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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Louise Maude (Crawford) Evans was born in Marilla, NY, on December 18, 1927, to James A. and Virginia G. Crawford. The family later moved to Buffalo, NY, where Louise completed high school.

Louise attended Cornell University, graduating in 1949 with a bachelor's degree in zoology and chemistry. She later earned a master's degree in education from the University of Hartford.

Louise married David Longfellow Evans, a librarian, while living in New York City in June 1950. They moved to Syracuse, NY; Blacksburg, VA; and Vernon, CT; before settling on Main Street, South Windsor in 1963. They raised five children.

Louise worked as an elementary and middle school teacher beginning in 1968, specializing in gifted student education. After retiring in 1989, Louise formed a publishing company, Synergetics, with fellow South Windsor teacher Edith Doherty. Together they cowrote and published dozens of curricula and other books.

Louise received an array of teaching honors, including Teacher of the Year in South Windsor, Connecticut Teacher of the Year finalist, Celebration of Excellence (Connecticut State Department of Education), and the William G. Vassar Award for Distinguished Service to Gifted Children.

Louise was dedicated to public service. She joined the League of Women Voters in 1964. The same year, Louise was appointed to the South Windsor Conservation Commission, later serving as chair. In 1967, Louise became the first woman elected to the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z). Louise served on the P&Z for over forty years, including as chairman in the 1980s. After retiring from the P&Z, Louise served on the Historic District Commission and continued to represent the P&Z on the Open Space Task Force.

Louise volunteered with numerous community organizations, including but not limited to the St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Wood Memorial Library, South Windsor Public Library, Hartford Audubon Society, South Windsor Historical Society, and South Windsor Garden Club.

David passed away on September 25, 2004, followed by Louise on December 9, 2020.

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Scope and Contents

The Louise Crawford Evans papers, 1891-2018, consist of materials documenting the teaching career, public service, and personal life of Louise (Crawford) Evans, a South Windsor resident. Evans compiled the materials. Contents include committee minutes, agendas, and reports; maps; scrapbooks; newspaper clippings; correspondence; photographs; ephemera; and published curricula.

Wood staff have disassembled the scrapbooks, placing the materials in folders for preservation purposes. Scrapbook materials are stored sequentially in multiple folders, matching Evans' original order.

Series 1. Teaching career (1974-2003) contains materials documenting Evans' career as an educator. Materials include scrapbooks, published curricula, and loose photographs. The

scrapbooks contain teaching evaluations and notes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other materials.

Series 2. Public service (1959-2018) contains materials documenting Evans' participation in South Windsor town politics, including her service on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Historic District Commission, and Open Space Task Force. Contents include scrapbooks, zoning maps and studies, committee records (minutes, agendas, correspondence, and reports), and historic preservation resources. The scrapbooks primarily contain newspaper clippings, correspondence, and ephemera.

Series 3. Personal (1891-2018) contains materials documenting Evans' personal life and service in community organizations. Contents include a scrapbook, correspondence, photographs, and ephemera.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series: Series 1. Teaching career; Series 2. Public service; Series 3. Personal.

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Controlled Access Headings

- South Windsor (Conn.)
- Zoning--Connecticut—South Windsor (Town)
- Schools--Connecticut—South Windsor
- Teachers--Connecticut
- Scrapbooks
- Photographs
- Minutes

Collection Inventory

Series 1. Teaching career, 1974-2003

Subseries 1.1. Scrapbooks, 1974-2003

Title/Description	Instances	
"Some memories of SWEPT" (1 of 2), 1974-1989	box Evans 1	folder 1
"Some memories of SWEPT" (1 of 2), 1974-1989	box Evans 1	folder 2
"Louise Evans teacher 2 of 4" scrapbook (1 of 3), 1974-2003	box Evans 1	folder 3
"Louise Evans teacher 2 of 4" scrapbook (2 of 3), 1974-2003	box Evans 1	folder 4
"Louise Evans teacher 2 of 4" scrapbook (3 of 3), 1974-2003	box Evans 1	folder 5

Teaching scrapbook, untitled and unnumbered (1 of 3), 1974-1987	box Evans 1	folder 6
Teaching scrapbook, untitled and unnumbered (2 of 3), 1974-1987	box Evans 2	folder 1
Teaching scrapbook, untitled and unnumbered (3 of 3), 1974-1987	box Evans 2	folder 2

Subseries 1.2. Publications, 1974-1995

Title/Description	Instances	
Project Talent Curriculum, 1974	box Evans 2	folder 3
Training Packet: South Windsor Elementary Project Talent (SWEPT), 1979	box Evans 2	folder 4
Training Packet: South Windsor Elementary Project Talent (SWEPT), 1979	box Evans 2	folder 5
Curriculum Packet: Seven Units of Study for Elementary Level Gifted and Talented Students, 1979	box Evans 2	folder 6
Unit on Creativity, 1979	box Evans 2	folder 7
Self-starter Kit for Independent Study, 1980	box Evans 2	folder 8
G/C/T article, 1981	box Evans 2	folder 9
Simulation Similes, 1981, 1992, 1997	box Evans 3	folder 1
Self-starter Kit for Independent Study, 1983	box Evans 3	folder 2
Grokking into the Future, 1983	box Evans 3	folder 3
Grokking into the Future, 1983	box Evans 3	folder 4
Primary Independent Study Booklet, 1983	box Evans 3	folder 5
How to Develop Your Own Curriculum Units, 1984, 1990	box Evans 3	folder 6
Astrogation License: A Scientific and Mathematical Approach to Navigation in Space, 1984	box Evans 3	folder 7
Joust for Fun, 1986	box Evans 4	folder 1
Fossil Dig, 1988	box Evans 4	folder 2
Formats Galore, 1988	box Evans 4	folder 3
Grokking into the Future, 1989	box Evans 4	folder 4
Grasslands Safari: The Schoolyard Earth Book, 1991	box Evans 4	folder 5
Grasslands Safari: The Schoolyard Earth Book, 1991	box Evans 4	folder 6
The Medieval Banquet, 1991	box Evans 4	folder 7
Native Americans: Our Roots in Nature, 1992	box Evans 4	folder 8
Mystery: Who Discovered the Americas?, 1992	box Evans 4	folder 9

Artists Look at the Old West, 1992	box Evans 4	folder 10
Insects: Enrichment Activities to Integrate Thinking Skills into Group or Individual Instruction, 1992	box Evans 5	folder 1
Astronomy in Your Backyard, 1992	box Evans 5	folder 2
Astrogation License, 1992	box Evans 5	folder 3
Mystery: What Was Pre-Columbian America Like?, 1992	box Evans 5	folder 4
Our Legacy from Greek Mythology, 1995	box Evans 5	folder 5
Our Legacy from Greek Mythology, 1995	box Evans 5	folder 6

Subseries 1.3. Photographs, 1982-1985

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs, 1982-1985	box Evans 5	folder 7

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Series 2. Public service, 1959-2018

Subseries 2.1. South Windsor Planning and Zoning Commission, 1959-2016

Title/Description	Instances	
Planning and zoning scrapbook, untitled and unnumbered (1 of 2), 1964-1987	box Evans 5	folder 8
Planning and zoning scrapbook, untitled and unnumbered (2 of 2), 1964-1987	box Evans 6	folder 1
"Planning and zoning vol. 2" scrapbook (1 of 2), 1987-2007	box Evans 6	folder 2
"Planning and zoning vol. 2" scrapbook (2 of 2), 1987-2007	box Evans 6	folder 3
South Windsor zoning maps, 1959-2001	box Evans 6	folder 4
Collins sledding hill map, Circa 2000	box Evans 6	folder 5
Implementation Element, 2013	box Evans 6	folder 6
Main Street Preservation Planning Study, 2016	box Evans 6	folder 7
Ephemera: Louise Evans for Planning and Zoning, Undated	box Evans 6	folder 8
Planning and zoning resources, Undated	box Evans 7	folder 1

Subseries 2.2. South Windsor Historic District Commission, 1998-2018

Title/Description	Instances	
Minutes, agendas, and correspondence, 2009-2018		
2009-2011	box Evans 7	folder 2
2012-2013	box Evans 7	folder 3
2013	box Evans 7	folder 4
2013-2014	box Evans 7	folder 5
2014-2015	box Evans 7	folder 6
2016-2018	box Evans 7	folder 7
Historic preservation resources, 1998-2011	box Evans 7	folder 8
Historic preservation resources, 2015	box Evans 7	folder 9

Subseries 2.3. South Windsor Open Space Task Force, 2001-2015

Title/Description	Instances	
1 of 3, 2001-2015	box Evans 7	folder 10
2 of 3, 2001-2015	box Evans 8	folder 1
3 of 3, 2001-2015	box Evans 8	folder 2

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Series 3. Personal, 1891-2018

Subseries 3.1. Activities and community engagement, 1963-2018

Title/Description	Instances	
"Misc. activities vol. 1" scrapbook (1 of 3), 1963-1976	box Evans 8	folder 3
"Misc. activities vol. 1" scrapbook (2 of 3), 1963-1976	box Evans 8	folder 4
"Misc. activities vol. 1" scrapbook (3 of 3), 1963-1976	box Evans 8	folder 5
Hartford Audubon Society programs, 1962-1968	box Evans 8	folder 6
Hartford Audubon Society programs, 1969-1975	box Evans 9	folder 1
Hartford Audubon Society programs, 1976-2018	box Evans 9	folder 2
St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1993-2017	box Evans 9	folder 3
South Windsor Historical Society board (1 of 2), 2013-2015	box Evans 9	folder 4
South Windsor Historical Society board (2 of 2), 2013-2015	box Evans 9	folder 5
Costa Rica trip, Undated	box Evans 9	folder 6

Subseries 3.2. Family, 1891-1984

Title/Description	Instances	
Family: David Evans (1922-2004), 1956-1984	box Evans 9	folder 7
Family, Undated	box Evans 9	folder 8
New England Magazine, 1891	box Evans 9	folder 9

Subseries 3.3. Photographs, 1970-2001

Title/Description	Instances	
Photographs, 1970-2001	box Evans 9	folder 10

Subseries 3.4 Correspondence, 2000-2011

Title/Description	Instances	
2000-2011	box Evans 9	folder 11

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