

## The Wisherd Fund



**Maude Wisherd  
(photo, circa 1962)**

Maude worked as a librarian at the University of Nebraska from 1916 to 1955. She was awarded the rank of Assistant Professor in 1949. She worked in the library of the Nebraska State Historical society from 1955 to 1966. She died in 1978 at the age of 94. She participated in emeriti activities after the UNL Emeriti Association was formed in 1961.



**Zelma Wisherd  
(UN Graduate; photo, 1920)**

Zelma willed her estate to the University of Nebraska Foundation in 1981. Twenty percent was dedicated to a Maude E. Wisherd Memorial Fund for the “welfare and comfort” of the UNL Emeriti Association. The original value of the gift to the Emeriti Association was more than \$55,000 in 1981.

The proceeds of the Fund are dispersed by the [\*Wisherd Fund Awards Committee\*](#) for support of the scholarly activity by UNL Emeriti and to assist Emeriti or their surviving spouses to meet crises caused by health problems or other cataclysmic events.

Other monies from the Fund’s expendable income are used by the Board of the Association in keeping with the terms of the will.