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Summary Information

**Repository**
Eastern Michigan University Archives

**Creator - Other**
Crumpton, Claudia E.

**Title**
Claudia E. Crumpton papers

**Date [bulk]**
Bulk, 1917-1921

**Date [inclusive]**
1913-1926

**Extent**
0.4 Linear feet 1 archive box

**Language**
English

**Language of Materials note**
All records are in English unless otherwise noted.

**Abstract**
The Claudia E. Crumpton papers contain articles, handbills and brochures, photographs, speeches, and Crumpton's correspondence. Crumpton taught at Detroit's Northwestern High School and served as the secretary of the American Speech Committee, for the National Council of Teachers of English. Arranged alphabetically by format, the papers date from 1913 to 1926.
Biographical note

Claudia E. Crumpton was born in 1880 in Alabama. She taught at the Girls' Technical Institute in Montevallo, Alabama before moving to Detroit, Michigan and teaching at Northwestern High School. Crumpton belonged to the National Council of Teachers of English and served as the secretary of the council's American Speech Committee in the early 1920s. Crumpton sought to improve Americans' speech and grammar.

Information was gathered from The English Journal (available on JSTOR), and familysearch.org.

Scope and Contents note

The Claudia E. Crumpton papers include material on the "Better Speech" movement and Better American Speech Week. Participants of the "Better Speech" movement worked to improve Americans' grammar and articulation. The papers, dating from 1913 to 1926, are separated alphabetically by format: articles and publications; correspondence; handbills and brochures; photographs; speeches. Copies of speeches written by Crumpton are found within the collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Eastern Michigan University Archives 2014 April 14

Conditions Governing Access note

Researchers are asked to request materials 24 hours prior to visiting the the University Archives.

Related Materials


Related Archival Materials note

Crumpton's papers originally belonged to the collection of Harry T. Wood (Eastern Michigan University Archives, 010.HTW). Wood taught at Michigan State Normal College from 1927 until his death in 1943. He served as assistant professor in the Department of Speech. No documentation exists on how Wood obtained Crumpton's papers or of the relationship, if any, between the two. Wood was, however, heavily involved in speech improvement and operated a speech clinic in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- National Council of Teachers of English
- Speech
## Collection Inventory

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