

## “Incredible Gladys Pyle” collection

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### COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Title:** “Incredible Gladys Pyle” collection

**Dates:** 1918-1987 (bulk 1981-1984)

**Creator:** Jeannette Kinyon and Jean Walz

**Physical Description:** 0.42 linear feet—1 container, 13 audio cassettes

**Collection number:** MA 20

**Language:** Collection material in English.

**Repository:** South Dakota State University Archives, Hilton M. Briggs Library, South Dakota State University, Brookings, S.D.

**Abstract:** Collection is composed of research compiled by Kinyon and Walz for the biography “The Incredible Gladys Pyle”. Included are clippings, correspondence, financial records, manuscripts, research, transcripts and audio cassettes.

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

**Provenance:** This collection was donated to the archives by Jeannette Kinyon and Jean Walz in 1994.

**Access Restrictions:** This collection is open to research without restriction. Items in this collection do not circulate and may be used in-house only.

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**Processing Information:** The audio cassettes were removed to the audio/visual collections for preservation purposes.

This collection was processed by Crystal J. Gamradt on 25 June 1999 with revisions on July 7, 2008 (cjb).

## **SELECTED SEARCH TERMS**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the subject guide. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Persons:**

- Pyle, Gladys, 1890-1989.

### **Subjects:**

- South Dakota—Biography.
- Women legislators—South Dakota.
- Women teachers—South Dakota.

## **BACKGROUND NOTE**

In 1981, Jeanette Kinyon and Jean Walz began to gather research for a biography of Gladys Pyle, a prominent woman in South Dakota politics. They interviewed Miss Pyle and researched books, manuscripts, letters, news stories, editorials, and other interviews. This collection is a small representation of the research gathered for this project.

## **SCOPE and CONTENTS NOTE**

"The Incredible Gladys Pyle" Collection consists of clippings, correspondence, financial records, manuscripts, research, transcripts and audio cassettes.

The clippings include advertisements for the published book and clippings of Gladys Pyle on her 96<sup>th</sup> birthday. The correspondence includes letters on the publication of the book and letters from Gladys Pyle noting corrections for the book. Included is a handwritten letter from Governor Sigurd Anderson praising Gladys Pyle and her contributions to South Dakota politics.

The financial records are minimal and include itemized lists of expenses. There are two manuscripts for the book, one is with the published title "The Incredible Gladys Pyle", and the other with an alternative title "Gladys Pyle: Always a Pioneer". The transcripts appear to accompany only one set of audiocassettes. Included with the transcripts are notebooks with interview questions for Miss Pyle.

## ARRANGEMENT of the RECORDS

### Audiocassettes.

| Description   | Dates             |
|---|-------------------|
| Radio Issues Forum [side 1-2] : AV MA 20-0001   | 1976 November 20  |
| Radio Issues Forum [side 2] : AV MA 20-0002   | 1976 November 20  |
| Gladys Pyle 90th birthday, Territory incidents, childhood, qualities, Huron College items : AV MA 20-0003                                   | 1982 February 8   |
| Huron College continues, business career, time on claim, ERA committee involvement, views, recollections of years in Pierre : AV MA 20-0004 | 1982 February 8-9 |
| Travel log of Merrill ? - Taiwan : AV MA 20-0006  | [n.d.]            |
| Travel log of Robert ? - China/Japan : AV MA 20-0007  | [n.d.]            |
| Travel log of Robert ? - India/Sri Lanka : AV MA 20-0008  | [n.d.]            |
| Gladys Pyle interview [side 1-2] : AV MA 20-0009  | [n.d.]            |
| Gladys Pyle interview [side 3] : AV MA 20-0010  | [n.d.]            |
| Gladys Pyle interview [side 4-5] : AV MA 20-0011  | [n.d.]            |
| Gladys Pyle interview [side 6] : AV MA 20-0012  | [n.d.]            |
| GG [guitar music - some practicing ?] : AV MA 20-0013   | [n.d.]            |
| Continuation of resolutions, questions, Banberg (?), Ins. Incident : AV MA 20-0005  | 1982 February 9   |

### Box 1.

| Folder | Description                                  | Dates      |
|--------|--|------------|
| 1      | Clippings                                    | 1986-1987  |
| 2      | Correspondence                               | 1981-1985  |
| 3      | Financial records                            | 1982       |
| 4      | Manuscript: "Gladys Pyle : Always a pioneer" | [n.d.]     |
| 5      | Manuscript: "The Incredible Gladys Pyle"     | [n.d.]     |
| 6      | Research                                     | 1918-1984  |
| 7      | Transcripts of taped interviews              | 1971, 1982 |