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Finding Aid

➤ **The Hazel Dell Kellogg Papers, 1878-1994, bulk 1878-1923** ◀

MSS-131

Size: 1.75 linear feet

Provenance: Received from Philip L. Micham, grandson of Hazel Dell Kellogg, 23 July, 1998.

Access: open

Collection Summary: Materials in the collection include correspondence, writings, datebooks, financial documents, photographs, and ephemera documenting the life of this school teacher and resident of Toledo, Ohio.

Subjects: [Education and Schools](#), [Women](#)

Related Collection: Mattie Anderson Scrapbook Collection, MSS-088

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Biographical Sketch

Hazel Dell Kellogg Micham was born on April 24, 1885 in Riga, Michigan. Her early life was spent in and around the Kellogg home in Riga Township, Lenawee County. At a young age she was baptized and became a member of the South Riga M.P. Church. She completed the district school in Riga Township at the age of 14. She then entered the high school in Blissfield, Michigan, attending for three years. Following high school, she studied at Adrian College for two years until her father's death in 1905, when the family moved to Lucas County, Ohio.

In Lucas County she became affiliated with the Dorr Street Church where she became involved with religious education work. She also taught in public schools in Monclova Township until her mother's failing health necessitated that she be a full-time care-giver.

She was married to Raymond Micham on December 25, 1913. To this union two sons were born, Charles Kellogg Micham in 1914 and Ray Delmar Micham in 1917. She passed away as a result of an influenza epidemic on November 27, 1918. In addition to her husband and sons, she was survived by a sister, Bessie K. Corn, and four brothers, Waldo, Howard, Willison, and Harvey.

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Scope and Content Note

The Hazel Dell Kellogg Papers are comprised of correspondence, including letters and postcards, school and professional papers, financial documents, various printed materials, photographs, and ephemera. Each of these record groups constitutes a separate series. The Correspondence series, the largest in the collection, is divided into two subseries: letters and postcards. The collection appears to have been amassed by Hazel and then preserved by her husband after her death. He added a few items to the collection in each of the series

Hazel's correspondence is primarily letters and cards exchanged between herself and her family and friends. The School and Professional Papers series includes grade cards, diplomas, letters of recommendation, and school projects. Kellogg's obituary is also included in this series. Financial Documents in this collection consist primarily of tax records and bank books. The Printed materials series is comprised of books of daily use like address books along with several pamphlets, clippings, fliers, brochures, and business cards. Kellogg's photographs are mainly snapshots of family members, a formal portrait of herself, along with pictures apparently of the areas surrounding her home. The final series, Ephemera, includes wallets, name or calling cards and other handwritten materials.

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Series List

S1 Correspondence

1878-1994, bulk 1878-1919

arranged chronologically

This is the largest series in the collection. It is divided into two subseries, Letters and Postcards. Topics addressed include daily events, plans, jokes, illnesses, religion, and deaths in the family. Also included in this series are letters of recommendation written on behalf of Hazel Kellogg when she was seeking employment for the first time as a teacher (in 1908). Of note are letters sent home by Hazel's brother, Howard, when he was serving in the Spanish-American War. Hazel was apparently an active letter writer, as there are replies to her posts from a large group of friends and family members.

S2 School and Professional Papers

1897-1918

arranged chronologically

This series contains grade cards, fliers for events on campus at Adrian College, essays written in school, artwork done for a drawing class, and a handwritten copy of Hazel's teaching certificate awarded in 1908. Also included in this series is a handwritten copy of Hazel's obituary written in 1918 (and the basis for the biographical sketch included in this finding aid).

S3 Financial Documents

1909-1920

arranged chronologically

This series consists of bankbooks: savings account books and used checkbooks with stubs describing each transaction (1909-1920); an invoice from a music shop in Milwaukee, Wisconsin called The Steffen Music Co. (1909); and tax bills and records from 1915. The series gives perspective on the financial life of Midwesterners in the early part of the 20th century.

S4 Printed Materials

1899-1923

arranged chronologically

Another large series, this one contains examples of books used on a daily basis such as address books (1915 and 1921), calendars (1904, 1910, and 1912), notebooks, memoranda books, motorist's record book (1899-1910), and workmen's time books (1917 and 1923). Also included are a group of pamphlets mostly religious in nature (1905-1910); and various individual items such as newspaper clippings, business cards, fliers, and brochures.

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S5 Photographs

1906-1923

arranged chronologically

Most of the photographs are unlabeled. Consequently, the subjects of these photos appear to friends and family of Hazel Kellogg as well as pictures of places near her home. There is one formal signed portrait of Hazel that she gave to her husband Raymond before they were married. Many of the photos in the series are affixed to postcards, a common practice in the early part of the century. Of special note is a postcard photograph taken by Hazel's husband and sent to her apparently when they were courting. The variety of people and places captured in these photos makes this collection an important source of documentation of the Midwest during this period.

S6 Ephemera

1908 and n.d.

This small series is comprised of leather and cloth wallets, various lists, name cards, a wedding announcement, and a piece of stationary. These items help to fill in the picture of Hazel and her family painted by the rest of the collection.

Folder List

Box Folder Description

S1. Correspondence		
Letters		
1	1	1878-1897
	2	1898
	3	1899-1900
	4	1901-1904
	5	1905
	6	1906
	7	1907
	8	1908
	9	1909
	10	1910
	11	1913-1919
	12	n.d.
	13	1994
	14	miscellaneous envelopes, 1903-1910 and n.d.

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Postcards

- 15 1897-1909
- 16 1910-1922
- 17 n.d.

S2. School and Professional Papers

- 18 1897-1918

S3. Financial Documents

- 19 Bank books, 1909-1920, n.d.
- 20 Various, 1909, 1915, 1916

S4. Printed Materials

- 21 Address books, 1915 and 1921
- 22 Booklets, 1905, 1907, 1910, n.d.
- 23 Calendars, 1904, 1910, 1912
- 24 Workman's Time Books, 1917 and 1923
- 25 Various books: memoranda books, motorist's record, and notebooks, 1899-1910
- 26 Various papers: clippings, business cards, fliers, brochures, n.d.

S5 Photographs

- 27 1906-1923
- 28 n.d.

S6 Ephemera

- 29 Wallets, name cards, lists, wedding announcement, and stationary, 1908 and undated