Fern Boan Collection
(C4168)

Collection Number: C4168

Collection Title: Fern Boan Collection

Dates: 1915-1956

Creator: Boan, Fern Odette, 1896-1988, collector

Abstract: A collection of play programs from theaters in St. Louis, Chicago, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, and New York, which include a variety of advertisements.

Collection Size: 0.2 cubic feet
(7 folders)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia. If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] Fern Boan Collection (C4168); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

Donor Information: The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Fern Boan on September 27, 1973 (Accession No. CA1036).


Biographical Note:

Fern Odette Boan was born on August 4, 1896, in Barnett, Missouri, the daughter of James Edward and Mattie Ann Boan. She graduated from the Barnett Institute in 1914 and earned a
Bachelor of Science degree from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, and a master’s degree and Ph. D. in Sociology from the Chicago University School of Social Services. Boan served as professor of Sociology at the University of Oklahoma at Norman and for many years acted as the supervisor of Family Services in Independence, Missouri.

Fern Boan was a member of the Hopewell Christian Church near Barnett, a member of the Barnett Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Lamda, and health-related organizations. Boan was also a member of three historical organizations in Morgan County, Missouri. She wrote and published *A History of Poor Relief Legislation and Administration in Missouri*, 1941, and *State Care of the Insane in Missouri with Special Reference to Hospital Number One in Fulton*, 1926. Boan died in 1988.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection contains play programs from theaters in St. Louis, Chicago, Oklahoma City, Kansas City, and New York, which include a variety of advertisements.

**Container List:**

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