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## Guide to the Mark and Ada (Gillett) Rich Collection

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# Linfield College

## Mark and Ada (Gillett) Rich Guide to the Mark and Ada (Gillett) Rich Collection 1917-1923

**Creator:** Mark and Ada (Gillett) Rich

**Title:** Mark and Ada (Gillett) Rich Collection

**Dates:** 1917-1923

**Quantity:** 3 ft

**Collection Number:** LCA2015.01

**Summary:** This collection reflects the life of Mark Rich and Ada Gillett during their years at Linfield College. The majority of the collection consists of photographs with a few letters and memorabilia from their time at Linfield.

Digital items selected to highlight the collection are available here:

[http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/lca\\_rich/](http://digitalcommons.linfield.edu/lca_rich/). Collection items available in the digital repository can include documents, photographs and/or oral history interviews.

### Repository

Jereld R. Nicholson Library

Linfield College

900 SE Baker Street

McMinnville, OR 97128

Reference Number: 503-883-2734

Reference Email: [archives@linfield.edu](mailto:archives@linfield.edu)

**Language:** English

### Biographical Note

Ada Gillett and Mark Rich attended Linfield College between 1917 and 1923. The two met in 1919 and had an off-and-on relationship that resulted in them being engaged before the end of the 1919 school year. Ada left to teach in Southern Oregon while Mark finished his remaining years at Linfield.

Ada was a sorority member during her time at Linfield and graduated in 1920 with a double major in Music and Philosophy before receiving her teaching certificate. Mark was a member of Delta Psi Delta, Glee Club during his sophomore year, president of the Y.M.C.A and Lycem manager during his third year, and A.S.L.C. president during his

senior year. He was also a member of the Linfield baseball team and was named captain during his senior year.

Ada was born in 1897 in Spokane, Washington, and attended Linfield before becoming a teacher. Mark came from a family of German immigrants and was one of seven children. He attended Linfield and Ithaca College before becoming a minister. Mark and Ada were married in 1923 and had two children, Winkie and Charles. After Ada died in 1958, Mark was remarried to Ruby McCloskey and later died in 1967.

### **Content Description**

This collection mostly consists of photographs and documents collected throughout the years Mark and Ada attended Linfield College. The collection contains photographs, a scrapbook, two group photos, grade reports and letters from the school, a chapter from Mark Rich's unpublished autobiography, as well as two yearbooks, Linfield Reviews, and miscellaneous memorabilia and biblical documents. The collection also includes Mark Rich's baseball sweater from his time at Linfield College.

### **Restrictions on Access**

Access is by appointment only. Please contact the archivist to make an appointment.

### **Preferred Citation**

Mark and Ada (Gillett) Rich Papers. Jereld R. Nicholson Library. Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Gift of Winkie Turner, March, 2015.

### **Provenance**

Winkie Turner donated the Mark and Ada (Gillett) papers to the Linfield College Archives on March 18, 2015.

### **Location of Originals**

Jereld R. Nicholson Library, Linfield College

### **Related Material**

A 1720 German Bible, 1780 Book of Martyrs (also in German), and a copy of *The Naturalistic Theism of Henry Nelson Wieman (1884-1975)* by Dr. Charles M. Rich reside in the Special Collections row of the Linfield Archives.

### **Processing Information**

Processed by archives technician Maia Patten, with the assistance of archivist Rachael Cristine Woody.

## **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged into five boxes that hold school photographs, papers, and memorabilia from between 1917 and 1923.

### **Box 1**

**Folder 1:** Student Body Photo, 1917-1918

**Folder 2:** Ada Gillett Scrapbook, 1917

**Folder 3:** Mark Rich Student Portrait, 1922

**Folder 4:** Student and Event Photographs, 1918-1921

**Folder 5:** Group Photograph

### **Box 2**

**Folder 1:** Sorority and Fraternity Memorabilia

**Folder 2:** Miscellaneous Papers

**Folder 3:** School Papers and Autobiography Excerpt

**Folder 4:** Linfield Reviews, 1916, 1919, 1920

**Folder 5:** Papers and Bible Documents

### **Box 3**

Linfield Yearbooks, 1921-1922

### **Box 4**

Linfield Review Books, 1917-1920

### **Box 5**

Mark Rich Baseball Sweater