Collection Number: SP0033

Collection Title: Laclede High School Play

Dates: 1918

Creator: Norris, Eben H.

Abstract: The collection consists of a script for The Thread of Destiny, a play set during the American Civil War, which was performed on April 25, 1918, by the Senior Class of Laclede High School, located in Linn County, Missouri.

Collection Size: .1 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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**Historical Note:**

*The Thread of Destiny* was first performed by the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority of Denver University, on April 4, 1913. It was written by Eben H. Norris. The Senior Class of Laclede High School in Laclede, Missouri, which is located in Linn County, performed a production of the play on Thursday April 25, 1918. The performance took place at the Laclede Opera House and the students rehearsed the play for one month prior to the performance. Graduation for the class occurred at the Opera House the following night, with an address given by E.M. Sipple, a former superintendent of Laclede schools. The graduating class consisted of fourteen students, twelve girls and two boys. Pearl Harris, born November 1, 1899 to James Edmond Harris and Lucy J. Hollier, was a member of the class of 1918 and performed the role of Mammy Dinah in the production. This copy of the script belonged to her.

**Arrangement:**

The collection has been arranged into one folder and consists of the play script, a cast list, and two promotional flyers.

**Scope and Content Note:**

The collection consists of a script for *The Thread of Destiny*, a play set during the American Civil War, which was performed on April 25, 1918, by the Senior Class of Laclede High School, located in Linn County, Missouri.

**Container List:**

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