



## **Archives Finding Aid**

### ***Lyn Vodak Larkins Papers***

Accession. #2023.54.1

Size: 9 linear feet

Condition: Fair

Donation date: unclear

Donor: Assumed Lyn Larkin

Date Collection Committee Approved:

Processing Level: Folder level and Scrapbooks

Processing following: Order of material type and date

Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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#### **HISTORY**

"Lyn (Eleanor Marilyn) Vodak Larkin (1916-1996) was born in Hillsboro Wisconsin. In 1925 her family moved to Beloit, where she attended Beloit public schools and college. After employment in the office of the 'Beloit Daily News', she was office manager for the San Francisco headquarters of the 'Beverage Industry News' from 1939 to 1946. On December 12, 1941, Lyn married Francis J. Larkin, patent attorney in San Francisco where they lived until 1948. Her husband's work took them to Ohio and then to the Chicago area for twenty-five years. The Larkins retired to Leisure World, Laguna Hills, California, for five years before returning to Beloit in 1979. Mrs. Larkin was widowed in 1982. Some of her published articles and poetry have been catalogued and shelved by the Koret Living Library of the Fromm Institute in the Gleeson Library, University of San Francisco." "She died in 1996 after a long illness." From a bio included in the collection. She writes extensively about her life, Czech heritage, and gardening.

#### **Scope of Collection**

This collection contains both personal papers and writings by Larkin.

Her writings include published and draft short stories, most of an unpublished memoir, as well as poetry. Personal papers include loose papers, as well as scrapbooks with personal and family photos, genealogy, newspaper clippings and realia such as school pins and ribbons.

## Container List

<b>2023.54.1</b>				
CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 1	1		Short Stories	Drafts and published copies of Larkins short stories.
Box 1	2		Short Stories and Articles	Drafts and published
Box 1	3		Hillsboro Sentry-Enterprise	Most include a article or story by Larkin
Box 1	4		Memoir: Part I, II, IV	Larkins autobiography Part I: The Heritage Part II: Hillsboro Wi...The Beginning Part IV: "On Wisconsin" (to Beloit)
Box 1	5		Memoir: Part V, VI	Part V: The San Francisco Decade Part VI: The Springfield, Ohio Episode
Box 1	6		Memoir: Part VIII	Part VIII: The Leisure World
Box 2	1		Scrapbook Pages	
Box 2	2		Scrapbook Pages	
Box 2	3		Loose scrapbook pages	
Box 2	4		Family / Travel Info: Maps	
Box 2	5		Family History and Photos	color photos, certificates, photocopies of newspaper clippings, and a Rotary International pin.
Box 2	6		"Statistics on Dad's Family"	
Box 2	7		Genealogical Records	Largely photocopies Includes later index

Box 3	1		The Rockford Review: The Legacy & Other Poems	Magazines with index
Box 3	2		Heartland Journal	published stories such as 'Where's Grandpa', 'December Rose' and 'Dangerous Lady', some clippings
Box 3	3		American Horticultural Society & Letters about Article	Soft cover magazines, and loose papers
Box 3	4		Published Stories and Articles	Printed out copies, newspaper clippings, magazines.
Box 3	5		Published Stories	'Sirens for the Bride' & 'Fairbanks Morse Band' Newspaper clippings, photocopies, and typed up drafts.
Box 3	6		Inner-Mission	Covers of letterpress printed magazines
Box 4	1		Poetry	Typed up poems
Box 4	2		Loose Scrapbook Pages	Scrapbook and other personal pages.
Box 4	3		Personal Scrapbook pages and other clippings	Newspaper clippings and other saved items.
Box 4	4		Loose Scrapbook Pages/ Personal and Family	Clippings stuck in sticky scrapbook pages, certificate for Francis Larkin, and ration books.
Box 4	5	1930s-1950s	Scrapbook	scrapbook with photos and cards attached
Box 5	1	1950s	Scrapbook	scrapbook with photos and cards attached
Box 5	2		Scrapbook Pages	

Box 5	3		Photocopies of Civil War letters	"Sylvia's (Barber) Civil War Letters: Transcribe" These may have been mis-housed, unclear. includes two color printed pages with flags and arms of different countries.
Box 5	4		Scrapbook	scrapbook with photos and cards attached
Box 6	1		Scrapbook	scrapbook with photos and cards attached
Box 6	2		Pins and Cassettes	four pins: One from Zapadni Ceska Bratraska Jednota ( Western Fraternal Life Association), one bronze star with the initials JDC, two that are red and white with blue stars. 8 cassette tapes, contents unknowns. One is labeled "86".
Box 6	3	1990s	Scrapbook: Red Binder	Three ring binder with letters, cards, and newspaper clippings
Box 6	4		Scrapbook- Blue Binder	Spine title: "Roosevelt Junior High 1930-1931 Honors..." Three ring binder with letters, cards, and newspaper clippings Also includes fabric letter jacket letter 'R', 'B', as well as other school pins and ribbons.
Box 6	5		Scrapbook- Gray Binder	Spine label "1925-1929 Beloit, Wisconsin...." Letter jacket letter red "R"
Box 7		1930s-1940s	Gray Scrapbook	letters, cards, and newspaper clippings housed Information about Beloit College, and student days.
Box 7			Black Binder: Unpublished Stories and Story Ideas	Loose sheets with drafts and finished stories, as well as submission paperwork.
Box 7			Maroon Scrapbook: Hillsboro, Wi	title on spine "Hillsboro, Wisconsin 1919-1925..." mostly black and white photos, a few documents, and photocopies of photos and newspaper clippings.

Box 7			Black Scrapbook- At Beloit Daily News	Spine label reads: " 1936-1937 -At Beloit Daily News.." Newspaper clippings, dance cards, black and white photos, short stories and other cards.
Oversized Folder	1		Posters	awards and ribbons