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**Creator:** Nethercut, Vernie, 1929-  
**Title:** Vernie Nethercut papers.  
**Inclusive dates:** 1946-ca. 2005  
**Bulk dates:** 1947-1951  
**Extent:** 2 linear feet and 1 oversize volume  
**Call number:** 2011105 Aa 2

**Language:** Material is in English  
**Acquisition:** The collection was donated by Vernie Nethercut (donor no. 10532) and came to the library in two accessions in 2011.  
**Accruals:** No additions to the collection are expected.  
**Access:** The collection is open without restriction.  
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### **Biography**

Vernie (LaVerne) Schmitkons was born in Elyria, Ohio in January 1929. She graduated from the University of Michigan, class of 1951, then taught school for three years. Following her marriage to Gordon Nethercut in 1953, she worked for a time with the Northwest Branch of the Detroit YWCA. The Nethercuts later moved to Alpena, Michigan in 1962. From 1964 to 1976, she was part-time communications coordinator for the Alpena Public Schools. In 1977, she founded the Alpena Volunteer Center at Alpena Community College. She served as its director until she retired in 1996.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Vernie Nethercut collection consists mainly of materials accumulated while she (Vernie Schmitkons) was a student at the University of Michigan. There is one scrapbook detailing her activities at the University as well as other materials which was intended to be placed in other scrapbook volumes. This material (clippings, memorabilia, receipts, course materials, publications, etc.) documents her involvement in campus activities and organizations. Notable among her activities are files relating to the Student Executive Committee of the Michigan Memorial Phoenix Project, course materials from the U-M Department of Physical Education for Women, and a workbook and other materials from the summers she spent as a counselor at the University's National Music Camp. A smaller part of the collection consists of travel brochures for the Alpena area collected for the period of the 1990s up to about 2005.

**Box No. Description**

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**Personal****Box 1**

Photos and clippings about her  
 Schmitkons family and Elyria, Ohio miscellaneous  
 Correspondence, largely letters from her parents in Ohio  
 Undated  
 1947  
 1948  
 1949  
 1950  
 1951

**University of Michigan Activities and Related Materials, 1947-1951**

Diaries, appointment calendars, and postcards with grades given for classes  
 Ephemera: programs, name badges, pennants, campaign for office banners  
 Martha Cook Building – room list, letters, etc.  
 Michigan Memorial Phoenix Project, Student Executive Committee records, 1950-1951  
 Miscellaneous: lists, organization materials  
 National Music Camp, 1949-1951  
 Counselor education workbook  
 Miscellaneous; include lists, contract, correspondence

**Box 2**

Notes, tests, essays (mainly English classes)  
 University of Michigan Dept. of Physical Education for Women, class notes, syllabi  
 U-M Publications

**Out. Vol.**

Scrapbook, 1946-1949

**Other materials****Box 2**

Post-graduation activities as teacher, 1953, and with the public relation committee to the Northwest Board of Management of the Detroit YWCA, 1956-1958  
 Alpena, Michigan travel and tourist brochures