

# Guide to the Fannie Sutter Photograph Album

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## **Collection Overview**

Repository: Archives Center, National Museum of American History

Title: Fannie Sutter Photograph Album

**Date:** 1919 - 1921

Identifier: NMAH.AC.1325

Creator: Sutter, Fannie (Creator)

**Extent:** 0.15 Cubic feet (1 box)

Language: English .

**Summary:** A scrapbook created by Fannie Sutter detailing her time attending

Battle Creek Normal School of Physical Education. It contains

photographs, programs of events, and personal notes written by Fannie Sutter and her classmates concerning exercising, acting, and dressing

for plays.

## **Administrative Information**

## **Acquisition Information**

Purchased at auction from Carmen D. Valentino in 2014.

#### Processing Information

Collection processed by Corey Schmidt.

## Preferred Citation

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## **Biographical / Historical**

The Battle Creek Normal School of Physical Education was founded in about 1908 as part of the complex of training schools and colleges associated with Dr. John Harvey Kellogg's sanitarium. This complex included medical training for doctors, nurses, dieticians, and physical therapists as well as the school to train physical education teachers. The all-women's school, organized by Dr. Kellogg, emphasized a program of vigorous outdoor activities. It was one of about two dozen schools in the nation that specifically focused on a physical education curriculum.

## **Scope and Contents**

An album compiled by Fannie Sutter while a student at Battle Creek Normal School of Physical Education, in Battle Creek, Michigan. The album contains black-and-white photographs and other school-related ephemera such as invitations, menus, clippings, and miscellany. The photographs show students engaged in physical activities such as swimming, canoeing, camping, walking, picnics, parties, and other forms of entertainment. The students often dressed in costume and staged plays, dance performances, and musicals.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into one series.

## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

## Subjects:

Camping
Canoes and canoeing
Dance
Physical education and training
Picnicking
Plays

Swimming Women -- Education

#### Types of Materials:

Clippings -- 20th century

Menus -- 20th century

Photograph albums -- 20th century

Photographs -- Black-and-white photoprints -- 20th century

#### Names:

Battle Creek Normal School of Physical Education (Battle Creek, Mich.) Kellogg, John Harvey, 1852-1943

## **Container Listing**

Box 1, Folder 1 Scrapbook, 1919-1925

1 Scrapbook

Notes: 43 pages. Fanny Sutter attended Battle Creek Normal School

of Physical Education from around 1919 to 1922. Photographs and other ephemera depict her and her friends conducting exercises in swimming, canoeing, calisthenics, and playing soccer. Additionally, there are photographs and programs from theater shows in which Fanny and her classmates participated. Dr. John Harvey Kellogg taught at the school while Fanny was a student and the scrapbook has several photographs of him. Martha Hill, one of America's most influential dance instructors, also taught at the school,and several photographs of her exist

in this scrapbook.

Box 1, Folder 2 Programs, 1921 October 22, undated

Box 1, Folder 3 Heart Bossettes, 1923

Box 1, Folder 4 Autograph Book and Newspaper Clipping, 1929 May 9, undated