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Pauline (Neher) Diede
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OVERVIEW

Donor: Pauline (Neher) Diede

Accession Date: 1996

Collection Number: 052

Quantity: Thirteen textile items

Summary: Ten clothing items, circa 1932-1980, and three decorative textiles, circa 1960.

Languages: English

Links:

- [GRHC Website's pages about Pauline \(Neher\) Diede](#)
- [Pauline \(Neher\) Diede Papers, 1970-1995](#)- Manuscript collection at the Institute for Regional Studies, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota
- [Obituary of Pauline \(Neher\) Diede](#) (*Bismarck Tribune* – 26 June 2011)
- [Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection](#)

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BIOGRAPHY

Pauline Neher was born in a sod house on the North Dakota prairie in 1911. Her parents had immigrated to America from South Russia in 1909 and spoke only German. She attended two years of high school, and then transferred to the Dickinson Normal School, where she received a secretarial certificate. In 1960, she began collecting news items, interviewing pioneers, and writing articles for *The Hebron Herald*, a weekly newspaper in her community. Later, in 1977,

she began to write a weekly column, “The Prairie Echoes.” In 1983, she published the first of five books, *Homesteading on the Knife River Prairies*, about her Germans-from-Russia ancestors. She followed that up with *The Prairie Was Home* (1986), *Speaking Out... On Sodhouse Times* (1985), *North Dakota – In Grateful Homage* (1989), *The Prairie Echoes* (1993), and *Consider God’s Promises: My Christian Faith Journey* (1996). Pauline Neher Diede died June 24, 2011 in Glen Ullin, North Dakota.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The **Pauline (Neher) Diede Collection** consists of thirteen items donated to the GRHC which are housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection, NDSU. The items were owned by Diede and have been catalogued as follows:

1996.01.01a- Dress, navy blue, knitted polyester, jacket with long sleeves attached to a 6-gore skirt. Circa 1956 – 1962.

1996.01.01b- Hat, light blue woven fabric, navy rim, flat crown of 9” diameter and 1 ½” high, “pill box” style. Circa 1956 – 1962.

1996.01.02a- Wedding gown, ivory acetate, fitted bodice with cap sleeves, jewel neckline, back w-shaped detailing at upper back, fitted skirt, bias skirt with scalloped edges where joined at hip. Dated 1932.

1996.01.02b- Flower pin, 3 maroon, large roses with 10 pink sweetheart roses arranged with satin streamers of same fabric as dress. Dated 1932.

1996.01.03a- Dress, brown rayon faille, keyhole neckline with collar sprinkled with brown metallic bugle beads, long cuffed sleeves, flared skirt with fullness gathered with tab at right. Circa 1950s.

1996.01.03b- Hat, brown head-band style, brown velvet leaves arranged to cover band, bow at center of brown velvet, brown netting attached at front. Circa 1950s.

1996.01.04- Doily, cotton, crocheted circular design with rose motifs, 16” diameter, pink and ivory. Circa 1960s.

1996.01.05- Table cover, filet, crocheted, 21 ½” x 31,” purple with orange stripes [maroon with gold] stripes and border. Circa 1960s.

1996.01.06- Pillow sham of “Huck-weaving” [Bargello stitchery] with pine tree pattern of zigzag orange and green with ivory backing. Circa 1960s.

1996.01.07a- Dress, lavender Qiana nylon double knit with georgette print fabric covered bodice, spaghetti straps tied at shoulder, zip back, mid-calf length. Circa 1970 – 1980.

1996.01.07b- Jacket, polyester georgette print with gathered cap sleeves, ruffle around neck center front and bottom edges, spaghetti strap tie at center front. Circa 1970 - 1980.

1996.01.07c- Belt, fabric, lavender tie dye in varying shades of lavender. Circa 1970 – 1980.

1996.01.08d- Hat, lavender “pill box” with shades of lavender lilies around the edge of the crown and a large flat lily on top of the crown, tulle netting gathers to back, 6” diameter, 1 ½” high. Circa 1970 – 1980.

SEPARATION LIST

The Pauline (Neher) Diede Collection is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection at North Dakota State University, under the collection numbers 1996.10.01 – 1996.10.07. Fourteen days of advance notice is requested for the viewing of this collection.

ITEM LIST

Location	Item
EPRHCC	Blue dress with hat – 1996.01.01 (EPRHCC # 1996.10.01)
EPRHCC	Wedding gown with flower pin – 1996.01.02 (EPRHCC # 1996.10.02)
EPRHCC	Brown dress and hat – 1996.01.03 (EPRHCC # 1996.10.03)
EPRHCC	Doily – 1996.01.04 (EPRHCC # 1996.10.04)
EPRHCC	Table cover – 1996.01.05 (EPRHCC # 1996.10.05)
EPRHCC	Pillow sham – 1996.01.06 (EPRHCC # 1996.10.06)
EPRHCC	Dress with jacket, belt, and hat – 1996.01.07 (EPRHCC # 1996.10.07)



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