

Lucille Sturgis Gramley Goyne: Scrapbooker

Williamsport Women

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The school scrapbook of Lucille Sturgis Gramley Goyne does not display the artistry of the scrapbooks created by today's hobbyists. Yet the plain green volume effectively shares Goyne's memories of her time at Williamsport Dickinson Seminary (now Lycoming College). A member of the graduating class of 1926, she led a busy life, filled with school activities, religious commitment, culture, and humor.

Goyne (1907-1994) was the only daughter of a prominent Millheim couple. Her mother, Besse E. Sturgis Gramley, was herself a 1902 graduate of Dickinson Seminary; and her father, S. Ward Gramley, was an educator who later became a banker. The Penns Valley Area Historical Museum is rich in information about and artifacts from the Sturgis and Gramley families. Goyne grew up in the "mansion," so known by the townspeople because it was the largest house in the area.

STUDENT LIFE

Student roster cards show Goyne registered for such courses as Lettering 103, Color and Design 104, and Modeling 106. Like her mother, she was an art major. Goyne was very proud of her English papers, tucking "A" ones into her scrapbook.

There was evidence of a beau, Ward Miller, in the early pages of the scrapbook—a copy of his schedule at Penn State, his picture, a telegram stating he couldn't come for a particular weekend, and a valentine with the message "I'm willing to be caught."

The school newspaper, the Dickinson Union, encouraged students to "Absorb the Dickinson spirit early and be one of us." The paper also offered ideas about what some of Goyne's social activities might have been. There was the annual Chestnut Party, for which students boarded busses to Sylvan Dell Park, where they would gather huckleberries, play football and baseball, and go boating. On other occasions, there were girls-only hikes into the mountains, where the young women would build a campfire and then eat "sizzling doggies."

Goyne apparently attended football games, as her scrapbook contains a button in the shape of a football that says "Beat Wyoming." One season, the school had lost almost every game when President Long offered to host a party with refreshments in the gymnasium if the team triumphed over Mansfield—which the team then did.

Goyne also included many campus playbills and recital programs. There were teas to attend and treats at The Dainty Shoppe, which offered "ice cream and ices to take home." She patronized The Betty Bates Pastry and Confectionary, where you might order clam chowder for 10 cents or a fruit salad sundae for 15 cents. Goyne often saved napkins or small table decorations, now crumpled, from functions such as the Greater Dickinson Banquet or a YWCA reception. Secured to one page of the scrapbook is a fork with the initials "W.D.S."

RELIGIOUS COMMITMENT

Early in the school year, students attended a reception at Pine Street Methodist Church and another one at Mulberry Street Church, where they ate ice cream tinted in school colors. Goyne included a nametag she wore at that event, which says "Welcome, My name is Lucille S. Gramley. What's yours. Dickinson."

Goyne participated in a lyceum course at Pine Street Church, sponsored by the Williamsport Ministerial Association. Among the presentations were lectures by explorers of South America and Palestine and a concert that brought a singer from the Metropolitan Opera.

When Billy Sunday conducted a student night tabernacle service on the Dickinson Campus, Goyne came forward to publicly acknowledge her faith in Jesus Christ. She pasted in her scrapbook a pamphlet she received that night: "How to Make a Success of the Christian Life."

JUST FOR FUN

Goyne's sense of humor is evident in the scrapbook pages. After looking at her picture, we can guess why she held onto an advertisement for Golden Gint Shampoo, which "harmlessly beautifies the hair." A small certificate from the Society of Kissing Boys states, "the license entitles the holder to kiss white,



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Above, is a photograph of Lucille Sturgis Gramley Goyne from the Lycoming College archives. Below, is a picture painted by Goyne in 1925.



black, or yellow or any kind of fellow." There is a copy of an astrology reading describing Goyne as "proud, energetic, fearless, and ready to fight when the occasion requires."

We will never know why she included a newspaper article on the nudity craze in Central Europe. The article states that a woman in Belgrade alighted from a taxi wearing not even the customary fig leaf.

After Dickinson

Goyne apparently returned to Millheim after completing her degree at Dickinson. In 1929, she married Thomas Stuart Goyne, who had graduated from Penn State as an engineer. Her husband would later become the president of Goyne Steam Pump Company, located in Ashland, Pennsylvania, where they would live and raise their family.

In the 1926 yearbook, President Long admonished the class to lead useful lives of service and remember that they were always Dickinsonians. Goyne seemed to heed this advice. Her name was mentioned frequently in her local newspaper because of her commitment to the Ashland State Hospital, where she was on the board, was active in the auxiliary, and received the 1972 volunteer of the year award.

The Goyne scrapbook in its entirety is part of the Lycoming County Women's History Collection at <http://www.lycoming.edu/orgs/lcwch/>