

Fisher Family Collection



HISTORY *Colorado*

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Summary Information

Repository	History Colorado. Stephen H. Hart Research Center
Creator - Author	Harrah, Madge
Title	Fisher Family Collection
Date	1914-1994
Extent	0.25 Linear feet 0.25 lf
Language	English
Collection [Box]	0.25 lf
Abstract	This collection mostly encompasses several short writings by Blanche Fisher from the early twentieth century along with her daughter Madge Harrah. The material in this collection detail life as a young woman and teacher on the eastern plains and mountains of Colorado.

Preferred Citation note

Cite as: Fisher Family Collection, Mss.02394 (accession 2012.5) History Colorado.

Biographical/Historical note

This collection focuses on the work of Blanche Fisher (1904-1986) living on the eastern plains as a young girl and school teacher in the mountains of Colorado. Educated in Denver, Blanche moved throughout Missouri as a music teacher allowing to bring music to rural towns. She received her teaching degree from Southwest Missouri State Teachers' College. Born to Novella Varvel and James Martin Waggoner, Blanche grew up with three sisters and one brother. Paul Waggoner, son of Novella and James, built a lumber yard in Missouri and the four Waggoner daughters continued on to teach, write, and paint. Blanche went on to marry Lester Fisher leaving behind two children, Bill and Madge Fisher.

Scope and Contents note

Blanche Waggoner Fisher (1904-1986) wrote about her family homestead in Vona, Colorado, as well as separate reminiscence of her life as a 17-year old school teacher on the Eastern Plains and in the mountains of Colorado, 1920-1923. Also included in this work are photographs detailing life on the plains in the early twentieth-century along with newspaper clippings announcing awards for both Blanche, a highly respected teacher and artist, and her daughter Madge.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Use note

Open to researchers without restrictions.

Provenance

At age 70 Blanche Fisher wrote of her family and life experiences in Colorado. She dies in 1986 at the age of 82. The material donated to History Colorado was sent to us by her daughter, Madge Harrah, who inherited her mother's things after her death. In addition to the reminiscences, Madge has supplied detailed background information and some biographical material regarding her mother enabling us to place the collection into context.

Processing Information note

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Indexing Terms

Genres and Forms of Materials

- Books.
- Newspaper clippings.

- Photographs.

Subjects - Places

- Barton County (Mo.)
- El Dorado Springs (Mo.)
- Missouri.
- Vona (Colo.)

Occupation(s)

- Teacher

Subjects - People

- Fisher, Blanche, 1904-1986
- Harrah, Madge
- Varvel Waggoner, Novella
- Waggoner, Bill
- Waggoner, Edna
- Waggoner, James Martin
- Waggoner, Madge
- Waggoner, Marie
- Waggoner, Paul

Subjects - Topics

- Rhythm band

Accession number

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Collection Inventory

Written Work 4.0 Item(s)

FF1 *Comet Luck* by Madge Harrah 1994 1.0 Item(s)

FF2 *Color Hikes* by Blanche Fisher N.d. 1.0 Item(s)

FF3 Fisher, Blanche, 1904-1986 *Waggoner Family Stories* by Blanche Fisher 1914 1.0 Item(s)

Subjects - Places

- Kit Carson (Colo.)
- Missouri.

FF4 Fisher, Blanche, 1904-1986 *The Education of an Innocent* by Blanche Fisher 1920-1923 1.0 Item(s)

Subjects - Places

- Cripple Creek (Colo.)
- Dillon (Colo.)

Subjects - Topics

- Cowboys.

Newspaper Awards 2009 3.0 Item(s)

FF5 "Lifetime Achievement Award" for Madge Fisher April 2009 2.0 Item(s) "Shining Star" article image. "Lifetime of Achievement Award" announcement.

Subjects - People

- Harrah, Madge

FF6 *Shining Star* by Martha Unruh N.d. 2.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

The article written by Martha Unruh focuses on the artist ability of retired art and music teacher Blanche Fisher. Since retirement she has since turned her attention to painting in El Dorado Springs.

Subjects - People

- Fisher, Blanche, 1904-1986

Photographs N.d. 6.0 Item(s)

FF7 Waggoner Family Portraits N.d. 4.0 Item(s)

Subjects - People

- Fisher, Blanche, 1904-1986
- Varvel Waggoner, Novella
- Waggoner, Bill
- Waggoner, Edna
- Waggoner, James Martin
- Waggoner, Madge
- Waggoner, Marie
- Waggoner, Paul

FF8 Personal Family Photographs N.d. 2.0 Item(s)

Scope and Contents note

Rhythm Band.

VONA; family photographs.