

EFFIE M. DOWNER COLLECTION

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The papers of Effie Muriel Downer were placed in the Wayne State University Archives in December, 1972, and February and March, 1973, by Ms. Downer.

Effie M. Downer, Professor Emeritus of Elementary Education, retired August 1, 1957 as chairman of the Elementary Education Department, Wayne State University, after a career of more than forty years in education.

Downer was born in Lenawee County, Michigan and taught in rural schools until she attended Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti. After receiving her Teacher's Certificate in 1913, she taught in Ypsilanti until 1917 at which time she moved to the Harris School in Detroit. Her association with Wayne State University began in the early 1920's when she transferred to the Marr Elementary School, a teacher training school affiliated with the Detroit Teachers College. At the Marr School, Downer taught elementary students, supervised student teachers, and demonstrated for teachers new to the Detroit system. Prior to the merger of the Teachers College and the College of the City of Detroit in 1930, she received her baccalaureate from the Detroit Teachers College and her master's from Columbia specializing in educational curriculum and supervision. Downer continued teaching in the College of Education of Wayne University, later Wayne State University. She was named Professor of Elementary Education in 1944.

The papers of Effie Downer reflect her work and interest in the Detroit Teachers College and the Detroit Public Schools.

Subjects dealt with in the Collection are:

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2. Detroit Teachers College; Alumni Association, 1926
3. Detroit Teachers College; T.C. Times, 1921, The Tail Light, 1924, The Search Light, 1924
4. Detroit Teachers College; Student Teaching Course Manual, Notes on Student Teaching, 1924
5. Detroit Teachers College; Student Teaching Course Manuals, 1925, 1928
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7. Detroit Teachers College; Course Material, No Date
8. Detroit Public Schools; Detroit Educational Bulletin, 1929, 1930
9. Detroit Public Schools; Information circulars 1935, 1937-1938, Teacher's Manual for Detroit's 250th Anniversary, 1951