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Sowards-Sharp Family Papers, MS 136

The Sowards-Sharp Family Papers

Collection Number	MS 136
Title	The Sowards-Sharp Family Papers
Name and Location of Repository	Pittsburg State University, Special Collections & University Archives, Pittsburg, Kansas
Dates	1900 – 1989
Collection Size	2 linear feet
Creator	Compiled by Genevieve Sharp Sowards
Scope and Content	A collection of biographical material, correspondence, church materials, Pittsburg State University materials, Newspaper clippings, Photographs, and miscellaneous materials related to the writer Genevieve Sharp Sowards and her family

Access Restrictions This collection is open for access

Languages English

Biographical Note Genevieve Sharp Sowards (1903-1993) was born and raised in Pittsburg, Kansas to Ethel Hill and Oscar Sharp. She had two siblings, George and Helen Sharp. Both her parents and siblings were medical doctors. At an early age she aspired to become involved in the missionary service. She attended Kansas State Teacher's College, Ottawa University, and the Baptist Missionary Training School. In 1927, she was appointed an American Baptist Missionary. In the same year she was sent to Burma to work as a missionary. It was not until 1934 when she became a publishing writer. She met her husband, Erville Sowards, shortly after she got settled in Burma. She served as a missionary for thirty years. She passed away in 1993.

Series This collection contains primary and secondary resources and is divided into the following series:

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