INTRODUCTION
The Stevens papers consist of examination papers, workbooks, and a high school teacher training guide.

DONOR INFORMATION
The papers were donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by Mrs. Anna F. Stevens through Harry E. Foster on 26 June 1979 (Accession No. 2256).

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Anna Frike was born May 10, 1899, at Coatsburg, Illinois, the fourth daughter of Thomas and Anna Frike. She attended primary classes in Coatsburg and when her parents moved to Missouri, completed elementary and high school, including two years teacher’s training there, and taught an Ozark rural school.

Her parents returned to Quincy, Illinois, and she taught one year at the Bowles school, north of Quincy, and in Quincy schools for six years. During this time she did summer and extension college work at Missouri State University and Colorado State Teachers College at Greeley.

In 1925 she married Harry C. Foster of Jefferson City, Missouri. Two children, Harry E. Foster of Maryland, and Mrs. L.J. (Betty) Rexroat, of Macomb, Illinois, were born to this union.

Harry C. Foster died in 1939. Mrs. Stevens completed work for the bachelor of education degree at Western Illinois University in 1941, and taught one year near Tennessee, Illinois, and one year at Macomb.

Stevens left teaching and did case work six years for the Illinois Public Aid Commission, then returned to teaching for twenty years in Chicago suburbs, including LaGrange and Oak Brook. During this time she did additional work at Johns Hopkins University and Denver University.

In 1950 she married Fred E. Stevens of Chicago. Mr. Stevens died in 1958. In 1970, Stevens retired and returned to Macomb. She was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Charity Fellowship, Retired Teachers, Macomb Women’s Club, and McDonough District Hospital Auxiliary. She held membership in Kappa Delta Pi honorary educational society.

Anna Frike Foster Stevens died on September 14, 1983 and she is buried at Quincy Memorial Park.
SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE
The papers have been arranged into the following series with three subseries:

Education
Examination Papers
Workbooks
Teacher Training-High Schools

The Education series contains examination papers and workbook assignments written by Anna Stevens. The teacher training manual consists of information needed by instructors for teaching in Missouri high schools. Years covered are 1912-1917.

The Examination Papers and Workbook subseries consist of tests and assignments on the subjects of art appreciation, geography (including hand drawn maps of the United States and other parts of the world), history and world history, English grammar and composition, Latin, literature, poetry, and mathematics.

The Teacher Training-High Schools subseries consist of a document from the State Department of Education, titled, Syllabus of Courses in Education, Teacher-Training High Schools, Missouri. The syllabus covers subjects such as the teacher-training law; regulations; examinations and certificates; a list of teacher-training high Schools in Missouri, and courses in education.

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