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Abstract

Hope Preparatory School class of 1917; attended Hope College (1917-1919); served with her husband, Edwin Koeppe, as missionaries in Amoy, South Fukien province, China (1919-1951); served as housemother of Columbia Cottage (Hope College) (1956-1963). Collection contains notes, student essays and papers, and examination papers of Elizabeth Renskers while a student at Hope Preparatory School and Hope College from 1912-1919, a schedule of courses for the four classes at the Preparatory School, and the four college level classes at the college, for winter 1917-1918.

Accession No: H97-1294
Provenance: Elizabeth Renskers
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Biography

Elizabeth Renskers was born in Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, on November 19, 1895. She was educated in public and private schools in Wisconsin, and at Hope Preparatory School in Holland, Michigan. She attended Hope College from 1917 to 1919. The Koepes were married in 1919, and both served as missionaries in Amoy, South Fukien province, China, from 1919 to 1951, when they were deported. They returned to Holland, Michigan, and Rev. Koeppe then served as field secretary for the RCA's Board of Foreign Missions until retiring in 1955.

After Rev. Koeppe's death in 1956, Mrs. Koeppe served Hope College in the capacity of housemother of Columbia Cottage, retiring in 1963. She moved to Wisconsin in 1975, and died there in 1976.

Scope and Content

The collection contains notes, student essays and papers, and examination papers of Elizabeth Renskers. She was a student at Hope Preparatory School and Hope College from 1912-1919. Included in the collection is a schedule of courses for the four classes at the Preparatory School, and the four college level classes at the college, for winter 1917-1918.

There is also a small group of personal ephemera.

Additional material concerning her time in China is available in the following collection: W88-0064.1. Koeppe, Edwin W. and Elizabeth (Renskers).

Container List

Box 1

Biographical, 1956-1976
Course materials

American Literature, n.d.
Botany, n.d.
Essays, ca. 1912-1917
French, n.d.
German, n.d.
History of the Middle Ages, n.d.
History of Modern Europe, n.d.
Junior Education, n.d.
Junior Psychology, n.d.
Language Arts, n.d.
Readings in English Literature, n.d.
Rhetoric Essays (Hope Student), 1917

Box 2

Paper, "The Problem of European Immigration," n.d.
Ephemera, n. d.
Hope College and Preparatory School Schedules, Winter 1917-1918