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## Collection Summary

### *Identifier*

MA 71

### *Title*

Blanche Avery Johnston Class of 1916 collection

### *Creator*

Blanche Avery Johnston

### *Dates*

1912-1986

### *Extent*

0.21 linear feet -- 1 small document case, photographs

### *Language*

English

### *Repository*

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### *Access note*

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### *Abstract*

Blanche Avery Johnston was a member of the South Dakota State College class of 1916. The collection contains materials Johnston collected during her time at South Dakota State College, including 103 photographs and a booklet about campus life.

## **Biographical Note**

Born April 28, 1895 in Alexandria, SD, Blanche Avery Johnston was a member of the South Dakota State College class of 1916. From 1916 to 1917 she was a home economics teacher in Elgin, Minnesota. She married Ralph Johnston September 4, 1917 and they lived in Hot Springs, SD before moving to Brookings, SD. Ralph Johnston became the first curator of the South Dakota Agricultural Heritage Museum. Blanche Johnston was the Grand Marshal of the Hobo Day Parade in 1986. She passed away December 13, 1986.

## **Contents Note**

The collection contains materials Johnston collected during her time at South Dakota State College, including 103 photographs and a booklet about campus life. Also in the collection is a 1917 booklet of letters from the class of 1916 telling each other what they have been doing since they graduated. There is also a news clipping from the Brookings Register about Johnston and her memories of the first Hobo Day at South Dakota State.

## **Key Words**

South Dakota State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts

Johnston, Blanche Avery, 1895-1986

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## **Container List**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
1	1	College Life at South Dakota State College booklet	1915
1	2	News clipping: Blanche Johnston interviewed about the first Hobo Day	1986
1	3	Photographs of the Class of 1916	1912-1916, 1956
1	4	Series of Letters from the Class of 1916	1917