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## **FREDERICA PANTLIND Grand Rapids friend of Gerald Ford: Papers , 1933-38 (1982)**

### **Collection Type**

Personal Papers

### **Extent**

0.1 linear feet (ca. 200 pages)

### **Record Type**

Textual

## **Access**

Open.

## **Copyright**

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## **Biography**

### **Frederica Pantlind Johnson**

July 15, 1917 - Born, Grand Rapids, MI

1935 - Began the Masters School at Dobbs Ferry-on-the-Hudson, NY

1937 - Attended Wildcliff Junior College in Swarthmore, PA

Married Cyril Irwin Johnson; children: Bonnie, Pam and Cyril Jr.

August 6, 2001 - Died, Winston-Salem, NC

## **Scope and Content Note**

Frederica “Freddy” Pantlind grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Her parents, Frederic J. Pantlind and Hilda W. (Hummer) Pantlind, owned the Pantlind Hotel, the leading hotel in the city (upon the completion of major renovations and an addition in 1981 it became known as the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel). The Pantlinds lived near the Ford family in Grand Rapids and both families had vacation homes at Ottawa Beach, near Holland, Michigan. Freddy’s brother, Boyd, attended the University of Michigan at the same time as Gerald Ford. Pantlind also knew Betty Bloomer as they were both members of the high school sorority Gamma Delta Tau.

The Pantlind papers include several handwritten letters from her friend Gerald R. Ford that offer an extremely unique look at a relatively undocumented period of Ford’s life - his time as an undergraduate at the University of Michigan and as an assistant football and wrestling coach at Yale. The letters cover a variety of topics including school, football, fraternity life, girls, and college friends.

The collection also contains materials related to Pantlind’s Grand Rapids social life in the 1930s, including invitations, programs, and date books from Gamma Delta Tau events. Also included are clippings on Ford’s football exploits at the University of Michigan, her brother Boyd’s activities with the Michigan track team, Grand Rapids, the Pantlind Hotel, and Ottawa Beach. The collection also includes a book chapter on Ottawa Beach, and a 1981 *Grand Rapids Press* supplement on Gerald R. Ford.

#### Related Materials (January 2011)

Related collections include the Grand Rapids South High School Publications and the University of Michigan Law School Student Case File of Gerald R. Ford. The Thomas Ford Books and Papers include one letter written by Gerald R. Ford to his mother while he was in college. Additional materials on Ford’s time as a student at the University of Michigan will be found in various collections of University records in the University of Michigan’s Bentley Historical Library (located next door to the Ford Library). More information on the Pantlinds can be found in the Pantlind Family Records, which is housed in the Grand Rapids History & Special Collections Archives at the Grand Rapids Public Library.

#### **Last Modified Date**

2025-03-11

## Box 1 Subject File, 1933-38 (1982)

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This series consists of handwritten letters from Gerald R. Ford to Pantlind; University of Michigan athletics clippings; and clippings, programs, invitations, and date books related to the Gamma Delta Tau high school sorority. Also included are Grand Rapids, Pantlind Hotel, and Ottawa Beach newspaper clippings; a book chapter on Ottawa Beach; and a 1981 Grand Rapids Press supplement on Gerald R. Ford. A small number of photographs received as part of the collection have been transferred to the Library's audiovisual department. Arranged alphabetically by subject and thereunder chronologically.

### Box 1 Subject File

Status	Title
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Ford, Gerald R. - Letter, 9/17/1933</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Ford, Gerald R. - Letter, 9/30/1933</a>
OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#">Ford, Gerald R. - Letter, 10/8/1933</a>
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OPEN / DIGITIZED	<a href="#"><u>Newspaper: Gerald R. Ford: A Special Report, Grand Rapids Press, 9/13/1981</u></a>
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