



## OVERVIEW

**Donor:** Phyllis (Knalson) Bancroft

**Accession Date:** 26 April 2006

**Collection Number:** 060

**Quantity:** 1 textile item

**Summary:** Woman's party dress of mint-green silk voile, circa 1931.

**Languages:** English

**Links:**

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## BIOGRAPHY

Phyllis (Knalson) Bancroft was born to parents Edward (Eddie) and Katherine (Katie) Knalson. Phyllis's mother, Katherine, was a first generation American born of German-Russia immigrants, John Graf, Jr. and Katherine (Buck) Graf, who lived and raised their children in Streeter, North Dakota.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The **Phyllis (Knalson) Bancroft Collection** consists of one green, woman's party dress. The dress is a woman's party dress of mint-green silk voile. The dress is sleeveless with scooped neckline, dropped waistline, and flared skirt. Ivory lace is used for cap sleeves, inset waist band and hem edge. Scalloped rows of narrow lace and ribbon decorate the flared skirt. Purple ribbon streamers are attached at the shoulder and waistline. The scooped neckline and edges of the arms are bound with voile fabric. The dress was worn by Katherina (Katie) Graf, circa 1931-1932. The dress has a straight waist of 28 inches; length of dress is 37 inches, and skirt flare is 38 inches wide.

This dress was the first dress given to Katherina (Katie) by her husband Edward (Eddie) Knalson. Katherina is the sister of Dora and Erna Graf. Their parents are Katherina Buck [ancestral village of Friedenstal, Bessarabia] and John Graf, Jr. [ancestral village of Neudorf, Glueckstal Colonies]. Their daughter, Phyllis Knalson Bancroft, wore this dress for a theatrical production of "Our Hearts Were Young and Gay" as the character Emily.

## **SEPARATION RECORD**

The Phyllis (Knalson) Bancroft Collection, 2006.01, is housed at the Emily P. Reynolds Historic Costume Collection, NDSU. Advance notice is requested for the viewing of these materials.

## **ITEM LOCATION LIST**

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<b>EPRHCC</b>	Woman's party dress of mint-green silk voile, c. 1931 [2006.01]



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