



## Ruth Jones Scurlock Scrapbooks (C4797)

**Collection Number:** C4797

**Collection Title:** Ruth Jones Scurlock Scrapbooks

**Dates:** 1919-1974

**Creator:** Scurlock, Ruth Jones, 1901-1984

**Abstract:** Scrapbooks include correspondence, news clippings, sorority ephemera, and photographs. Materials document Ruth Jones Scurlock's life beginning with college at the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and the University of Missouri, to her later years as an active member in local organizations like the local Girls Scouts and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Columbia, Missouri.

**Collection Size:** 0.74 cubic feet  
(2 volumes)

**Language:** Collection materials are in English.

**Repository:** The State Historical Society of Missouri

**Restrictions on Access:** Collection is open for research but may be stored offsite. 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](mailto:columbia@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Donor Information:** The records were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Ruth Jones Scurlock on October 16, 1984 (Accession No. CA6415).

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**Historical Note:**

Ruth Jones Scurlock was born in Yale, Oklahoma, to Harry and Annie L. Abercrombie Jones. She attended Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College in Stillwater, Oklahoma, where she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority from 1919 to 1924. She moved to Columbia, Missouri, to attend the University of Missouri in 1925. She graduated in August of 1925 with her degree in Arts and Science, and she became a teacher. Before graduating, Ruth Jones married Harry E. Scurlock of Columbia, Missouri, in July of 1925. They had one daughter, Ruth Anne Scurlock in 1927.

Ruth Jones Scurlock was a heavily engaged member of the community in Columbia, Missouri. Along with being an active alumna to Pi Beta Phi, Ruth organized the local Columbia Girl Scouts in 1938, the head of publicity for the American Association of University Women in Columbia in 1939-1940, and the treasurer of Columbia Council of Clubs. She was a member of the Altrusa Club, Cancer Control Committee, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where she was a representative to the Mexico deanery and Diocesan Board in St. Louis in 1954-1956. Ruth solicited for multiple organizations including the Red Cross, Heart Association, Cancer Society, March of Dimes, Cerebral Palsy, and United Fund. She passed on November 18, 1984, in Columbia, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following series.

Scrapbooks

**Scope and Content Note:****Scrapbooks**

There are two scrapbooks that were saved by Ruth Jones Scurlock throughout her life. The first is a collection of mementos like dance cards, news clippings, correspondence, and programs that outline her time in college in Oklahoma and Missouri. There is also correspondence from her friends and family while she was abroad in England in 1921. Marriage announcements, reality receipts, and medical receipts are included with birthday cards, Christmas cards, and telegrams from family. News clippings finish the first scrapbook covering people and events like her father, Harry Jones, the Republican National Convention in Kansas City, and personal interest stories.

The second scrapbook is a collection of news clippings and ephemera that include member cards from the American Association of University Women, application for War Ration Books, H.E. Scurlock's Air Raid Warden documents and passport. The news clippings found were of people Ruth knew or was interested in, news primarily on Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pi Beta Phi, and community projects including Girl Scouts and local politics.

**Container List:**

- v.1 Scrapbook, 1919-1934
- v.2 Scrapbook, 1919-1974

**Index:**

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