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Guide to the Edna P. Amidon Papers, 1925-1982

Title

Edna P. Amidon Papers (MSS Amidon)

Dates

1925-1982 (inclusive)

1925-1959 (bulk)

Creator

Amidon, Edna P. (Edna Phyllis), b. 1895.

Summary

The Edna P. Amidon Papers document Amidon's work as a leader in home economics education with national organizations and federal agencies. Amidon earned an MS in Home Economics at the University of Minnesota in 1927 and retired in Oregon in the late 1960s.

Quantity

2 cubic feet, including 60 photographs (2 boxes)

Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Note

Edna P. Amidon was a leader in home economics education in the United States. She began her career with the federal government in 1929 with the Home Economics Education Service of the Federal Board for Vocational Education. In the 1960s, she was Director of the Home Economics Branch in the Office of Education of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. In this role, she supervised reviews of home economics education leadership in several western states, in which OSU participated.

Amidon earned an MS in Home Economics at the University of Minnesota in 1927 and was awarded the University of Minnesota's Outstanding Achievement Award in 1953. She retired to Oregon in the 1960s and died in 1982.

Content Description

The Edna P. Amidon Papers consist of materials generated and assembled by Amidon. The Papers include certificates, correspondence, maps, newspaper clippings, notes, photographs, postcards, publications, reports, a scrapbook, speeches, her MS thesis, travel diaries, and a book manuscript. The Papers document Amidon's work as an administrator in home economics education with the Home Economics Education Service and the Home Economics Branch of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. They also reflect her participation in international conferences and an outreach mission to post-war Germany in 1947 to study the status of home economics education. The Papers include field reports on the status of home economics education leadership in Oregon and materials Amidon assembled pertaining to Adelaide Baylor, head of the Home Economics Division of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

The scrapbook includes clippings about the programs of the Home Economics Education Service. The photographs include portrait images of Amidon as well as photographs of conference attendees, meetings with other home economists, and scenes from her work in Europe and India.

Preferred Citation

Edna P. Amidon Papers, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

Acquisition Information

The Amidon Papers were transferred by the Human Development and Family Sciences Department in 2007.

Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

Related Material

The OSU Archives includes a variety of collections pertaining to home economics education including the [College of Home Economics and Education Records \(RG 141\)](#), the [Ava Milam Clark Papers](#), and numerous papers of home economics alumni, faculty, and administrators.

Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

Individuals

Baylor, Adelaide Steele

Organizations

United States. Office of Education. Home Economics Education Service.

Topics

Home economics--International cooperation.

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Forms of Materials in the Collection

Photographic prints.

Scrapbooks.