

Title: Rohn/Grelke/Miller Family Papers

Call Number: Mss-1153

Inclusive Dates: 1834 – 1994

Bulk: 3.2 cu. ft.

Location: WC, Window Well #1 (2.0 cu. ft.)
RC15, Sh. 001 and 015 (1.2 cu. ft.)

Historical Note: Julius W. Rohn, born in Bohemia in 1827, came to Milwaukee in 1855. The next year he opened a bath house and swimming school on the Milwaukee River above the North Avenue dam. He married Ida Seidemann, also born in Germany. Julius died in 1896. Among their children was Louis Rohn, born in 1862, who worked with his father in the swimming school and continued on with it until it closed in the 1930s.

Louis married Ida Grelke, whose father, Claus, was a sailor. He died about 1870, when Ida and her sister, Anna, were very young. Anna Grelke was the well-known “Tante” Anna, who taught kindergarten in Milwaukee for over 70 years. She died in 1951. Louis and Ida Rohn had several children, among whom was a daughter, Rolyda, born in 1897. She married Douglas M. Miller.

Abstract: This collection consists mainly of the papers, photos, memorabilia, game plans, decoration patterns, party books, etc. of Rolyda Miller. For many years she engaged in the business of arranging parties, especially for children.

Administrative Note: Rolyda Miller’s daughter, Marilyn (now Sister Mary Leon), donated the collection to the Society. The collection was processed on April 4, 1994, by Janet K. Geronime.

Photographs:

See: Rohn/Grelke/Miller Family Photographs

See Also: Rohn Swimming School

Contents	Box #	Folder #
Address books (2)	1	1
Books – Cooking instructions and recipes	1	2
Books – Misc.	1	3
Books – Parties – 1	1	4
Books – Parties 2	1	5
Greeting cards (1972-1984)	1	6
Diary (1955-1986)	1	7
Expense ledgers (1941-1986)	1	8
Family history	1	9
Games and stories (1923-1940)	1	10
Anna Grelke (“Tante Anna”) Scrapbook (Xerox copy), 1874-1965	1	11

Marilyn Miller	1	12
Rolyda Rohn Miller	1	13
Rolyda (Rohn) Miller – Scrapbooks Loose materials from scrapbooks # 3 & 4	1	14
Plays and pieces for entertaining	1	15
Rohn Swimming School	1	16
Souvenirs	1	17
Stories by Rolyda Rohn Miller	1	18
Misc.ABC League Champion patch (1951-1952)	1	19
Post card (n.d.)		
Booklet: “Some Reasons Why Some Men are Successful Fathers” (1921)		
Optimist Creed (n.d.)		
Christmas cards (n.d.)		
Handwriting fortune (n.d.)		
Clippings (1963-1980)		
Party and game books – 1	2	20
Party and game books – 2	2	21
Party and game books – 3	2	22
Party and game books – 4	2	23
Party cards Index cards listing names, address, etc.	2	24
Songs and songbooks	2	25
Contents	Box #	Envelope #
Finished Decorations	2	26
Party Games	2	27
Patterns – Game, toy and decoration – 1	2	28
Patterns – Game, toy and decoration – 2	2	29
Patterns, party favors, games & decorations Loose items from scrapbook # 6	2	30
Patterns – Valentines	2	31
Sewing Cards – 1	2	32
Sewing Cards – 2	2	33
Contents	Box #	Location
1 box containing Easter decoration materials and instructions	2	Loose
1 box containing “Design with Color Cubes”	2	Loose
1 box containing card game, “Flinch”	2	Loose
2 boxes, game, “What the Witch Doctor Ordered”	2	Loose
1 box, game, “Coo Coo”	2	Loose
8 marbles & 1 ball in cloth bag	2	Loose

1 book, "Easy Paper Folding Fun" (1963)	2	Loose
Scrapbooks	Location	
Family snapshots (1904-1964)	RC15, Shelves 1 & 14	
Rolyda (Rohn) Miller (1909-1947): Dance programs, place cards, tallys, & cards.	RC15, Shelves 1 & 14	
Rolyda (Rohn) Miller (1904-1984): Poems, wedding invitations & announcements, school report cards, clippings, graduations, letters, invitations, greeting cards, engagement gift cards, wedding gift cards, baby congratulations, & death notices.	RC15, Shelves 1 & 14	
Rolyda (Rohn) Miller (1902-1977): Clippings, cards, programs, invitations, diplomas, postcards, travel souvenirs, etc. — especially of daughter, Marilyn, and "Tante Anna".	RC15, Shelves 1 & 14	
Rolyda (Rohn) MillerBook of patterns: party favors, games, decorations.	RC15, Shelves 1 & 14	
Family portraits (1913-1972): Rohn & Miller families.	RC15, Shelves 1 & 14	
Books	Location	
New Glarus' first 100 Years	977.559 T376	