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**Isabella Louise Wilkinson-Green Collection
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2 boxes; 2 linear feet



Biographical Note

Isabella Louise Wilkinson-Green (1904-1987) was one of the first graduates to earn an undergraduate degree from Indiana State Teachers College in 1927. She studied Home Economics at Indiana State Normal School (ISNS), which became Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC) the year she graduated. She taught in the Bellevue Public Schools and married William Green (1899-1976) on June 28, 1935. They are buried in the Westmoreland County Memorial Park.

Scope and Content

The Isabella Wilkinson-Green Collection is housed in two archival boxes, which are stored in Record Group 53 Memorabilia and Ephemera Collection (Boxes 66-67), and it consists of correspondence, newspaper articles, photographs, and memorabilia.

This collection dates from 1919 to 1937. Additional memorabilia includes alumni correspondence and her diploma from 1927, which is housed in Record Group 87 Diploma and Certificate Collection.

Thank you to the generosity of her son Donald J. Green, the Isabella Wilkinson-Green Dining Room of the Allenwood Restaurant in Ackerman Hall was named for her after being renovated in 2022. Memorabilia along with her luggage trunk that was used when Isabella Louise Wilkinson (Wilkinson-Green) was a student (1924-1927), stenciled with her initials (ILW), is on display in the Isabella Wilkinson-Green Dining Room at the Allenwood Restaurant in Ackerman Hall. This permanent display includes clothing and textiles that she made while a student in the Home Economics Department, including clothing and other accessories that are part of the IUP Historic Costume Collection.



Provenance

This collection was donated by Isabella Wilkinson Green's son Donald J. Green in 2022.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was created in 2022 and the finding aid was last updated by Dr. Harrison Wick on November 5, 2022.

Container List (see also Record Group 87 Box 1 for original 1927 diploma)**Box 1 Isabella Wilkinson Green (32 folders)**

1. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Background Information
 - a. Wedding Announcement: Isabella Louise Wilkinson and William Green – June 28, 1935
 - b. IUP news item about son Donald Green, and the IUP Council of Trustees naming of Allenwood Dining Room after Isabella Wilkinson Green (September 10, 2021)
 - c. Find-a-grave website for Isabella Green (1904-1987)
2. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Correspondence – personal and professional (see also Teaching Agreements – Folder 17), 1926-1937
 - a. Christmas Cards, December 1926
 - b. Partial Handwritten Draft of Letter by Isabella Wilkinson to Mr. Wilson, regarding Home Economics vacancy at Beechwoods Vocational School, no date (1927)
 - c. 3-D Valentines to Isabella Wilkinson from her parents (541 Stewart Street, Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania) – February 12, 1927 (sent to 410 South 11th Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania)
 - d. Typed Letter to Isabella Wilkinson from Rena Wood White at Lake Township Vocational School – May 15, 1927
 - e. Typed Letter to Isabella Wilkinson from Anna G. Green (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Public Instruction) about filling Home Economics vacancies at Union High School in Burgettstown, Pennsylvania – May 17, 1927
 - f. Typed Letter to Isabella Wilkinson from J. Freeman Guy at Bellevue High School – June 2, 1927 (appointment as instructor of Home Economics)
 - g. Handwritten Letter to Isabella Wilkinson from Mrs. Burt R. Suter (Bellevue, Pennsylvania) about renting a room while employed at Bellevue High School – no date (postmarked July 6, 1927)
 - h. Handwritten Letter to Isabella Wilkinson from Mother and Father – July 7, 1927
 - i. Typed Form Letter to Isabella Louise Wilkinson from Henry Klonower (Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – Department of Public Instruction) about Provisional College Certificate to teach Home Economics (Vocational) – July 28, 1927
 - j. Typed Letter to Isabella Wilkinson from J. Nelson Mowls (Superintendent of Bellevue Public Schools) enclosing permanent College Certificate – July 28, 1930
 - k. Typed Letter (half-size) addressed to Whom It May Concern (sent to Isabella Wilkinson) regarding that Isabella Wilkinson has taught Home Economics, Sewing and Cooking at the Bellevue High School since 1927 – June 14, 1930 (letter of reference)
 - l. Typed Letter to Mrs. William Green (Isabella) from Isabel Collins (Director – Department of Home Economics at Indiana State Teachers College) inviting her to the Home Economics Conference – as alumni guests of honor (first undergraduate degrees B.S. Degree in Home Economics awarded to Alice Stewart Clements (May 1927) and Isabella Wilkinson Green (August 1927) – October 9, 1937 (see also ISTC Home Economics Conference – Folder 13)
3. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Turtle Creek Public Schools – Class Notes (1) and Graduation Exercises, 1919
4. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Turtle Creek Public Schools – Class Notes (2)
5. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Turtle Creek Public Schools – Class Notes (3)
6. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Indiana State Normal School (ISNS) and Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC) Autograph Book, 1926-1927 (see also Memorabilia – Folder 14)
7. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (1) and Assignment (Home Decoration)
8. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (2) Assignments and graded Tests

9. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (3) Furniture Design
10. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (4) in Binder (English II)
11. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (5) removed from Binder (see binder in Box 2 Folder 5)
12. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (6) Costume Design (Clothing), 1926
13. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (7)
14. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Class Notes (8)
15. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISTC Commencement activities, May 1927, and listed in May 1928
 - a. Invitation to Commencement, May 31, 1927
 - b. Commencement Schedule (May 27-31, 1927)
 - c. Commencement Program – May 27-31, 1927
 - d. Alumni Dinner Program and Song List – May 31, 1927
 - e. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Department of Public Education – College Certificate, Isabella Louise Wilkinson – August 13, 1927
 - f. Commencement Program – May 25-28, 1928 (Isabella Wilkinson is also listed)
16. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Grades and Receipts from Indiana State Normal School (became Indiana State Teachers College in 1927)
 - a. Receipts for tuition, room and board, books, and supplies, 1925-1927
 - b. Grades for Department of Home Economics, 1927
17. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Home Economics Curriculum, no date (1925-1927)
18. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISTC Home Economics Conference at Indiana State Teachers College – October 9, 1937
 - a. Invitation to event celebrating Isabella Wilkinson Green, recognized as one of the first undergraduate student graduates (1927)
19. Isabella Wilkinson Green: ISNS/ISTC Memorabilia from Indiana State Normal School and Indiana State Teachers College, 1925-1928 (Student Organizations see Yearbooks)
 - a. Senior Prom Dance Book, 1926
 - b. Dance Cards
 - c. Locker envelope with Combination
 - d. Calling Cards
 - e. Xi Chapter of Kappa Phi: Initiation Banquet – February 21, 1925
 - f. Kappa Phi Program (Handwritten) – March 31, 1925
 - g. Kappa Phi Program (Handwritten) – Mother poem (no date)
 - h. Kappa Phi Club Program: Methodist Episcopal Church – Constitution (no date)
 - i. Indiana State Normal School Postcard of Jane Leonard Hall (burned in 1952), not used, circa 1926-1927
 - j. Dance Name Cards for Table Reservation for Isabella Wilkinson, no date (1925-1927)
 - k. Girls Wesley Club Program Booklet (Handwritten) in Wesley Foundation Hall – March 11, 1926
 - l. Typed Note: Theme Song for Miss Jones (no date), 1926-1927
 - m. ISTC Alumni Dinner – May 28, 1928
20. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Indiana, PA Community and Regional Miscellaneous Items (1926-1929)
 - a. Dedication of the First United Presbyterian Church (now called Graystone Presbyterian Church) in Indiana, Pennsylvania – June 26 to July 3, 1927
 - b. Program: Ritz Theatre (March 4-5) “Man of the Forest” and Indiana Theatre (February 28 and March 1) “The Blonde Saint,” no date (1927)

- c. Typed Horoscope on reverse of Reynoldsville Candy Works stationary, "Cancer – June 21 to July 22 – The Crab," (no date), 1926-1927
 - d. Invoice: Struble and Riley Automobiles and Accessories – Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania – June 24, 1929, sold to Isabella Wilkinson, Model A Ford Sport Coupe, \$468.00
 - e. Partial Newspaper (Image) from *Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph*, Sunday, May 5, 1929, showing women washing dishes as part of Home Economics
21. Photographs (1920s)
 - a. Unidentified (2 – one in cardboard album)
 - b. Identified as Isabella Wilkinson (4) digitized
 - c. Prints (over-exposed) in envelope addressed to Isabella Wilkinson, postmarked 1927
 22. Prints removed from Photograph Album (scanned), images of students and campus images including Thomas Sutton Hall and Clark Hall, no dates, circa 1924-1927 mostly unidentified
 23. Teaching Agreements (see also Correspondence – Folder 2), 1927-1933
 - a. Agreement between Directors and Teachers – Isabella Louise Wilkinson (signed), Bellevue Public Schools, 1927
 - b. Agreement between Directors and Teachers – Isabella L. Wilkinson (signed), Bellevue Public Schools, 1928
 - c. Teacher's Agreement – Isabella L. Wilkinson (signed), Bellevue Public Schools, 1929
 - d. Teacher's Agreement – Isabella L. Wilkinson (signed), Bellevue Public Schools, 1930
 - e. Teacher's Agreement – Isabella L. Wilkinson (signed), Bellevue Public Schools, 1932
 - f. Teacher's Agreement – Isabella L. Wilkinson (signed), Bellevue Public Schools, 1933
 24. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Yearbooks – Union High School (Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania), 1923 (see page 56), see 1927 Instano Yearbook in Box 2 Folder 8
 25. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Yearbooks – Bellevue High School (Bellevue, Pennsylvania), 1930 (see page 26 and 104)
 26. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Yearbooks – Bellevue High School (Bellevue, Pennsylvania), 1931 (see page 22)
 27. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Yearbooks – Bellevue High School (Bellevue, Pennsylvania), 1932 (see page 19)
 28. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Bellevue High School – Lesson Plans (1) and Plays performed by the Home Economics students
 29. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Bellevue High School – Lesson Plans (2)
 30. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Bellevue High School – Lesson Plans (3)
 31. Isabella Wilkinson Green (Legal-Size Folder): Indiana State Normal School (ISNS) and Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC) ISNS/ISTC Class Notes: Singer Sewing Machine, no date (1924-1927)
 32. Isabella Wilkinson Green (Legal Size Folder): Bellevue High School – The Belle Hope (Newspaper)

Box 2 Oversized Materials (10 folders)

1. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Film Program from *Ben-Hur* (1926)
2. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Embroidery Patterns (commercially-printed)
3. Isabella Wilkinson Green: 48-Star United States of America (Silk) Pocket-Sized Flag (11x17), no date (1920s-1930s)
4. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Pennsylvania Railroad – Conemaugh Division, train schedule, dated April 29, 1928
5. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Binder for Class Notes (5) see also Box 2 Folder 9
6. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Miscellaneous Publications (1)

- a. Envelope for the *Summer School Bulletin*, Indiana State Normal School, no date, circa 1926-1927 (envelope only), for publication see Record Group 26 (digitized, see IUP Publications)
- b. *Common Wayside Flowers* (July 1926) Dwinell-Wright Company (Boston)
- c. *Educational Monographs: Home Classes for Foreign-Born Mothers* (August 1926) Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Department of Public Instruction)
- d. *Infant Care* (1924) U.S. Department of Labor (Children's Bureau)
- e. *Pennsylvania School Journal* (May 1927) Pennsylvania State Education Association
7. Isabella Wilkinson Green: Miscellaneous Publications (2)
 - a. *Kirsch Rod and Window Draping Book* (no date)
 - b. *Gelatin: The Food Stretcher* (no date)
 - c. *Laundering* (1921)
 - d. *Woman's Institute of Domestic Arts and Sciences* (Scranton, Pennsylvania): *Simplified Sewing* (1922)
 - e. *Approved Methods for Home Laundering* (1923)
 - f. Edith L. Allen. (1927). *Lesson Sheets for use with Mechanical Devices in the Home*
 - g. *Programs Suggestions for Home Economics Entertainments* (1929)
 - h. *How to Make Draperies* (1929)
 - i. *Oversized: The American Home* (July 1930)
 - j. *Oversized: Woman's Day* (October 7, 1937)
8. Miscellaneous (Rifle Target Practice)
 - a. Newspaper Article, "Modern Girl: Caught by Camera at Tech," *Pittsburgh Gazette Times* (April 6, 1924) Isabella Wilkinson and other young women at Target Practice with Rifles
 - b. Isabella Wilkinson: Galley Target, no date (1920s)
9. Publication: *Instano* Yearbook (1927) Indiana State Teachers College (signed and autographed by fellow students, Isabella Wilkinson is identified in group photographs)
10. Jewelry and Accessories (see also Historic Costume Collection in Ackerman Hall) including pearls worn in photograph on page 2

Record Group 87 Box 1 (Undergraduate Degree)

Item 52: Isabella Louise Wilkinson, (Mrs. Isabella Wilkinson-Green), ISTC, B.S. in Home Economics (first year), August 23, 1927, signed by John Keith (Superintendent), Thomas Sutton (President of Trustees), and Charles Foster (President of ISTC)



Items on display in Ackerman Hall – Isabella Wilkinson-Green Dining Room

1. Displayed memorabilia and photographs (facsimiles) during Isabella Wilkinson-Green's years at Indiana State Normal School (ISNS) and Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC), 1924-1927
2. Luggage Trunk used by Isabella Louise Wilkinson, stenciled with her initials (ILW), used when she was a student at Indiana State Normal School / Indiana State Teachers College.
3. Assorted contents of the trunk were kept by the department, including clothing and textile items made by Isabella Wilkinson-Green as a Home Economics student (1924-1927) and other personal items.



Isabella Wilkinson-Green Dining Room at the Allenwood Restaurant in Ackerman Hall