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Edna Lee Sprowls**

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Biographical Note

Edna Lee Sprowls (March 18, 1879-1958) was a professor in the English and Drama Department at Indiana State Normal School and later Indiana State Teachers College from 1915 to 1943. She was the daughter of Elymas Sprowls (1851-1916) and his wife Margaret Jane McCoy Sprowls (1849-1881). Edna Lee Sprowls and her siblings grew up in North Strabane, Washington County, Pennsylvania. She graduated from California State Normal School in 1898 and earned her Bachelor of Literary Interpretation from Emerson College in 1923.

The [dedication of Edna Lee Sprowls Hall](#) took place during Homecoming Weekend on October 27, 1972. The building was built for the Department of Art and Art Education; and today Sprowls Hall is part of the [College of Fine Arts](#) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP).



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Scope and Content Note

This collection contains memorabilia that belonged to Edna Lee Sprowls including her diplomas and initiation into the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority at Indiana State Teachers College (ISTC).

Provenance

This collection was donated by Phyllis Morrow Sams '77, Randy Jesick, and Michael Hood.

Restrictions

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Processor

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on February 20, 2015.

Content List (See [Record Group 53 Box 39](#))

Record Group 53 Box 39 (2 folders)

1. Diplomas of Edna Lee Sprowls:
 - a. Public Schools of Washington County, Pennsylvania, diploma, April 6, 1895
 - b. Normal Teachers' Certificate for the Elementary Course, California State Normal School, June 13, 1898
 - c. Clionian Literary Society of the Southwestern State Normal School Diploma, June 25, 1898
 - d. Emerson College of Oratory Diploma of Graduation, May 8, 1923
 - e. Emerson College of Oratory, Bachelor of Literary Interpretation, October 9, 1923 (original tube and label included)
2. Initiation Certificate: Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, Lambda Chapter, Indiana State Teachers College, March 16, 1928 (Edna Lee Sprowls served as faculty advisor for Tri-Sigma)