company, and Mary Dugan, one of Anna's secretaries, who put on a performance for the plant, undated.
100, Mother with triplets, undated.

- 101, A plant mothers baby, undated.
102, The family of Mr. Marganski, who worked for Morris and Company, undated.
- f.07 103, Cadet Sgt. Tom Blazina, USMA, son of a former student, gave Anna the picture of 2nd Lt Eisenhower, 1946.
104, 2nd Lt Dwight D. Eisenhower when he was a tactical officer in the Mexican Border Service, 1916.
105-106, two reproductions of the 1917 photograph of 2 Lt Dwight D. Eisenhower, undated.
107, A view of Camp Pike, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1918.
108, Thomas Garrigue Masaryk, President Liberator of Czechoslovakia, ca. 1937.
- f.08 109, Anna in her very first evening dress, May 1917.
110, Unidentified woman (r) and Anna (l), 1916.
111, Anna (r) and a woman named Josephine or Loretta (l), undated.
112, Anna in long white coat holding a hat, undated.
113, Anna in long white coat wearing a hat, undated.
114, Anna "at home," undated.
115, Anna holding flowers, undated.
116, Anna standing in front of a school supply store, undated.
117, Anna wearing her husbands–Frank–World War I uniform, undated.
118, Anna sitting in a chair, 1916.
119, Anna outside carrying a book, 1917.
120, Anna in her cap and gown holding flowers, ca. 1917.
121, Anna in cap and gown, ca. 1917.
122, Anna in cap and gown, 1915.
123, Frank and Anna playing baseball, undated.
124, Anna and Frank, Frank is in his World War I uniform, ca. 1918.
125, Anna and Frank, Frank is in his uniform with winter coat, ca. 1918.
126, Anna and Frank at their cottage in Michigan, one of their last pictures together, 1938.
127, Anna and Frank at their cottage in Michigan, April 1938.
128, Frank Kadlec (back row, left) with other Army personnel, ca. 1917.
129, Frank (l) and an unidentified man (r) in military uniform, ca. 1917.
130, Frank (back row, center) with other Army personnel, ca. 1917.
131, Frank in uniform, 1918.
132, Frank in uniform, 1918.
133, Frank in his office, 1920.
134, Franks medical office, 1920.
135-136, Frank at their cottage in Michigan, July 1938.
137, Anna and her mother in Michigan, 1921.
138-139, Anna's mother, undated.
140, Anna's father, undated.
- f.09 141, Anna getting on a cruise ship, 1958.
142, Anna with the Captain at the Captain's Dinner, 1958.
143, Bonnie, Anna's daughter, and Anna at Bonnie's Master's graduation from the

- University of Oregon, 1972.
144-145, Anna and Victoria, the dog, 1962.
146, Anna in cap and gown, 1962.
147, Anna and Alice at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church Homecoming, June 10, 1984.
148, Anna's Kentucky Drivers License, 1982.
- f.10 149, Women of the University of Chicago Choir, 1916.
150, University of Chicago Choir, 1916.
151-152, Frank, Anna and Ty Cobb at Jackson Park, 1915.
153, Kadlec's with Anna (back row, left), 1915.
154, Anna (l), and unidentified woman (r), 1915.
155-158, Pictures of Anna, 1915ca.
159, Anna (l) with two unidentified women at Lake Geneva, 1913.
160, Anna (l) and unidentified woman at Lake Geneva, 1913.
161, Anna, 1915.
162, Frank (back row, left), Anna (back row, right) and three unidentified people, 1915.
163-167, Beach Party, 1915.
168, Frank (back row, 2nd from left), Anna (back row, 3rd from left) in a group of unidentified people, 1914.
169, Anna (3rd row, right) and Frank (2nd row, right) with unidentified people, undated.
170, Meyer Schulman and Anna in Jackson Park, 1915.
171, Anna and Barney Greenspan on Moonlight excursion on Lake Michigan, 1915.
172, Anna (r) with unidentified group on a Moonlight Excursion on Lake Michigan, 1915.
173, Anna (bottom row, 4th from left) with group of unidentified people at beach, 1916ca.
174, Anna (r) with two unidentified women "On the Fence," 1916.
175, Anna (3rd from right) with group of unidentified women at beach, 1916.
176, Anna (r) with three unidentified people on the tennis courts, 1916.
177, Unidentified woman at beach, 1916.
178, Frank playing tennis, 1916.
179, Anna (l) and three unidentified people, 1916.
180, Unidentified man and woman, 1916.
181, Frank and Anna (on right) with two unidentified people on tennis courts, 1916.
182, People on beach, 1916.
183, Frank (l) on beach, 1916.
184, Group of unidentified people in a field, 1916.
185, Unidentified people up on hill, undated.
186-187, Anna and Frank (r) with unidentified people on the beach, 1916.
188, Frank (r) and unidentified man, 1915.
189, Bill, Pat and Tom, undated.
190, Anna (r) and unidentified woman on a walking bridge, undated.
191, Anna (r) and T., undated.
192, Three women (Anna is center) swinging on swings, undated.
193, Anna with squirrel on her shoulder, undated.
194, Anna (r) with two unidentified women, 1917.
195, Unidentified woman, undated.

- 196, Anna (l) with unidentified woman, 1917.
- 197, Anna and Frank (l) with two unidentified women, 1917.
- 198, Anna (back row, left) with three unidentified young women, undated.
- 199, "Them last days in Rosie," Anna (r) and unidentified woman, 1917.
- 200, Anna and Celia, 1917ca.
- 201, Anna outside reading, 1917
- 202, Last picnic of college days, 1917ca.
- 203, Anna and unidentified woman, 1917ca.
- 204, Anna (bottom left) with sorority sisters, 1917.
- 205, Patsy in cap and gown, 1917ca.
- 206, Unidentified group of women sitting on bleachers, 1916.
- 207, "Fat and Slim," Frank (r) and unidentified man, 1917.
- 208, Anna leaning against a fence, undated.
- 209, Anna's graduation picture, 1917.

- f.11 210, Mrs. Pierce (l), in charge of Kansas City employment office, and Anna (r) at Kansas City, 1918.
- 211, "Daisies," 1911.
- 212, Cliff and ocean landscape with unidentified woman on top of cliff, undated.
- 213, Anna (top right) with unidentified group of people, undated.
- 214, Unidentified young women, 1911.