

ANNA LEA SCHOULTIES NAFF

ANNA LEA SCHOULTIES was born on a small farm in Northern Kentucky, November 29, 1920. Her early education and that of a younger brother began at Dale Grade School and continued through Cold Spring High where her favorite subject was mathematics. She was the salutatorian for her high school class.

After finishing high school Anna worked during the summers and studied at Eastern Kentucky University for two years. She worked at Williamson Heater, Cincinnati for a year before transferring to the University of Kentucky's Department of Home Economics. Her graduation in 1944 was "with DISTINCTION".

Receipt of a Haggin Fellowship enabled Anna to take up undergraduate and graduate work in Chemistry. She received a Master of Science in 1946 and her thesis was published in 1947.

Anna married Benton Naff in December 1946 in Portland, Oregon. She taught chemistry at the University of Kentucky 1946-47 and at Oregon State University 1947-50.

While her husband was located at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, Anna attended the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and earned a Master of Arts Degree in Library Science. At that time (1953) she began research with the Owens Illinois Glass Company exploring the properties of epoxy resins and silicones. Her investigations resulted in an important practical contribution,--the invention of an organic ink for use on glass; patent issued 1958.

The family moved from Ohio in 1955. Anna continued research but in an academic environment. She assisted her husband in the acquisition of grants and produced a number of chemical research publications (1955-63).

From the Fall of 1964 to the end of the summer of 1965 when her husband was on a Sabbatical, Anna served as a Cataloger in the Main Library at Brown University. A year later she went back to library work, first at the National Bureau of Standards and then at the National Institutes of Health. The work in Acquisition and Cataloging areas provided significant professional advancement and she continued to work at NIH until near the end of her career. Anna died September 21, 1973.