

Gratification

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Explore

Question

WE are planning to add another chapter to CO-ED at the end. That would be chapter XXXI.

Plan

I have found three archival sources that will help us develop our collaborative paper. Those are two interviews of two female students and a decade history of student life and life in society in general at that time. In our project we are exploring the life in Urbana, Champaign in late 1920's and early '30's. When Phil and Lucia got married and in order to describe their life in marriage after graduation we need to explore how everything was back then.

First, we are going to write about Phil's background and then him and Lucia are going back to his hometown and they are going to live in the house that Phil had plans for and the author talked about them earlier in the book. Then we are going to describe their life in the dream house. I am going to write about what Lucia's career plans were and where did she work and what did she do with her diploma from University of Illinois. And we going to end the book with a nice fair tale and a line that they lived together happily ever after...

We are going to explore life in 1920's. In order to do that we would have to conduct an archival research. Since we are adding a chapter to the end of the Co-Ed. We have to continue the story of what happened after Phil came to Lucia to get married. We would have to discover where the Phil is from and what is his background before he went to college.

Our Plan of Actions:

1. We are going to look at farms around Rockford where Phil worked when he was 12 years old. And we would have to explore what the farm life was like in Rockford in 1920's, since Lucia is so afraid to live on a farm.
2. In this additional chapter Phil will tell Lucia about his background, so we would have to find some archives since like 1910's when his parents died, when he was 10.
3. I will explore how did wedding look back then in Urbana, Champaign region, since we will include a wedding ceremony in the chapter that we will add.
4. Lucia was from around Urbana, Champaign, so we will explore how life looked like in 1920-1930's so we can expand on her life with Phil after their wedding.
5. We will have to find what people did back in 1930's so we can write about Lucia's professional life after college and where she can work with her U of I degree and being a woman back then also played a huge role in developing her career.

Observe

What observations, or findings are you encountering in your research?

I am observing the fact that there is not much information on farm towns near Rockford, IL in 1913. I have tried the University Archives, which only have information on the U of I. But they pointed me to the History and Collections Library which I found pictures of people and farms between the time of 1901-13. But the town is Sadorus which is in Winnebago County of Illinois. So that is as close as I got :^(. I also got other ideas of towns that are farmlike- from reading and talking with the professionals at the different archival places. My ideas was Winnebago, Sadorus, Dekalb and Cedarville. So now I'll just have to rely on Internet Sources as well as my pics of Sadorus, because the professionals said that my best bet was to travel to Rockford...and well that's not an option!

Discuss

Discuss your inquiry, taking care to separate speculation from fact or data.

I think that we should maybe use one of the options that I researched and found like Sadorus, Winnebago County, Cedarville, or Dekalb as the setting in our future chapter. Or come up with other research steps, tips, ideas to make more use of the resources here on campus. I know that I must have misunderstood my objective...because I was working quite hard trying to find archival resources for our chapter, just to find that there were few...if any!

Reflect

Link

I am posting my part of our collaborative paper. One page of our rough draft where I used my sources, that I found in my archival search. Two interviews of women who went to U of I at the same time Lucia and Phil attended U of I and then my third source is the decade history of late 1920's and early 1930's so I can describe what's going on during that time and what Phil and Lucia might go through around that time. What activities that do what kind of stuff do they enjoy doing, where they can be working, how do they live, what kind of house do they have. What customs and traditions they had during that time. My part was mainly focus on Lucia's career and her life after college and what she did with her degree and did everything happened how she planned and imagined. That's the main mystery to this question.

My sources which I have used in a paper!

Three sources that will help my group to develop a collaborative paper are the following:

1. An Illini Century One hundred years of campus life. University of Illinois Press, Urbana, 1967. University of Illinois Archives.
2. University of Illinois Student Life, 1928-38: Oral History Project. Florence Mary Hood Miner '29. November 6, 2000.
3. University of Illinois Student Life, 1928-38: Oral History Project. Audrey Moore Stewart-Class of '32. May 19, 2001.

found two interviews with two female student that graduated at the same time with Lucia and in the interviews they talked why they went to college in the first time, what their goals were, what they wanted to achieve initially in life. Female education was very extraordinary for woman to have back at that time. Both of the woman talked about what their careers were and one of them was an english major and the other one was journalism major. Both of them were an interest for Lucia, so through interviews I could get a sense of what is Lucia going to do after college, what career is she going to pursue and where is she going to be working.

The third source is the history of the decade when Lucia and Phil got married for better understanding in what situation they were and what happened during that time that could have influenced Lucia's and Phil's life.

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I also just found a webpage for the ida public library in Belvidere. It was founded in 1913, so it definitely would have been there by the time Lucia and Phil married and moved into the new house Phil built for them. Lucia loved reading so she could have spent time at the library.

<http://www.idapubliclibrary.org/>

I have been having problems looking in the U of I archives for the town Phil could have grown up in, probably because Rockford doesn't have that much to do with the U of I. I found out there was a Galesburg, Il campus for the U of I in the mid-forties and I was pretty excited because I thought it was close to Rockford. It isn't. It's about 2 hours away. More on Galesburg later. Then I remembered that one of my old college roommates was from a smaller town outside of Rockford, and her parents have a decent amount of land and a few horses, so I thought it would be good to check it out. The town is Belvidere, Il. It has been around since the 1830's so it could have been a slightly established farming town around the time Phil was born. Here is the website I found:

<http://www.ci.belvidere.il.us/bodyframeset.htm>.

What I found on Galesburg said there are student handbooks from 1947-1949 that show some student life aspects like organizations and things, but then there are music concert programs from around the same time. This would not be when Phil and Lucia were just married, but when they were older, say like mid-forties or so. My thoughts on this were that possibly Lucia could have wanted to become involved in teaching music or English at the University since she was so interested in those subjects in college. I have emailed the archives people because it was impossible to look any further into it without doing so. Hopefully I will hear back soon to see if we can use these to make our chapter a sort of glimpse of a few important things in Phil and Lucia's lives after the novel ended.

Implications

Here is the rough draft for our chapter

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Other

Finally figured out how to use iLabs! Here is my original project proposal even though we've already decided on adding the last chapter. I prefer our new idea much more because I think it will make the readers think very different about the college experience.

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This is my paragraph proposal that I brought to my project group to discuss.

However, we came up with a totally new idea about our project.

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