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Summary Information

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Biographical / Historical

Lynette Bowen Pichard was born October 6, 1937, in Greensboro, Florida. She grew up in a big family just outside of Greensboro, in the Providence area. Pichard's family was involved in home demonstration, which eventually led to her own interest in 4-H and home demonstration. Her maternal grandparents, Trudie and Dexter Fletcher, were active members of the community. Her mother was one of their 14 children, two of whom did not make it to adulthood. All seven of the daughters were active in home demonstration or 4-H. Pichard's home demonstration resulted in scrapbooking, an extensive source of historical documentation.

As a child, Pichard participated heavily in home demonstration despite the circumstances around her. She was 7 or 8 when her family got electricity, having had to use kerosene lamps previously. During World War II, families had to ration and the women had to take care of all the jobs left behind. Her mother had to take care of all the animals on their farm:

including mules, hogs, and cows. Much of this was due to the help of Elsie Lafitte, the home demonstration leader of the area who recruited Pichard as a child.

Deck Fletcher was a tobacco farmer and Pichard worked in the fields as a child. She started as a toter, but once she was older she became a stringer. Pichard worked as a stringer all through high school, even returning to work in the summers while she attended Florida State University. In school in Gadsden County, Pichard spent a lot of time participating in 4-H Club. She did a series of projects: canning, clothing, food and nutrition, gardening, home improvement interior, home improvement exterior, poetry, corn, and safety. Her family canned things that they grew on their farm and in the garden. Pichard had several aunts close to her age that were also involved in home demonstration and 4-H, much like the rest of her family. She would go up to the canning center in Quincy, Florida, with her mother and made a lot of her own clothes by the 7th grade. Pichard and her mother also made clothes and quilts for her father and siblings. Much like the impactful Lafitte, Pichard's mother emphasized the importance of using every scrap possible.

Once in college, Pichard majored in Home Economics Education. She graduated in 1959 and got married in February 1960. Due to the lack of nearby availability for home economics teachers, she worked for the State Department of Education for one year. Once she was pregnant, her father-in-law decided that she needed to stay home. At this point, Pichard began to work with local homemaker's clubs, eventually becoming the Leon County Homemaker's Club President for a few years. Pichard then started a 4-H club, called the Jolly Green Clovers, for her 3 daughters and the neighboring girls. Later, she began to make wedding cakes and started a catering business, which she ran for years.

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Content Description

This collection relates to Lynette Bowen Pichard, a long-time Gadsden County resident and expert in 4-H and home demonstration. This collection contains an interview registration form, a digital video disc interview of Pichard, photographs, and newspaper articles.

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- Home economics
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