SWOOPE (GRACE E.) PAPERS, 1920-1931

Descriptive Summary

Title: Grace E. Swoope papers
Dates: 1920-1931
Accession Number(s): 1992-002
Extent: 3 inches
Language: Materials are written in English.

Biographical Note:
Mrs. Grace Ellen Swoope resided in Blacksburg, Virginia where she was active in the promotion of Presbyterian educational programs and ministerial relief activities. Throughout her life Mrs. Swoope maintained correspondence with Presbyterian missionaries in Africa, China, and Mexico. Her husband was Mr. Edgar Montgomery Swoope, and she often signed herself with his name.

Scope and Contents:
The papers of Grace E. Swoope span the years 1920-1931, and comprise three linear inches of personal correspondence, legal documents, financial documents, printed material, promotional materials, scrapbook materials, and missionary letters. The personal papers record Mrs. Swoope’s involvement in and dedication to Presbyterian education and ministerial relief through ministerial training and fund-raising. Included are printed and promotional materials regarding fund-raising efforts for Crossnore School, the Children’s Home Society of Virginia, and the Blacksburg Community Federation.

Missionary letters originate from Africa, China, and Mexico. Major correspondents are Francis Price, Medora Askew Murrow, Earl S. King, and Locke White. Subject content of the missionary letters focuses on missionary work and Christianity in the respective countries, and Christian education of the indigenous populations. The Graybill Memorial School in Matamoros, Coahuila, Mexico is covered extensively. Fringe subjects include the Mexican Revolution, Bolshevism, the Mexican presidential elections of the 1920’s, and civil war, unrest, and the threat of Communism in China.
Processing note:
Initially processed by Andra Whitworth in May 1992. This collection was formerly known as the Mrs. Edgar M. Swoope papers, but the name was changed in December 2010 to reflect the creator of the collection.

Restrictions:
Materials are available by appointment only. Contact the archivist for details.

Index Terms:
King, Earl S., 1900-1962.
Murrow, Medora Askew.
Price, Francis, 1864-1954.
Swoope, Grace E.
White, Locke, 1890-1964.
Crossnore School.
Graybill Memorial School.
Christian education--Africa.
Christian education--China.
Christian education--Mexico.
Missions--Africa.
Missions--China.
Missions--Mexico.

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| | | *Series I: Incoming Correspondence, 1924-1929*
| | | 5 items. Correspondence arranged alphabetically by correspondent, and chronologically therein. Subjects covered include Presbyterian literature, Christian education, ministerial relief, Week of Prayer, and ministerial training.
| | | Incoming correspondence, 1924-1939 |
| | 2 | **Series II: Outgoing Correspondence, 1925**
| | | 2 items. Arranged chronologically. Subjects include Christian education and ministerial training.
| | | Outgoing correspondence, 1925 |
| | 3 | **Series III: Legal Documents, 1925**
| | | 1 item. Verification of the birth of Trent Sullivan Swoope. |
Legal documents, 1925

Series IV: Financial Documents, 1921-?
2 items. Printed statement and a contribution card. Arranged chronologically. Subjects include financial contributions and church expenses.
Financial documents, 1921-?

Series V: Promotional Materials, 1920, 1930-1931
19 items. Materials include correspondence, printed pamphlets and brochures, and donation slips. Arranged chronologically. Subjects include solicitation of funds for Crossnore School, the children’s Home Society of Virginia, the Blacksburg Community Federation and Christian education in general.
Promotional materials, 1920, 1930-1931

Series VI: Printed Materials, undated
6 items. Pamphlets. Subjects include Christian education, ministerial relief, and Day of Prayer.
Printed materials, undated

Series VII: Scrapbook Material, undated
1 item. Typescript poem. Subject is motherhood.
Scrapbook materials, undated

Group II: Missionary Letters
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2 items. Correspondence. Arranged chronologically. Subjects include missionary work in Africa, women in missionary work, and Christian education in Africa.
Allen, Virginia, 1927, 1931

Series II: King, Earl S. 1924-1926
3 items. Correspondence. Arranged chronologically. Subjects covered include missionary work in Africa and Evangelism.
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18 items. Correspondence. Arranged chronologically. Subjects include missionary work in Mexico, Christian education in Mexico, the Graybill Memorial School, the Mexican Revolution, Christmas holidays, Sunday school in Mexico, and Bolshevism.
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12 Series V: Price, Francis, 1928-1931
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6 items. Correspondence. Arranged chronologically. Subjects include missionary work in China, language assimilation, language school in Nanking, Bible study, and civil strife in China.
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