



**Edna Parham papers, 1881-1997 (bulk 1920-1960s)
SCHS 370.00**

Creator: Parham, Edna Crosswell, 1902-1975.

Description: 2.25 linear ft.

Biographical/historical note: Edna Crosswell Parham was born in Charleston (S.C.) to Charles Wesley Parham (1870-1966) and Claribel Crosswell Parham (1870-1955), who operated a fruit and vegetable business. Edna was educated at Anderson College and the University of South Carolina, where she received a master's degree in education in 1953. She taught English at Memminger High School and later the High School of Charleston.

Scope and content: Edna Parham's papers include newspaper clippings, commonplace books, education records, autograph books, photographs, and materials relating to Memminger High School in Charleston (S.C.), where she was a teacher for many years. These school records include newspapers, yearbooks, clippings, examples of students' work, and ephemera. Early in her teaching career Edna Parham formed a close acquaintance with South Carolina poet Archibald Rutledge (1883-1973), and their relationship is represented here by a small collection of correspondence, poetry, printed stories, and clippings.

Also included in this collection are papers (1881-1997) representing the Parham family in general, consisting of correspondence, legal records, printed material, genealogical records, and clippings. A small amount of material also represents individual family members, including Edna's parents, Charles and Claribel Parham, and several of her seven siblings, including Charles W. Parham, Jr., Harry C. Parham (1906-1985), and Julie Frances Parham (1910-1996). Their papers include estate and financial records, obituaries, and clippings.

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Memminger High School (Charleston, S.C.) -- Students.
Teachers -- South Carolina -- Charleston.

Clippings.
Letters (correspondence)
School records.
Yearbooks.

Series Outline:

0370.01: Edna Crosswell Parham, 1920-1964
0370.02: Parham Family Papers, 1881-1997
0370.03: Papers of Individual Parham family members, 1911-1985

Container list:

Box 1

0370.01: *Edna Crosswell Parham (1902-1975)*
0370.01 (A) 01: Autograph books, 1930
0370.01 (A) 02: Address book
0370.01 (B) 01: Biography
0370.01 (C) 01: Commonplace books, 1926-1928, 3 undated
0370.01 (E) 01: Education: American Red Cross certificate (1921); teaching certificate (n.d.); diploma from University of South Carolina (1953)
0370.01 (E) 02: Ephemera
0370.01 (M) 01: Memminger School Materials
0370.01 (M) 01 (c) 01: Clarion School Newspaper, 1930-1935
0370.01 (M) 01 (e) 01: Ephemera
0370.01 (M) 01 (m) 01: Music scores: "Alma Mater," "Carolina," "The Old Fashioned Flowers and You," "Elfin Waltz"
0370.01 (M) 01 (n) 02: Newspaper Clippings, 1935-1950
0370.01 (M) 01 (p) 01: Play scripts, n.d.

Box 2

0370.01 (M) 01 (p) 02: School policies: Curriculum and Teacher
0370.01 (M) 01 (r) 01: Roll books, 3 items, n.d.
0370.01 (M) 01 (r) 02: Loose school rolls, 1949-1967
0370.01 (M) 01 (s) 01: Student's work and classroom materials
0370.01 (M) 01 (y) 01: Yearbooks: 1920, 1927, 1932, 1938, 1944, 1946, 1950

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0370.01 (M) 01 (y) 01: Yearbooks, 1944-1960
0370.01 (M) 01 (y) 02: Yearbook graphics (oversized)
0370.01 (N) 01: Newspaper Clippings about Edna, 1936-1957
0370.01 (P) 01: Photographs
0370.01 (R) 01: Archibald Rutledge correspondence and papers connected with Edna Parham
0370.01 (R) 01 (b) 01: Biography of Archibald Rutledge
0370.01 (R) 01 (c) 01: Correspondence with Edna Parham, 1944-1960
0370.01 (R) 01 (e) 01: Ephemera
0370.01 (R) 01 (p) 01: Loose sheets of poetry, ca. 1941-1951

0370.01 (R) 01 (p) 02: Poetry book given to Edna: The Heart's Quest, 1946
0370.01 (R) 01 (p) 03: Printed stories, ca. 1936-1958
0370.01 (R) 01 (p) 04: Program from Memminger School ceremony honoring Rutledge, 1958
0370.01 (R) 01 (n) 01: Newspaper clippings about Rutledge, 1934-1964

Box 4

0370.02: Parham Family Papers, 1881-1997
0370.02 (C) 01: Family Correspondence, 1910-1997
0370.02 (E) 01: Ephemera
0370.02 (F) 01: First Baptist Church: newspaper clippings, programs, 1948-1967
0370.02 (G) 01: Genealogical Materials
0370.02 (L) 01: Legal records, 1878-1902
0370.02 (M) 01: Maps: Charleston County Map, 1948, and map of "Plantations Along the Cooper River" from Sam Stoney's edition of A Day on Cooper River
0370.02 (N) 03: Newspaper Clippings, 1934-1941
0370.02 (P) 01: Printed Material 1896-1962

Box 5

0370.03: Papers of Individual Parham Family Members, 1911-1985
0370.03.01: Charles W. Parham (1870-1966)
 0370.03.01 (C) 01: Certificate of death, 1966
 0370.03.01 (E) 01: Estate records, 1968-1981
 0370.03.01 (E) 02: Ephemera
 0370.03.01 (I) 01: Insurance records, 1917-1965
 0370.03.01 (O) 01: A Historical Sketch of Orange Lodge No. 14, 1911
 0370.03.01 (O) 02: Obituary and clippings

0370.03.02: Claribel Parham (Mrs. C. W. Parham, 1870-1955): Certificate of death (1955), Johns Hopkins Post Graduate Course Denial Letter (1927), Obituary and newspaper clippings about death

0370.03.03: Charles W. Parham, Jr.: Autobiography (school assignment), 1921

0370.03.04: Harry C. Parham (1906-1985): Correspondence (1966) and Death Announcement (1985)

0370.03.05: Mattie Parham: Biology Notes

0370.03.06: Julie Frances Parham (1910-1996)
 0370.03.06 (A) 01: Application for Anna Brown's birth record, 1918
 0370.03.06 (F) 01: Financial records, receipts, 1966-1968
 0370.03.06 (F) 02: Funeral book (1996)
 0370.03.06 (O) 01: Organizations: Charleston Camera Club, 1959-1966