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#60 Draper, Edythe Squier (1882-1964), Papers, 1865, 1907-1974
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INTRODUCTION

A collection of materials relating to Edythe Squier Draper that includes correspondence, photographs, publications and manuscripts, and news clippings. Mrs. Draper was a correspondent for the *Parsons Sun* in Oswego, Kansas for 22 years.

DONOR INFORMATION

These materials were collected by former Special Collections curator Eugene DeGruson. Some materials were donated to the collection by Edythe Squier Draper's daughter, Margaret "Peggy" Varvel Smith in November 1973 and February 1974, and by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Elwood in May 1978.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Edythe Squier Draper was born July 25, 1882 in Hakodate, Japan to Rev. and Mrs. Lee W. Squier, while her parents were serving as Methodist missionaries there. When Edythe was seven years old, the family moved back to the U.S., relocating in Crookston, Minnesota. Edythe was the oldest of nine children with seven of them living to adulthood. She also lived in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Following her graduation from high school at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, she attended the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. She later taught in South Carolina and in Ohio. She moved to Oswego, Kansas in 1910 where she taught courses in German, typing, and shorthand for two years at the Oswego College for Women. She met J. B. Draper, an Oswego businessman, and they were married June 7, 1912. They were the parents of two daughters and one son.

The family struggled financially for many years. Edythe was always interested in literature and began writing short stories circa 1923. To help the family she sold her stories to Methodist and Baptist publications and daily newspapers. One of her short stories, "The Voice of the Turtle" was printed in Edward J. O'Brien's anthology, *Best Short Stories of 1930*.

Life was even harder for the family during the Depression years as Edythe and Jim raised their children and worked to put them through college. It wasn't until 1942 when a position for a correspondent for the *Parsons Sun* in Oswego opened up for Edythe, now 61 years old. She continued writing her column for the newspaper until her death September 25, 1964.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

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