

Millikin University Archives: Staley Library

Clara Lefever Collection

Collection Number: 4.07.124

Inclusive Dates: 1906 – 1914

Bulk Dates: 1911 – 1914

Quantity: 1 box of 7 folders, 1 two ring binder, and 1 small box.

Acquisition Information: Unknown.

Access Restrictions: This collection is open for research.

Copyright: Millikin University, (Chemistry Book publishing Company)

Photographs: No.

Condition Notes: Paper in many of the coursework books is fragile, and has many tears. Some of the covers and bindings of the composition books are deteriorating and crumbly.

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Biographical Note

Clara Lefever was born in Milmine, Illinois and graduated from Millikin in 1914, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Library Science. After graduation, Lefever received a position at the Wheaton, Illinois library. In 1916, Lefever accepted a position at the Decatur Library. In 1917, Lefever married Frederick Lux, and moved to rural Bement, Illinois and was active with the Monticello Presbyterian Church. She also helped establish the Milmine PTA, and the Home Extension Unit. Lefever and Lux had three children: Wilma Lux (class of 1940), Miriam Batchelder (Lux), and Fred Lux. Clara Lefever died in July, 1975.

Scope and Content Note

This is a collection primarily composed of coursework from Lefever's time at Millikin, and some primary school work preceding her time at college. There is very little personal information about Lefever in this collection.

Series Notes

Series 1: Coursework and Notes

9 items

Consists of Clara Lefever's coursework from Millikin University, arranged by subject.

Collection Inventory

Folder/Item Title	Container #	Folder/Item #	Description
Library Science notebook	F-0011	1	Two-ring binder, without cover, filled with notes from Library Science program.
English class notebook	F-0011	2	James Millikin University folio of English notes and folder of English themes
French class notebooks	F-0011	3	1912 French notes, loose papers in paper cover titled "Premiere Annee de Francais" and a James Millikin University folio of additional French notes
Thesis	F-0011	4	"An Adaptation of Catalog Rules and the Dewey Decimal Scheme of Classification to an English Private Library" by Clara Frances Lefever, 1914.
David McCaslin's Shakespeare class notebook	F-0011	5	Hand-written on onion skin-type paper, includes notes on Anthony and Cleopatra, Romeo and Juliet, The Tempest, etc.
Research materials	F-0011	6	Includes images of campus, magazine articles, typed and hand-written material. These may actually be from the Wilma Lux collection, as the handwriting looks different than

			Lefever's and there is a photo of Gorin Library, which wasn't built until the 1930s.
Composition book	F-0011	7	Paperback bound "Liberty Composition Book" from Milmine school
Chemistry lab book	F-0011	8	"Laboratory of Manual Chemistry" by Bradbury, inscribed "Clara Lefever D.H.S. Room A"
Frog Skeleton from 1913 Zoology class	F-0011	9	Partial skeleton of a frog that was dissected by Lefever in a 1913 Zoology class. Skeleton consists of lower torso and legs, and a shoulder and upper arm portion of frog. Skeleton is contained in a 1914 Kodak film box. Skeleton is lying on bed of tissue paper.