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**Manuscript Group 228
Nancy J. Newkerk Collection**

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Nancy J. Newkerk Collection; Manuscript Group 228
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2 boxes; 2.5 linear feet

Biographical



This collection includes information collected by and written about Nancy J. Newkerk (September 10, 1928- June 23, 2017) who worked at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) in Indiana, Pennsylvania. A native of Liberty, New York, she was the daughter of Dr. Jay O. and Laura (Rutan) Newkerk. Nancy J. Newkerk graduated from Liberty High School and received her bachelor's degree in music education from the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music. She started her career as an elementary music teacher in Goshen, N.Y. After five years in the classroom, she entered a graduate program at Syracuse University and earned a master's degree in student affairs administration. Upon graduation from Syracuse, Nancy Newkerk served as the Dean of Women at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for 10 years (1957-1967).

She left IUP in 1967 and spent 11 years as an Admissions Officer at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. During those years, she lived near her parents and cared for them until their deaths. She returned to IUP in 1978 and served as Associate Dean of Admissions until her retirement in 1994.

In addition to her professional work, Nancy Newkerk was active in many civic organizations. She served on the boards of the Indiana County Hospice and Grace Manor, a senior living complex. She was an active member of the [Carol Teti Memorial Organ Scholarship Committee](#) (Record Group 84) and the Zonta International Scholarship Committee. Nancy Newkerk was a long-time member and past president of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and of PEO, a philanthropic educational organization. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and sang with the church choir for more than 40 years as well as serving on various church committees.

An avid sports fan, Nancy Newkerk was a regular at IUP home football and basketball games. She joined other IUP retirees to mentor and oversee the academic progress of freshman student athletes. For her dedication to IUP athletics and to student athletes, Nancy Newkerk was inducted as an honorary member of the IUP Sports Hall of Fame in 2006. She was recognized for her professional achievement with the IUP President's Medal of Distinction in 2009, the highest non-degree honor awarded by the university.

Donate to the [Carol Teti Organ Scholarship](#) and [Nancy J. Newkerk Student Affairs in Higher Education Scholarship](#).

Scope and Content

This collection includes awards, documents, family materials, memorabilia, photographs, pewter gifts, and personal items belonging to and documenting the life and career of Nancy J. Newkerk.

Provenance

This collection was donated by Ruth Riesenman in 2017-2018.

Restrictions

None, this collection is open and available for research. Property rights reside with Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and the IUP Special Collections and University Archives. Literary rights are retained by the creators of the records and their heirs.

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on March 9, 2018.

Container List**Box 1 (20 folders and 1 item)**

1. Biographical Information
2. Biographical: Family – Laura Rutan Newkerk (mother)
3. Biographical: Family – Dr. Jay Newkerk (father)
4. Correspondence (1)
5. Correspondence (2)
6. IUP Documents (1)
7. IUP Documents (2)
8. IUP Documents (3) – Position
9. IUP Documents (4)
10. IUP Documents (5) – Retirement Scrapbook, 1994
11. IUP Documents (6) – Recognition
12. Newspaper Articles
13. Photographs (1) – 8x10 photograph of Nancy Newkerk (under the age of 10)
14. Photographs (2) including publicity (some images moved to Record Group 81: University Photographs, see People)
15. Photographs (3) – small prints
16. Scrapbook kept by Nancy Newkerk
17. Bound Items
 - a. Guest Book: Retirement from IUP, 1994
 - b. Methodist Hymnal (1966) embossed on front cover: Nancy J. Newkerk, the Choir, First United Methodist, Oneonta, New York
18. Holy Bible (1929) with silk bookmark from Liberty, New York

19. Robinson-Lytle, Inc., Funeral guest book with printed biographical information, 2017
20. Legal Size Folder: Specifications for residence for Mrs. Laura B. Newkerk, Liberty, New York, prepared by A. Raymond Ellis, A.I.A., 36 Pearl Street, Hartford, Connecticut, March 31, 1931
21. Memorabilia (flat silver box): Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP): President's Medal of Distinction (2009)

Box 2 Memorabilia (21 items)

1. Funeral service and guest book for Dr. Jay O. Newkerk (August 17, 1896-September 13, 1975), United Methodist Church, Liberty, New York
2. Porcelain Plate (green and white): The Methodist Church, Liberty, New York
3. Embroidery (pink and blue): The Lord is my Shepard
4. Plaque: presented to Nancy J. Newkerk, in recognition of 25 years of faithful service to Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), February 8, 1994
5. Baby Scrapbook of Nancy Newkerk (1): Baby (photographs)
6. Baby Scrapbook of Nancy Newkerk (2): Baby Life (photographs)
7. Photographs: Framed (side-by-side) portraits of parents: Dr. Jay Newkerk and Laura Newkerk
8. Photograph: Framed portrait of mother: Laura Newkerk
9. Notebook (pocket-size, black): poetry, 1950s
10. Tree Planting Certificate: Tamkang Univerity, Taiwan, Republic of China, November 6, 2000, photograph with IUP President Lawrence Pettit
11. Plaque: Panhellenic Council, would like to express its gratitude to Nancy Newkerk, 1966
12. Name badge (embroidered): Nancy Newkerk, President, Indiana, PA branch, American Association of University Women (AAUW)
13. Baby Shoe (white leather)
14. Plaque (free-standing wood) inscribed: IUP Athletic Hall of Fame Honorary Award, Nancy J. Newkerk, 2006
15. Pewter Dishware:
 - a. International Pewter: matching creamer, sugar bowl, and pitcher
 - b. Plate (large) inscribed: IUP, 1967
 - c. Plate (small) inscribed: Nancy Newkerk, Civic Lender of the Year Finalist, Representing the Zonta Club of Indiana, June 2, 1998
 - d. Paul Revere (large) bowl inscribed: Nancy Newkerk with sincere appreciation for outstanding service to the students of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Student Government Association, May 27, 1967

Flat Oversized Items (2 display boards)

1. Tri-fold display board used for photographs at Nancy Newkerk's funeral on July 6, 2017 (1)
2. Tri-fold display board used for photographs at Nancy Newkerk's funeral in July 6, 2017 (2)

Photographs removed from the collection (four 35 mm color slides)

These images were taken by John Vinton, Class of 1941, probably in 1940-1941, images of the following Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC) campus buildings, images were taken in the Oak Grove (see Record Group 81: University Photographs, see Alumni)

1. "New" Auditorium, Fisher Auditorium and Waller Hall (then the gymnasium)
2. Wilson Hall (then the library)
3. North Campus: McElhaney Hall with Keith Hall in the background on the left (Keith Hall was razed in 2016-2017)
4. Old Leonard Hall and Wilson Hall through the Oak Grove: Old Leonard Hall (was destroyed by fire on April 14, 1952)