

# A Guide to the Nancy Sowers Dickerson Scrapbook Collection , 1925-1927

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## Descriptive Summary

### Collection number

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### Language

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### Abstract

The scrapbook of Nancy S. Dickerson presents a visual record of her two years as a student at Radford State Teachers' College in 1925-27. Contains memorabilia, programs from musical events, letters from friends and suitors, newspaper clippings, photographs, and other items documenting life as a student at Radford in 1925-27. A [finding aid](#) has been created for this collection. This collection has also been fully [digitized](#).

### Creator

Nancy S. Dickerson

### Extent

0.1 Linear feet.

### Repository

University Archives, McConnell Library, Radford University

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Access is available online only: [Nancy Sowers Dickerson Scrapbook Collection](#)

### Use Restrictions

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## Acquisition Information

John Semones, the son of Nancy Dickerson Semones.

## Processing Information

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## Accruals

Futher additions are not expected.

## Custodial History

The Dickerson scrapbook was loaned to Archives and Special Collections by John Semones, the son of Nancy Dickerson Semones, along with full rights to digitize the scrapbook and make it available online. The original scrapbook was returned to the Semones family.

## Biographical Information

Nancy Sowers Dickerson was born on December 12, 1908 to LC and Caroline Dickerson in Stuart, VA, the county seat of Patrick County. She was the third child and third daughter. Her parents had three more children, all sons. Nancy's father was a "country doctor," and owned one of the first automobiles in Patrick County, where he used to make house calls. Nancy was named Miss Patrick County at the county fair circa 1924. She attended public school in Patrick County. Her father did not want his daughters to become nurses, but insisted that they become teachers. Nancy was originally sent to the State Teachers College in Farmville (now Longwood University), but decided to attend Radford State Teachers College instead after her father became ill and she wanted to be closer to home in Patrick County.

She entered Radford State Teachers College in 1924 at age 16 and finished the two year requirement to become a certified teacher when she was 18. While in Radford she joined the First Baptist Church and met Dr. L. R. Semones who had opened a dental practice in Radford in 1924. In 1927 Nancy took a teaching job in Martinsville, VA, teaching 60 first grade students. She married L.R. Semones in 1936 and they had four children.

- Biography supplied by John Semones, the son of Nancy Dickerson Semones

## Scope and Content

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## Arrangement

The original copy of the scrapbook is held by the Semones family.

The Nancy Sowers Dickerson Scrapbook can be viewed online in RU Digital Collections:

[Nancy Sowers Dickerson Scrapbook Collection](#)