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INTRODUCTION

This collection centers on Annie Long (Mrs. Americus Eugene) Crutcher, who lived in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1891 until her death in 1955. She was active in helping found the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers and served as President of this organization from 1913-1923; she was Founders Day Chairman for the Parent Teacher Association of which she was a life member. Prior to her retirement in 1953, she was curator of Fort Nashborough for fourteen years.

The materials in this finding aid measure 1.68 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials. Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Annie Long Crutcher Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Annie Elizabeth (Long) Crutcher Papers, containing approximately 400 items, covers the years 1906-1952. The collection consists of correspondence, minutes, programs, organizational records, biographies, newsletters, genealogical records, booklets, photographs, and other papers.

Though there are few letters of Mrs. Americus Eugene Crutcher, her incoming correspondence makes up the largest single part of the collection. This correspondence deals with the many organizations in which Mrs. Crutcher was active. Among other subjects, the correspondence deals with the American War Mothers, Fort Nashborough, the National Congress of Mothers, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Tennessee Woman's Historical Association and especially the Parent Teacher Association.

Materials that are non-correspondence in nature, are organized by organization. Hence, Parent Teacher Association material is grouped together and then further broken down (By-Laws and Resolutions; Founders Day; Founders Day—Programs; history, etc.). See the container list for a complete listing.

Biographical data includes sketches for Mrs. Theodore W. Birney, Mrs. A. Eugene Crutcher, and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst.

Genealogical data is on the Long family of Virginia and Missouri. Related families are Cogswell, Lewis, Caulk, and others.

The folders at the end of the collection are a grouping of letters of condolence to Mrs. Crutcher on the death of her mother (Mrs. Henrietta Austin Timberlake Long) in 1918 and her husband (Mr. Americus Eugene Crutcher) in 1921.

The oversize folder contains several certificates for Annie Long Crutcher as well as a diploma for the Columbia Female Institute. Also included is a membership list for the United States Flag Association, Living Flag No. 207 of which Mrs. Eugene Crutcher was the "Flagstaff."

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Annie Elizabeth Long Crutcher

Mrs. Annie Elizabeth Long Crutcher was born in Columbus, Mississippi in 1868, the daughter of John Richard and Henrietta Austin Timberlake Long. She graduated from Columbus Female Institute and came to Nashville in 1891, the young bride of Mr. Americus Eugene Crutcher. By this marriage there was one son, Eugene Long Crutcher. She resided in Nashville until her death on January 18, 1955. Her home was on 209 Twenty-First Avenue, South. She is buried in Saint Louis.

President of a Mother's Club in 1911, she helped found the Tennessee Congress of Parents and Teachers and served as president of this organization from 1913-1923.

Often referred to as "The Mother of the Tennessee Congress," Mrs. Crutcher served in many capacities: as vice-president-at-large, state historian, and Founders Day Chairman. The National Congress honored her by making her a National Vice-President in 1914 and National Historian in 1923.

Mrs. Crutcher received a state life membership in the Parent Teacher Association in 1922, and the State Board created the Annie L. Crutcher Loan Scholarship Fund at the University of Tennessee in July 1923, in her honor.

Mrs. Crutcher actively campaigned for the passage of child labor and mental deficiency legislation.

During World War I, she was one of the nation's "Dollar a Year" women. She was the founder of the first "Living Flag" organization in Tennessee and Vice President Charles G. Dames presented her a medal.

Prior to her retirement in 1953, Mrs. Crutcher was curator of Fort Nashborough for fourteen years.

She was a member of the West End Methodist Church. She served as president of the Nashville Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and held membership in the Tennessee Tuberculosis Association; American Legion Auxiliary; Women's Tennessee Historical Society; Federation of Women's Clubs; Red Cross and a member of the Junior Red Cross Advisory Board. She was a member of the Cumberland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution; a charter member of the Centennial Club; a member of the Harding Jackson Garden Club; the Ladies Hermitage Association; the Kings Daughters; Daughters of 1812; American War Mothers; and also served on the Advisory Board of the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Labor and the Tennessee Rivers and Harbors Committee.

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