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THE Kinne Legacy

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Alexander Brest Gallery, Phillips Fine Arts Building, Jacksonville University



The ambitious Jacksonville University of today owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the remarkable Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne. Fran embodied our University motto, Fiat Lux – Let There Be Light, as she filled our world with light, joy, hope and courage. As we mourned her passing last year during the emergence of the pandemic, we are forever thankful for the precious time we shared, and for the unique wisdom and leadership she modeled for us all. “Legacy” is determined by the impact on the lives of others, and Fran’s influence is immeasurable. Her legacy will extend through generations — and around the globe for years to come — with a lasting challenge to each of us: to live life as well, for others, as she did for 102 memorable years. She has left an indelible mark on our university and will forever be in our hearts.



From the Dean

The Kinne Legacy is a labor of love. So many contributed in their own way to bring this extraordinary exhibition to the Alexander Brest Gallery. Dr. Kinne was deeply respected and admired. Our mission was to do Fran justice and to illustrate the story of her exceptional life for those who knew her well and to educate future generations. On behalf of all who brought the Kinne Legacy to life, I hope you enjoy this remarkable collection.

- Dr. Timothy Snyder, Dean, Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts

The Kinne Legacy



[Left] Iconic Red Suit with Beaded Sweater

[Center] Saudi Arabian Ceremonial Gown with Gold Thread

[Right] Classic Sequin Gown



Fran in 8th Grade



Bertha (Olson) Bartlett at the age of 100

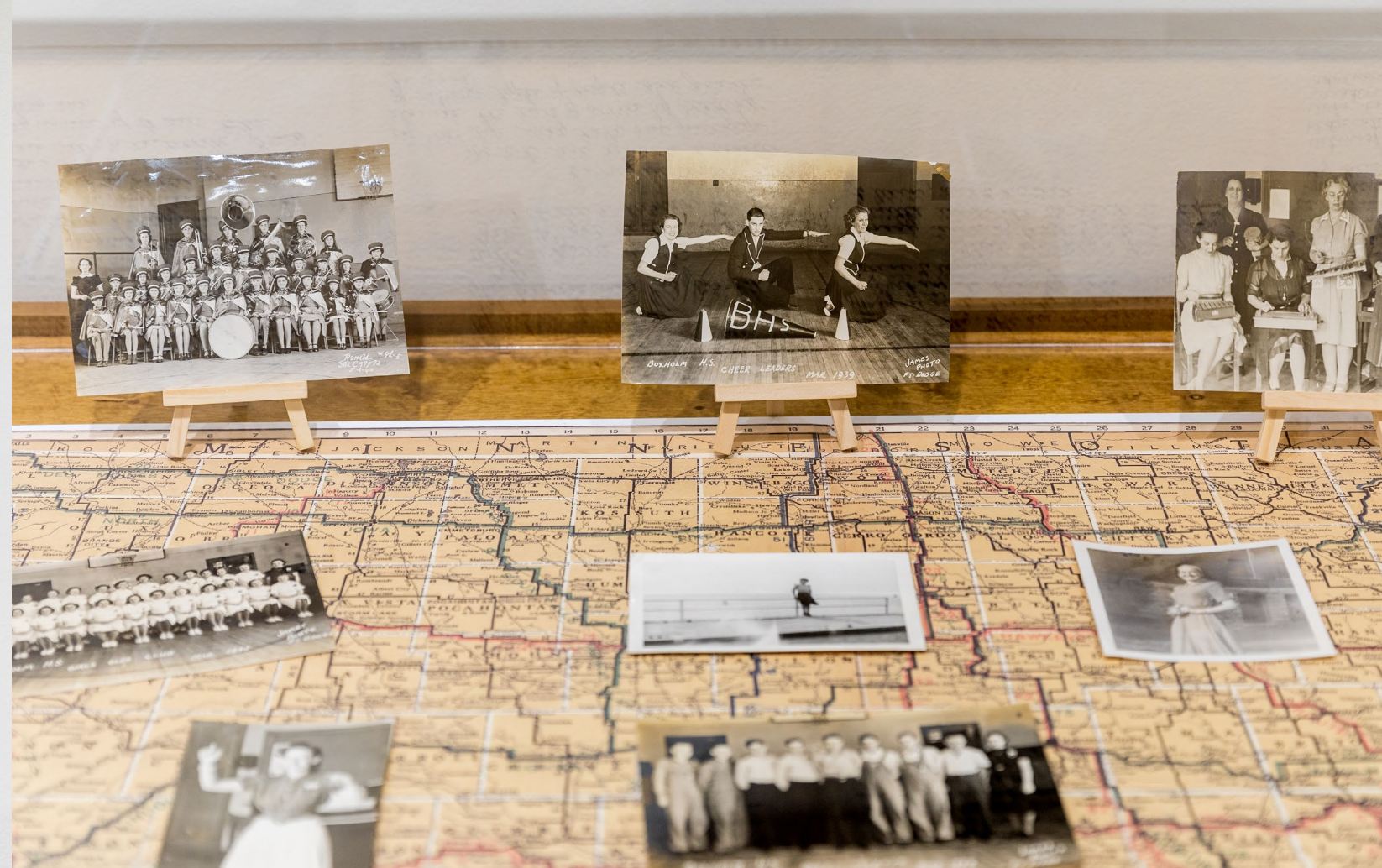
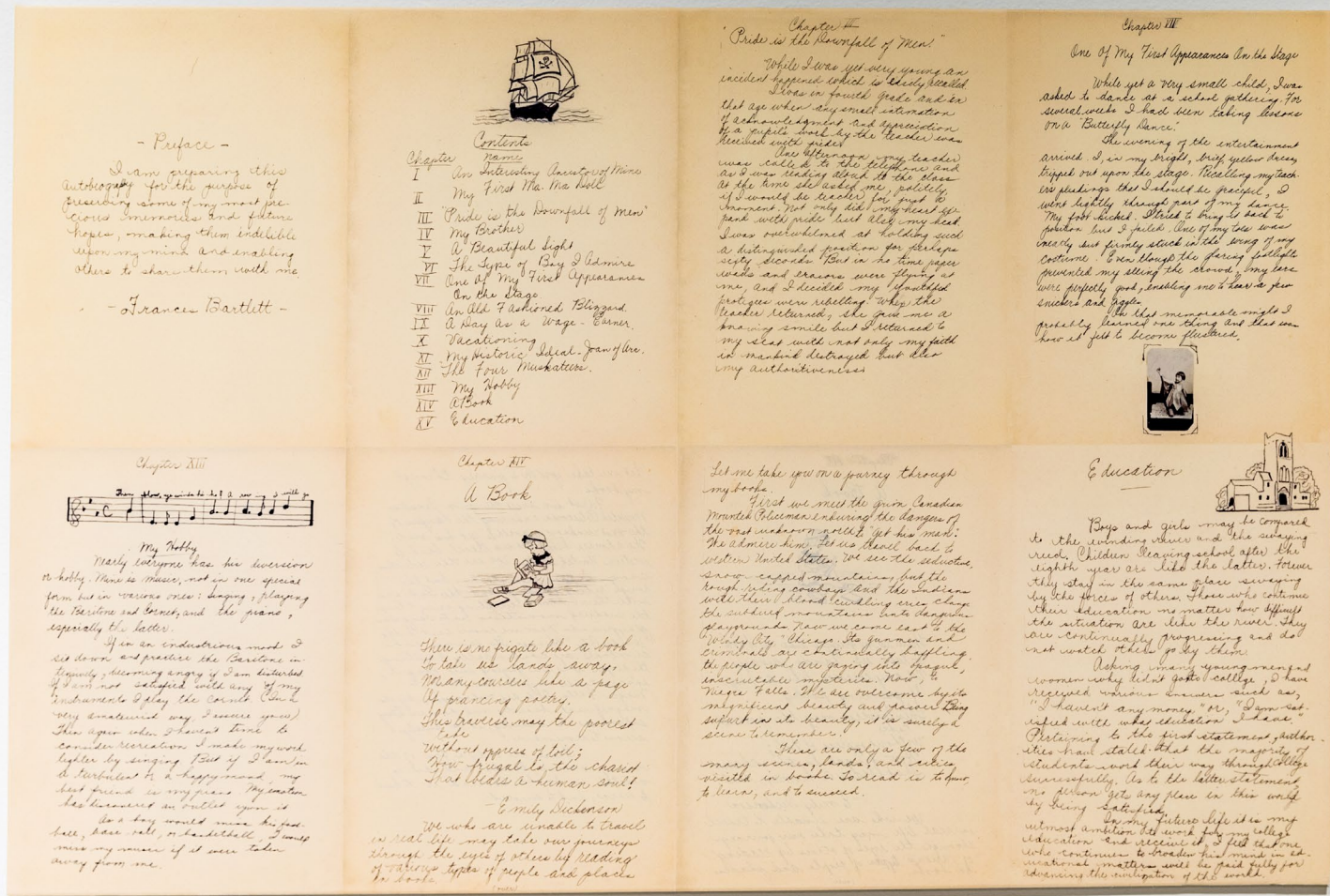
THE KINNE LEGACY

Iowa Girl
1917 – 1942

The extraordinary life of Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne began on May 23, 1917, in Story City, Iowa. Her father published Story City's newspaper, and her mother founded and ran the town library. From an early age, Fran showed a passion for learning and a talent for music. She was sharp, clever and an exceptional pianist, helping teach piano lessons as early as age 11 and working as a public school music teacher after graduating high school. She attended Iowa State Teachers College and Drake University, and when World War II broke out, she was the youngest teacher in the Des Moines Public Schools.

“The Middle West and specifically Iowa were right for me. Memories of my childhood are happy ones. I was a Depression child, and in Story City, no one had material wealth. But it was a time of loving family and friends, filled with music, music, music.”





[Top left and in display case] Handwritten Childhood Journal (ca. 1925)

[Bottom left in display case] - "The Golden Whistle" Program Frances Bartlett as the lead, center, front row

[Top right] Close up of display case

THE KINNE LEGACY

Uncle Sam Wants You
1942 – 1948

When World War II began, Fran was eager to put her wit and talent to good use for her country. She signed up as a U.S. Army Hostess at Camp Crowder in Missouri where she was in charge of providing entertainment for as many as 70,000 GIs. She met Col. Harry L. Kinne, and they were married in 1948.

“My responsibility as a hostess was to direct one of the three Service Clubs on post at Camp Crowder, Missouri. The uniform was an attractive suit in air blue, with a rainbow patch on the shoulder and a jaunty cap. The hostesses had the equivalent rank of a 2nd Lieutenant.”



[Left, Center, Right] USO Hostess Dance Celebration



[Close up] USO display case

Mistelbach, 1st November 1946.

Dear Miss Francis!

I allow me to write you a letter from Germany. On 1st May this year I left Camp Crowder and arrived at home on 29th May 1946. At home I met altogether in a good condition. My wife and my children were very glad, that their father was at home against. I must tell them how I lived in America and how beautiful it was in America. Of course I also telled them that I was working in the Servis-Club # 1 at Director Miss Francis and Miss Higgin, and when I said that it was very good there, they were very glad.

Dear Miss Francis! I allways like to think for the Servis-Club # 1, for the good attention, for the good eat, and especially for the good "Lucky-Strike"-Cigarettes, for I liked to smoke them. I also like to think for the Tuesday-Eavening. Today Germany is a very poor Country. Every 6 weeks we get one packet of tobacco (50 gramm) and that ist not good. Allways for 4 weeks we get 250 gramm sugar. Chocolate and cacao and coffee we do not get ist for many years ago. We also get no good soap.

I shall not forget the beautiful howers and I thank you very much for altogether and wish you to have very much lucky in your life. I should be very glad to hear from you soon.

I remain, Dear Miss,
Yours very truly,
Eberhard
Eberhard
P.o.W. in former time Servis-Club-worker
and family.
*especially very many greets from
my son Hans*

[Close up] USO letter in display case

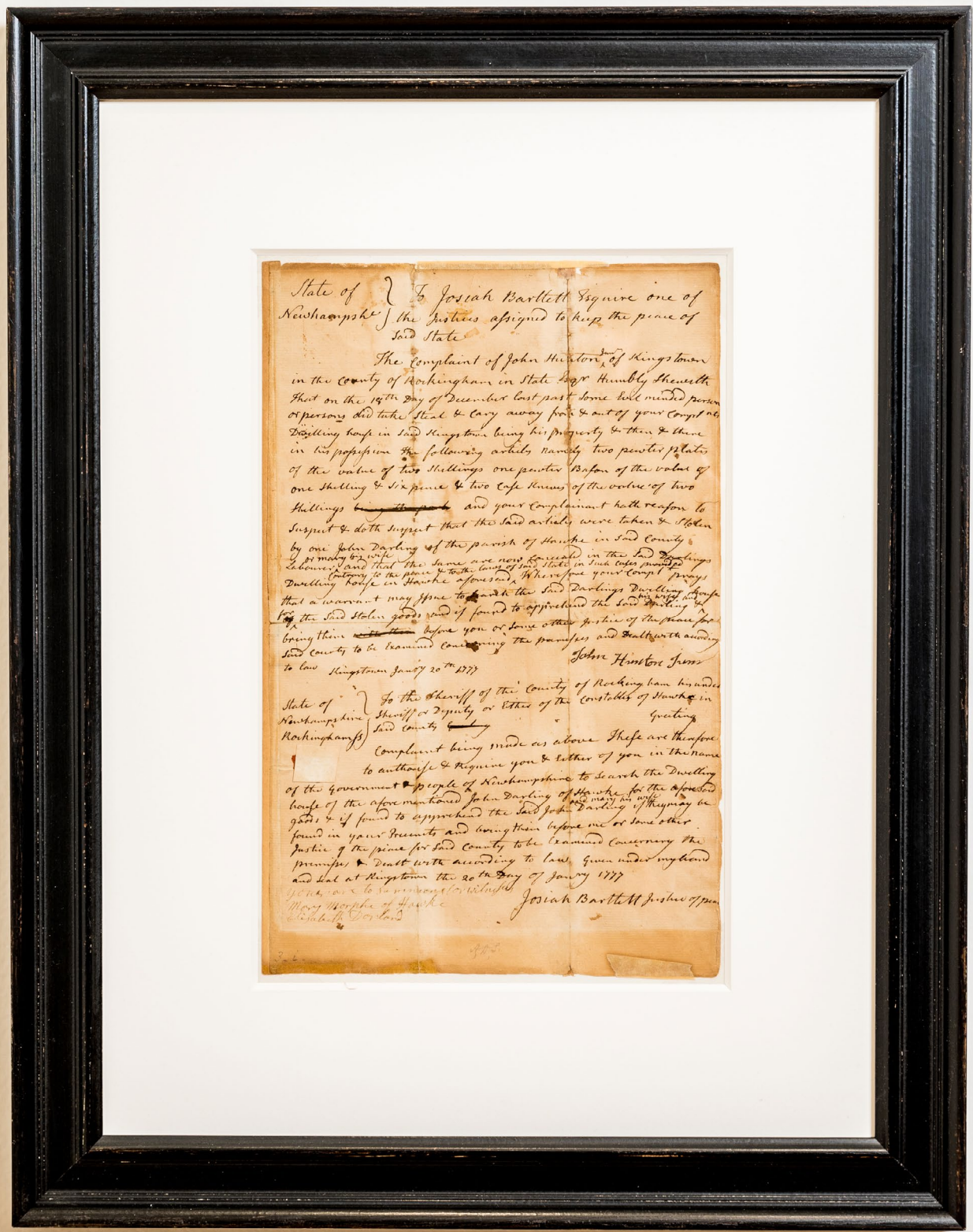




Chair Owned by
Frances Bartlett Kinne's grandmother
19th c.



Portraits of Frances Bartlett Kinne, Lt. Col. Harry L. Kinne,
Bertha Bartlett (mother) and Charles M. Bartlett (father)
H. Kaneko
Japanese
1949
Oil on canvas



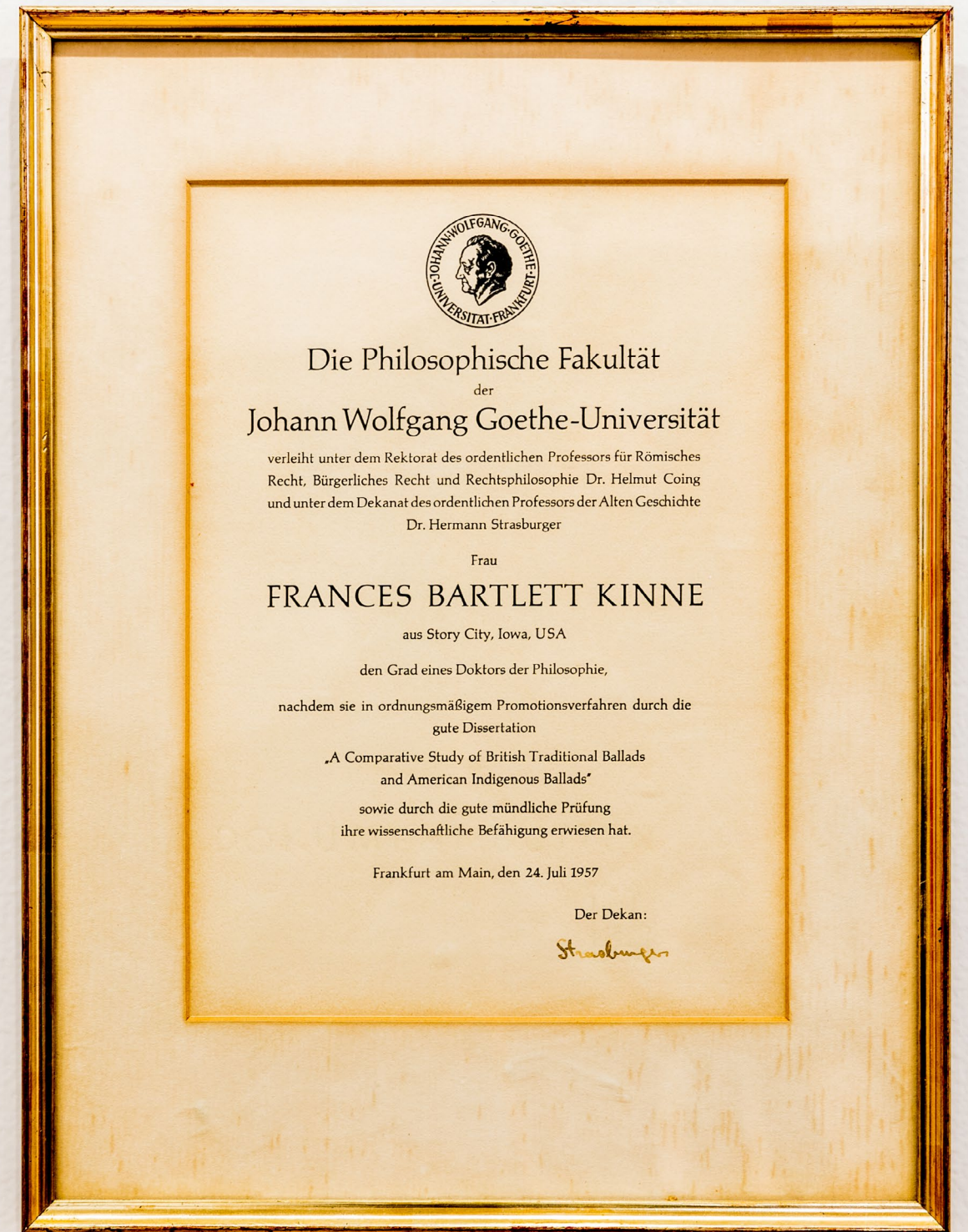
Document signed by Josiah Bartlett (1729-1795)
Lawyer and Physician, first Governor of New Hampshire and
signer of the Declaration of Independence. Presented to Jacksonville
University in honor of his descendant, Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne,
who at the time was Dean of the College of Fine Arts
From the collection of C. Edward Bryan



Sitting Room Re-creation
Including Antique Silver Tea Set, Antique Japanese Dolls
and Chair from the Carl Swisher Estate, Early 20th Century



[Close up] Germany, the Occupation and a Ph.D (1955-1957)



Doctoral Diploma, University of Frankfurt
 "A Comparative Study of British Traditional Ballads
 and American Indigenous Ballads"



[Left] Teapot, Ancient Korean Celadon

[Right] Bowl, 15th Century Emperor Chenghu Ming
Xianzong Zhu Jianshen
(1464-1487)



China, Imari Ware from Kinne Wedding
Japan

THE KINNE LEGACY

The Colonel's Lady 1948 – 1954

After the war, Fran lived abroad with Col. Kinne as he was assigned to posts in China, Japan and Germany. The experience helped shape her outlook and deepened her determination for decades to come. Ever the optimist, she learned to fit in with post-war communities and cultures that rejected the privileged American officers and diplomats who lived among them. While living abroad had its benefits, Fran and the colonel also missed life at home.

“Our three years in China and Japan had been life-enriching, but they had also brought many changes Stateside. Harry’s mother had passed away, and his father had remarried. I had lost my father, and in a sense, we had a feeling the world had passed us by for those three years.”



“I was fortunate to have been loved by two great men and to have been married to them.” On December 12, 1992, Fran married Col. M. Worthington Bordley “Wordy” in a private ceremony at the home of Ash Verlander. Both Harry (Kinne) and Wordy had brilliant combat records - the former in Europe, the latter in the South Pacific in WWII and in Korea during the Korean War. Each of them had Presidential Citations and Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Clusters, and Wordy had both a Silver Star and Purple Heart. The latter was awarded to him as a young officer in the 7th Cavalry Division fighting in the Solomon Islands.



[Left] Vittorio Reggianini
1888
Oil on canvas



[Right] Raquel Rodriguez '77
Forgotten Walls, 2016
Acrylic on canvas
Courtesy of Tim Cost '81 and Stephanie Cost

Internationally recognized artist and Jacksonville University alumna Raquel Carreras Rodriguez draws and paints in watercolors, ink, acrylics, oils and mixed media. Her work has been showcased in numerous local establishments and in private collections in Florida and in Spain. Presently her style is contemporary impressionistic, although she executes abstract painting, abstract realism and coloristic interpretations. *Forgotten Walls* is one of her acrylic works on loan from the personal collection of Tim Cost '81 and Stephanie Cost.

WLPS
'Graduates' of the Wilma's Little People School regularly reached out to Dr. Fran Kinne with hugs of affection during their Leaving Ceremonies held outside the President's Office at Jacksonville University.

"Wilma's Little People School (WLPS) was established in 1973, under a different name, when Dr. Fran Kinne was Dean of Fine Arts. Dr. Kinne is remembered as a present and positive force in the life and progress of the on-campus preschool. She raved about the progress and looked the other way when still-damp paint rubbed off artwork and onto her new blue suit. How does WLPS say "thank you" to Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne? Perhaps an underdone cake or a finger-painted masterpiece? Certainly, WLPS sends much love and gratitude for her help over the past 47 years."

- Dr. Kay Johnson, Founding Director, Wilma's Little People's School



THE KINNE LEGACY

Wall Of Fame

Reubin Askew, Governor of Florida 1971 - 1979
Charles E. Bennett, Florida State Representative 1949 - 1993
Jack Benny, world-famous actor / comedian / television star; violinist
Margaret Black-Scott '84, former JU Trustee;
CEO, Beverly Hills Wealth Management
Richard Boone, movie / television actor
Dr. James J. Brady, former JU president 1989 - 1996
Alexander Brest, former JU Trustee; philanthropist
Alvin Brown '85, '89, former JU Trustee; Mayor of Jacksonville 2011 - 2015
Dee Brown '90, JU Executive Director of University and Athletic Relations;
JU Hall of Fame; NBA Basketball star, Slam Dunk Champion
Ken Burns, legendary filmmaker / documentarian

George H.W. Bush, 41st President of the United States
George W. Bush, 43rd President of the United States
Laura Bush, former First Lady of the United States
Terry Brush '82, '84, JU basketball player, IBM executive
John Carradine, movie / television actor
H. Martin Chomiak '81, '84, pharmaceutical business executive;
volunteer / philanthropist
Winston S. Churchill, former Member of British Parliament,
grandson of renowned British Prime Minister
Aaron Copland, famed American composer;
Presidential Medal of Freedom honoree; Pulitzer Prize recipient
Melanie Cost Young, CEO, ACE Communications and **Alexandra Young**,
JU First Granddaughter
Stephanie Cost, Jacksonville University First Lady; volunteer / philanthropist

Tim Cost '81, Jacksonville University President;
former FORTUNE 500 business executive
Florence Davis, former JU Board of Trustees Chairperson;
benefactor - JU Davis College of Business
J.E. Davis, former JU Trustee and CEO, Winn-Dixie;
benefactor - JU Davis College of Business
Rear Adm. Kevin F. Delaney, former JU Trustee and Commander,
Naval Air Station Jacksonville; flew 686 combat missions in Vietnam;
retired as the most decorated officer in US Navy
Dame Olivia de Havilland, DBE, Academy Award-winning actress
Bob Dole, former United States Senator, Kansas
Duke Ellington, composer, musician, jazz band leader; Pulitzer Prize recipient
Dr. Gianrico Farrugia, former JU Trustee;
President and CEO, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
Geraldine Farrugia, volunteer / philanthropist
Gerald Ford, 38th President of the United States

Arthur Fiedler, Conductor, Boston Symphony;
16-time visitor to Jacksonville University
Harry Frisch, Chairman, Beaver Street Fisheries;
benefactor - JU Frisch Welcome Center
Bill Gay, former JU Trustee; Founder, W. W. Gay Mechanical Contracting;
philanthropist
Artis Gilmore '71, Special Assistant to the University President;
JU Hall of Fame; former JU Trustee; NBA Basketball superstar,
Naismith Hall of Fame
Bob Graham, Governor of Florida 1979 - 1987; former United States Senator
Katherine Graham, past Publisher and CEO, *Washington Post*
Gail Harrison, volunteer / philanthropist
John Harrison '67, former JU athlete and Trustee;
business executive / philanthropist
Charlton Heston, Academy Award-winning actor;
President - Screen Actors Guild
Don Ho, musician / entertainer

Bob Hope, world-renowned actor / comedian, starred in 54 films over 80 years
Vice Admiral Michael P. Kalleres, 32 years of distinguished Naval service
Mary Ann Karlsson '83, Miss New York - finalist Miss America, 1985; professional musician
Knight Kiplinger, Editor-in-Chief, *Kiplinger Letter*
Don Knotts, actor / comedian
Ann Landers, syndicated newspaper columnist
Liberace, pianist, Las Vegas headliner
Betsy Lovett, community leader / philanthropist, Jacksonville-area 'Grande Dame'
Raymond K. Mason, former JU Trustee; Founder, Charter Company
Vice Admiral Joseph P. Moorer, former Commander in Chief,
United States Naval Forces Europe; former JU Distinguished Visiting Professor;
former JU Trustee

Eric and Mary Nelson, godson of Dr. Kinne; of Story City, Iowa, and Fort Collins, Colorado
Indra Nooyi, former Chairperson and CEO, PepsiCo;
consistently ranked by FORTUNE Magazine among the World's Most Powerful Women
Frank Pace '73, former JU Trustee; decorated Hollywood producer; author
Linus Pauling, scientist, winner Nobel Prize in Chemistry 1954;
winner Nobel Peace Prize 1962
Ross Perot, CEO, Electronic Data Systems
Herb Peyton, former JU Trustee; Founder, Gate Petroleum;
Jacksonville-area community leader
Mun S. Quan, Painter, former JU Professor of Art
Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States
Dr. Marilyn Repsher, former JU Professor of Mathematics
Mitt Romney, United States Senator, Utah; former Governor, Massachusetts;
JU Commencement speaker, 2015

Col. David R. Scott, Commander, Apollo 15, first person to drive lunar rover on the moon;
scientist; crew member: Gemini 8, Apollo 9, Apollo 15 space missions
Fred Seely, journalist
Doc Severinsen, jazz trumpeter, band leader of "The Tonight Show"
Robert Shircliff, Jacksonville philanthropist, business and civic leader;
former JU Board of Trustees Chairman
Frank Skinner, CEO, Southern Bell; philanthropist
Dr. Timothy Snyder, Dean, Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts
Dr. Robert Spiro, former JU president 1964 - 1979
David Stein, Jacksonville entrepreneur / philanthropist;
benefactor - Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts;
creator / supporter of multiple JU scholarship programs
Linda Berry Stein, benefactor - Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts;
volunteer / philanthropist; creator / supporter of multiple JU scholarship programs
George Steinbrenner, owner New York Yankees

Richard Stone, Florida Secretary of State 1971 - 1974
Hans Tanzler, Mayor of Jacksonville 1967 - 1979
Jay Thomas '72, actor / comedian / television star;
Mork & Mindy, *Cheers*, *Love & War*, *Murphy Brown*
Arnold Toynbee, Professor, London School of Economics
Dr. John Trainer, former Bolles School President and Head of School;
former president Lenoir-Rhyne College; former JU Vice President of Academic Affairs
Will Weatherford '02, JU Trustee; JU football star;
youngest-ever Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives;
Founder - Weatherford Capital
Roger Williams, American popular pianist, ranked as the top-selling
piano recording artist in *Billboard* magazine history
Cami Wodehouse, Jacksonville-area volunteer / philanthropist; former educator
Charles J.O. "Chuck" Wodehouse, Jr., served 18 years as JU Trustee;
creator / supporter of multiple JU scholarship programs; former senior executive at CSX



[Close up] Wall of Fame



THE KINNE LEGACY

New Eyes/New Careers
1958 - 1978

In 1958, Fran came to Jacksonville University as an Assistant Professor of Humanities for a one-month teaching assignment and found her home. For the next 62 years, she invested her time, talent and treasure to enrich the university and the local community. Her leadership, persistence and optimism would help shape Jacksonville University into what it is today. As a professor in 1961, she founded what is now the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts, and in 1969, she was appointed its Dean, making her the first woman in the world to be named dean of a fine arts college. These accomplishments were only the beginning for Fran. Her list of "firsts" would grow over the years, but her focus was always on the students.

"The only reason we are here is because of the students."

OFFICE OF THE
CHANCELLOR



Jacksonville University
Captain's Chair from
President's Office



New Eyes/New Careers
(1958 - 1978)



[Close up] New Eyes/New Careers display case
(1958 - 1978)



TREASURES FROM THE KINNE MUSIC LIBRARY

Dr. Kinne's life-long passion for classical music is reflected in the breadth of her personal music library. Among the hundreds of scores and recordings in her collection are these autograph manuscripts, score fragments and correspondence from international musical figures of the 19th and 20th centuries.

[Left] Giacomo Meyerbeer
(1791-1864)

German opera composer known for his works of French grand opera, which is characterized by elaborate sets, costumes and spectacle, Giacomo Meyerbeer dominated the Parisian opera scene from 1831 to his death. Presented here is an autograph RSVP to an unidentified recipient.

Honored Sir and Friend:

My sincerest thanks for your kind invitation. It will give me the greatest pleasure to attend this celebration, but, unfortunately, I have some company which will leave tomorrow, and who called on me today at noon. I must therefore forego the pleasure which you so graciously extended to me. Accept my sincerest regrets for being unable to accept your kindness for the invitation.

*Yours truly,
Meyerbeer*

[Top right] Giacomo Puccini
(1858-1924)

The leading Italian opera composer of his generation and exponent of *verismo*, or operatic realism, Puccini's works are among the most frequently performed in the repertoire. Presented is an autograph thematic fragment of his most famous work, *La Bohème*.

[Bottom Right] Percy Grainger
(1882-1961)

Australian-American composer, pianist and conductor Percy Grainger was heavily influenced by English folk music. He is best remembered for his orchestral and wind band works, including *Molly on the Shore*, presented here in score fragment.

[Top left] Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov
(1844 - 1908)

Russian nationalist composer Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov was a member of The Five, a group of prominent 19th-century musicians whose works and promotion of Russian music shaped a national style of classical music that influenced generations of Russian and European composers. Presented here is an autograph musical quotation from the opera *Snegurochka* ("The Snow Maiden") signed and inscribed in Russian.

[Bottom Left] Pablo de Sarasate
(1844-1908)

Spanish violin virtuoso, composer and conductor Pablo de Sarasate won international recognition as one of the greatest violinists for his purity of tone and brilliance of technique. He produced a number of compositions for violin, including folk songs, Spanish dances and the *Jota de San Fernim* for orchestra.

[Right] Ruggero Leoncavallo
(1857-1919)

Italian opera composer and librettist known for his opera *Pagliacci*, Ruggero Leoncavallo published numerous collections of his songs and opera excerpts. Presented here is an inscription inside one such album dedicated to Wilhelm Jahn, director of the Vienna Court Opera from 1880 to 1897 and principal conductor of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra from 1882 to 1883.

To the celebrated Maestro Jahn, with all admiration for the great artist and gratitude to a charming and good friend.

*As a sign of eternal devotion,
R. Leoncavallo
Vienna, November 21, 1893*

THE KINNE LEGACY

The 7th Presidency of Jacksonville University
1979 – 1989 and Beyond

In 1979, Fran became the first female president of Jacksonville University and the first female university president in the state of Florida. In this role, she would establish what is now the Davis College of Business, the Keigwin School of Nursing into the School of Aviation. Fran retired as president in 1989 and was immediately elected to become the first Chancellor of Jacksonville University by the Board of Trustees. As her accomplishments grew, she remained ever gracious, kind and quick to encourage others. Whether presiding over JU, donating her time to her numerous community endeavors, or simply sharing a bench with a student, her eternal optimism and vision were apparent to all who knew her. Perhaps that's because she'd decided long ago to heed her parent's counsel and follow Albert Einstein's advice to the letter.

"There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle."
– Albert Einstein and Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne





Jacksonville University Presidential Sculpture
Attributed to Murano Glass Movement
Circa 1960s

THE Kinne LEGACY

Dr. Frances Bartlett Kinne dedicated 62 years to serving Jacksonville University, its students and the community of Northeast Florida. She was a legendary educator, leader and visionary.

Our University would not be what it is today without her.

Your gift in memory of Dr. Kinne will ensure that her legacy of selfless service and support of others will live on at Jacksonville University.

Please visit www.ju.edu/kinnelegacy/give to give today.

Kinne Century Society

The Kinne Century Society was established in 2020, to honor the life and legacy of our former Jacksonville University President and Chancellor Emerita.

The University's most generous supporters are recognized with membership in this exclusive annual giving society in recognition of a gift of \$25,000 or more to JU's Greatest Needs or the JU Scholarship Fund in a calendar year.

To become a member of the Kinne Century Society, or for more information on making a gift in Dr. Kinne's honor, please contact the Office of University Advancement at (904) 256-7045 or supportju@ju.edu.



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