



## **Leann Arndt Collection (R1507)**

**Collection Number:** R1507

**Collection Title:** Leann Arndt Collection

**Dates:** 1931-1970

**Creator:** Arndt, Leann

**Abstract:** The Leann Arndt Collection contains pamphlets and brochures collected by Leann Arndt. The collection includes records for the Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Missouri State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, booklets printed by Charles H. Evers, and brochures for Iberia College.

**Collection Size:** 0.25 cubic foot  
(5 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-Rolla](http://The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla). If you would like more information, please contact us at [rolla@shsmo.org](mailto:rolla@shsmo.org). Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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**Preferred Citation:** [Specific item; box number; folder number] *Leann Arndt Collection* (R1507); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Rolla [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Rolla].

**Donor Information:** The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Leann Arndt on August 24, 2015 (Accession No. RA1619).

**Related Materials:** Additional materials related to the Leann Arndt Collection can be found in the following collections:

*P.E.O. Sisterhood, Missouri State Chapter Records* (CA5409)

*Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs Records* (CA5838)

**Processed by:** Processed by Kathleen Seale, April 6, 2022

**Historical Note:**

The P.E.O (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Sisterhood was founded in January 1869 by students in Iowa to provide opportunities for women and help them advance through education. The Missouri Chapter started on October 3, 1886 at Unionville. In 1927, Virginia Alice Cottey Stockard donated Cottey College to the P.E.O. Sisterhood. It stands as the only nonsectarian college owned and supported by women.

The National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs began in 1919 in Saint Louis, Missouri with a directive from the United States government to identify the available skills and experience of women in a coordinated effort. The group continues to work towards advancing the rights of working women in the United States. The Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs (MFBPW) started in 1921. The group created the MFBPW Foundation in 1956. In 2009, the organization changed its name to Business Women of Missouri Foundation.

Charles H. Evers was born on February 25, 1883 in West Side, Iowa. He married Mae E. Lynn in 1901 and together they had four children. Evers worked as a barber in Iowa and Lebanon, Missouri with a brief stint as a real estate agent in Washington state in 1910. In 1930, he is listed as a Baptist minister in Lebanon, Missouri. He continued ministering in the 1950s until the 1970s through self-published pamphlets. Evers died in June 1976 and is buried in Lebanon, Missouri.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into the following three series:

Women's Organizations  
Charles H. Evers  
Iberia College

**Scope and Content Note:**

**Women's Organizations**

This series contains materials related to the Missouri Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs and Missouri State Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. The materials include copies of by-laws, membership numbers, and annual convention programs. The series is arranged by organization and then chronologically.

**Charles H. Evers**

This series consists of materials printed by Charles H. Evers. The pamphlets date from 1956 to 1970. Evers, as author, is listed as a reverend and Doctor of Divinity on different pamphlets. The pamphlets contain religious text and guidance on how to live to be 100. The series is arranged in chronological order.

## Iberia College

This series contains brochures with photographs for Iberia College. The brochures have no publication date but include information on the college's new conservation focus. The college sought to focus on conservation under the leadership of Dr. Forrest Brown who served as its president from 1947 until its closure in 1951.

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