

Inventory of

Elizanne Lewis
Rockford, Illinois

Collection

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INTRODUCTION

Elizanne Lewis of Rockford, Illinois permitted her records and oral history to be preserved in the Regional History Center on September 19, 2014. The Northern Illinois Council of Girl Scouts conducted a video recording during the interview and donated that along with digital copies of letters, news clippings and photos from Elizanne's Girl Scouts scrapbook on November 18, 2014.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT

The collection consists of an oral history interview conducted on September 19, 2014. The interview mostly covers Elizanne Lewis's memories of being in the Girls Scouts, and was done in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Council of Girl Scouts. The interview mainly centers on Elizanne's career in the Girl Scouts from 1928 to 1939, detailing why and when she joined, activities, different levels, badges, and the Golden Eaglet award. The interview also contains information about general Rockford area history, including details about life in Rockford and Loves Park during the Great Depression and World War II.

Also included in the collection are digital copies of letters, photographs, and news clippings from within Elizanne's Girl Scouts scrapbook. The date of these materials range from 1928 to 1969 but are predominantly from the 1930s and 1940s.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

Elizanne Lewis was born in East Moline, Illinois in March 1920. Her family soon moved back to the Rockford area after her birth. Elizanne joined the Rockford Girl Scouts Council in 1928, the chapter was chartered only a year earlier. She was the first Rockford Girl Scout to start as a Brownie and continue through high school to earn her Golden Eaglet, which was the highest achievement in the Girl Scouts at that time. Elizanne attended Rockford College in 1938. While in college, she remained active in the Girl Scouts and became Camp Councilor at Camp Rotary. She married in 1943.

In 1945, she became the leader of the Wing Scouts, a Senior Girl Scout program for members interested in serving their country and flying. The program started in 1941 and ended in the

1970s. Elizanne remained active in the Scouts up through the 1960s when she became Council President. In May 1991, she was honored for 60 years of Girl Scouting. Elizanne has also devoted her much of her life to volunteering and received the Unitarian of the Year Award for volunteer work in February 1992.

SUBJECT TRACINGS

Girl Scouts
Lewis, Elizanne
Loves Park (Ill.)
Northern Illinois Council of Girl Scouts
Oral History
Rockford (Ill.)
Scrapbooks

COLLECTION INVENTORY

<u>BOX</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	1-2	Oral History, 1928-1939; interviewed September 14, 2014 (cassette tapes)
1	3-5	Oral History, 1928-1939; interviewed September 14, 2014 (CDs)
1	6-7	Oral History, 1928-1939; interviewed September 14, 2014 (DVDs)
1	8	Scrapbooks, letters, news clippings, and photos, 1928-1945 (CD)
1	9	Scrapbook, 1933-1969 (CD)
1	10	Scrapbook and news clippings, 1937-1945 (CD)