

GAMMA CHAPTER

80TH BIRTHDAY, APRIL 25, 1936



Founding Sisters- 1936

- April 25, 1936 at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville.

Mary Reade Smith (Head, English Department, Lee Edwards HS)



Cordelia Camp (Director
of teacher training,
Western)

Ione Dunn (Dean of
Asheville Teachers
College)

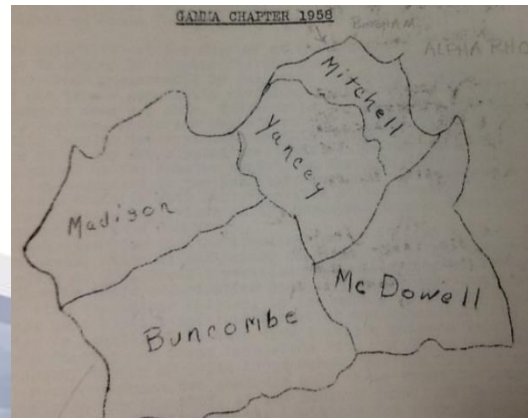
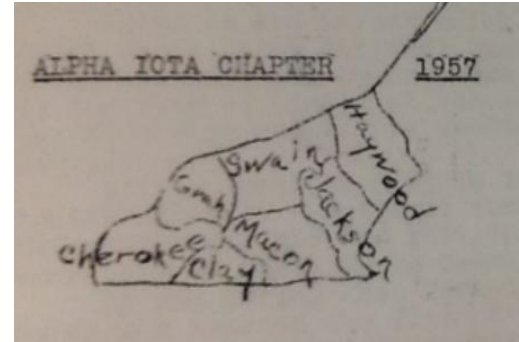
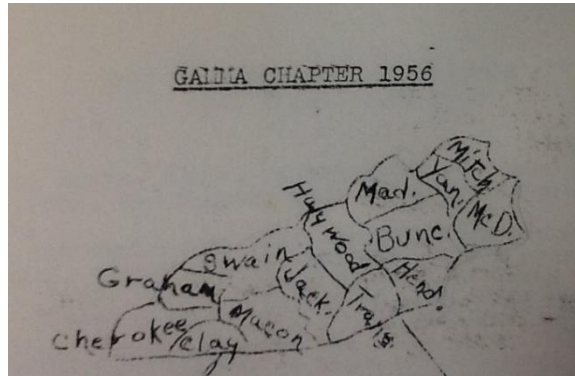


Cordelia Camp- A Leader



- A Founder of ETA State and Gamma Chapter
- Bachelor degree- UNC Chapel Hill
- Masters degree- Columbia University NYC
- Teacher/supervisor- Western Normal Teachers College
- Camp Lab (WCU) named in her honor 1965
- Silver Cup Award- WNC Historical Association
- Author:
 - *Some Pioneer Women Teachers of North Carolina*
 - *The Influence of Geography Upon Early North Carolina*
 - *Governor Vance—A Life for Young People*

GEOGRAPHICAL HISTORY



First Initiation of Gamma Chapter

- Nancy O. Devere, a North Carolina State Founder took charge of the initiation of the first 15 sisters and was assisted by Cordelia Camp, Iona Dunn, Mary Reade Smith, Ruby Sisk Gouge, and Ila Johnston.

Gamma History 1937-39- Activities

- NEA (New Orleans) convention
- Camp elected President
- Governors' Commission on Education
- Lecture on "The Teaching Profession as Compared to Other Professions"
- Lecture on "The Status of the Married Woman Teacher"
- DKG National Convention- Asheville

CHAPTER HISTORY

The big event on August 30-31, 1939 was the National Convention of DKG held in Asheville with North Carolina and Tennessee as joint hostesses. Details of arrangement fell to Gamma chapter which **“the members carried out efficiently”**.

CHAPTER HISTORY- 1940-41

Gamma chapter was represented at the National Convention in Washington City in March, 1940 by **Camp, Fowler, Goodman, and Johnston**. At this time it was Gamma's turn to prepare the figurine of a pioneer woman teacher from North Carolina. Miss Elizabeth Kelly was chosen and a figurine of this noble pioneer teacher was presented at the convention by Cordelia Camp who gave a brief and appropriate biography of this unique character.

Gamma History 1942-43

- Chapter theme: “The Profession’s Responsibility in Helping Maintain Adequate Educational Standards During and After the War”
- All members aided the war effort

Grant-in-Aid Honoree

- Mary Hubbard
(former Gamma Treasurer)
was honored by Gamma
chapter's giving Grants-
in-Aid her name in 2002,
which are given to rising
senior women who are
majoring in education



Current Grant-in-Aid Recipient

Doris Rojas



L-R Alice Pfirrmann, Doris Rojas, Vicky Rogers, FiFi DeGroot

Recent Chapter History

- In recent years Gamma has held silent auctions to raise money for the Mary Hubbard Memorial Recruitment Grant. This grant-in-aid was named in honor of a former treasurer who initiated this award.
- The chapter was also teamed with Alpha Chi and Alpha Phi to put together goody bags for new teachers in Buncombe and Madison Counties and Asheville City Schools. This year Gamma also donated 21 boxes of supplies to Mission Hospital to pediatric children with the organization called Jared boxes.

GAMMA PRESIDENTS 1940s



Hattie Fowler
1941-43



Fannie Goodman
1943-45



Ruby Gouge
1945-47

Gamma Presidents

1960s



Marian Lee
1960-62



Ruby Cox 1962-64



Margaret Curtiss
1966-68



Virginia Hart
1968-70

Gamma Presidents 1970s



Mary Ihrig
1970-72



Kay Wilda Bell
1972-74



Rachel Chapman
1974-76



Venice Lance
1976-1978



Winona Bierbaum
1978-1980

Gamma Presidents 1980s



Dorothy Roberts
1980-1982



Kay Wilda Bell
1984-1986



LinDa Campbell
1986-1988

Gamma Presidents 1990s



Betty Maxwell
1990-1994



Melody Bell/Elaine
Hensley
1994-1996



Regina Lambert/
Mary Gale Teague
1996-1998



Doris Sellers/
Bonnie Wells
1998-2000

Gamma Presidents 2000s



Robin
Smathers
2000-2001



Vicky Rogers
2006-2010



Diane
Rutledge
2010-2014



Patty
Higgins
2014-2018

Gamma Chapter Initiations: Glimpses of The Past



OUTSTANDING CURRENT MEMBERS



Vicky Rogers



Rachel Chapman

Recognition of Rachel Chapman



Gamma Sister for 57 years

ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE YEARS



Asheville:
“HerStory” tour of
leading women in
history.



ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE YEARS

Readers Theater: “Just So Stories”



“Four Generations of Women”



ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE YEARS



Activities Through The Years



Read with Lily

WNC Train History



Silent Auction

Activities Through The Years

Initiation



Zumba!

Activities Through The Years: Pampering New Teachers

Goody Bags



Current Gamma Officers



(l-r) Phyllis Wilson, Dorothy Rapp, Cathy Purgahn, Diane Rutledge, Beverly Lunsford, Alice Pfirrmann, Patty Higgins