

University of Chicago Library

# Guide to the Annie McClure Hitchcock Papers undated



© 2022 University of Chicago Library

## **Table of Contents**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Descriptive Summary | 3 |
| Information on Use  | 3 |
| Access              | 3 |
| Citation            | 3 |
| Biographical Note   | 3 |
| Scope Note          | 4 |
| Related Resources   | 4 |
| Subject Headings    | 4 |
| INVENTORY           | 4 |

## Descriptive Summary

**Identifier** ICU.SPCL.HITCHCOCKA

**Title** Hitchcock, Annie McClure. Papers

**Date** undated

**Size** .25 linear feet (1 box)

**Repository** Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center  
University of Chicago Library  
1100 East 57th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60637 U.S.A.

**Abstract** Annie McClure Hitchcock (1839-1922) was born Ann Jane McClure on a farmstead in Illinois. She married Chicago attorney, Charles Hitchcock in 1860. After the death of her husband, Annie McClure Hitchcock sponsored the construction of Hitchcock Hall on the University of Chicago campus as a memorial to him. This collection is a single, undated album of color-tinted photograph prints of landscapes, buildings, and people of Japan.

## Information on Use

### Access

The collection is open for research with no restriction.

### Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Hitchcock, Annie McClure, [Box #, Folder #], Hanna Holborn Gray Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

### Biographical Note

Annie McClure Hitchcock was born Ann Jane McClure on April 29, 1839, on a farmstead in Lake County, Illinois, to James and Julia McClure. After the death of James McClure when Annie was two years old, the family sold several properties which James had owned in Lake County and Cook County and moved to the Chicago area.

On July 10, 1860, Annie was married to Charles Hitchcock, a Chicago attorney. They became active in political activities of the day (Annie saw Abraham Lincoln nominated for the Republican ticket in 1860) and they moved to Kenwood in 1861. Charles Hitchcock remained active in local and regional political life and the couple briefly moved to Springfield in 1869-1870 to work with the Illinois Constitutional Convention of 1870.

When they returned to Kenwood, Annie became one of the founding members of the Fortnightly, a Chicago-area women's club. She was also involved in women's suffrage efforts and she and her husband both stayed active in community life in many other ways.

On May 6, 1881, Charles Hitchcock passed away. In 1899 Annie approached the University of Chicago about constructing a memorial for her husband. The cornerstone for Hitchcock Hall, as the building would be known, was laid by Annie and Laura Spelman Rockefeller on June 15, 1901. Hitchcock Hall, a university residence hall designed by architect Dwight Heald Perkins, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.

Annie McClure Hitchcock stayed active in many philanthropic and educational initiatives as well as staying involved with the University of Chicago community (primarily through activities associated with Hitchcock Hall) until she died of dysentery on June 29, 1922.

### **Scope Note**

A single unbound photograph album with wood boards covered in patterned silk. The contents are comprised of 60 - 27cm wide x 21cm tall color-tinted photograph prints.

### **Related Resources**

Harper, William Rainey. Papers

University of Chicago Office of the President, Harper, Judson and Burton Administrations.  
Records

### **Subject Headings**

- Japan -- Pictorial works

### **INVENTORY**

#### **Box 1**

One unbound photograph album, undated