



Zetta Bankert Collection (C4060)

Collection Number: C4060

Collection Title: Zetta Bankert Collection

Dates: 1945-1976

Creator: Bankert, Zetta E., 1905-1979

Abstract: The Zetta E. Bankert collection consists of photographs and her manuscript about vacant houses in Missouri entitled, "This, My House." The collection also contains research material, letters to publishers, personal photographs, negatives, maps of Missouri counties, and miscellaneous material.

Collection Size: 0.75 cubic feet
(21 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-Columbia](https://www.shsmo.org/research-center-columbia). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

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Biographical Note:

Zetta E. Bankert was born on July 21, 1905 in Guthrie Center, Iowa. Her family later moved to a farm in South Dakota. She attended South Dakota State College, where she was a member of Pi Gamma Mu and earned her Master of Science in June 1937. After college, she taught grade school, high school, and college in South Dakota, Missouri, West Virginia, and Seattle, Washington.

She lived in Seattle until 1972 when she retired from teaching and moved back to South Dakota. Bankert started writing a manuscript in 1974 on vacant houses in Missouri, but she never finished. The manuscript is entitled "This, My House." She died at the age of 74 in 1979 from complications of cancer.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

The Zetta E. Bankert collection consists of correspondence, photographs, a manuscript, photographs, negatives, maps and travel brochures of Missouri counties, and miscellaneous material.

The personal materials include photographs, correspondence with publishers and potential readers, notes, and biographical information.

The manuscript entitled, "This, My House" describes vacant houses in Missouri and includes photographs Bankert took during her research. The collection also contains many other photographs of vacant houses which she compiled into albums and scrapbooks as well as personal vacation photographs and negatives.

The remainder of the collection consists of brochures from resorts across Missouri and information on tourist locations, material from Bankert's research on the populations of Missouri counties, and information on various people who were meaningful to Bankert.

Container List:

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