

EDITH AND GRACE ABBOTT COLLECTION

Edith and Grace Abbott were born in Grand Island, Nebraska in 1876 and 1878 respectively. Their parents were Othman A. and Elizabeth Griffin Abbott who also had two other children. Both sisters moved to Chicago and lived at Hull-House and were founders of the Immigrants' Protective League.

Edith Abbott was a pioneer in developing the curriculum for the professional education program for social work at the University of Chicago. She eventually became the Dean of the School of Social Science. Miss Edith Abbott died in 1957.

Grace Abbott's career was in the field of public welfare with a concentration on the problems of labor as well as children. She became the head of the United States Children's Bureau. Miss Grace Abbott died in 1939.

The Edith and Grace Abbott collection consists of articles, book reviews, newspaper clippings, yearbook, letters, memorials, reports, addresses, and writings. This collection of original manuscripts and photocopies covers the time period of 1908 to 1965.

The patron is advised to consult the Jane Addams book collection using UICCAT, the Jane Addams Papers Microfilm Edition and its comprehensive guide, the Hull House Association records, the Edith Abbott Bluestem Collection, the Adena Miller Rich Papers, the Immigrants' Protective League records, the Esther Loeb Kohn Papers, the Juvenile Protective Association records, and the Russell Ward Ballard Papers, among other social welfare records and personal papers of individuals involved in social work.

The folder titles for the Edith and Grace Abbott Collection are as follows:

Edith Abbott

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May 15, n.y.
4. Book Reviews: Women in Industry – A Study in American Economic History, Lucy M. Salmon, The American Journal of Sociology, pp. 698-702 – photocopy
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March, 1912
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7. Letters to: Evelina Belden Paulson and Jessie F. Binford
June, 1915, January, 1923
8. Memorials: "Edith Abbott Memorial Issue", S.S.A. Newsletter, 5:1 (December, 1957)
9. Report of Committee "B" of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology: Probation and Suspended Sentence – photocopy
September, 1919
10. Writings: Book review of Report of the Departmental Committee on the Employment of Children as Film Actors in Theatrical Work and in Ballet, Social Service Review 25:2 (June, 1951)
11. Writings with Sophonisba P. Breckinridge: "Chicago's Housing Problem: Families in Furnished Rooms," The American Journal of Sociology 16:3 (November, 1910)-photocopy
12. Writings with Sophonisba P. Breckinridge: "Housing Conditions in Chicago, III; Back of The Yards", The American Journal of Sociology 16:4 (January, 1911) – photocopy

13. Writings with Sophonisba P. Breckinridge: "Chicago Housing Conditions, IV: The West Side Revisited", The American Journal of Sociology 17:1 (July, 1911) – photocopy
14. Writings with Sophonisba P. Breckinridge: "Chicago Housing Conditions, V: South Chicago at the Gates of the Steel Mills", The American Journal of Sociology 17:2 (September, 1911) – photocopy
15. Writings: Comstock, Alzada "Chicago Housing Conditions, VI: The Problem of the Negro", The American Journal of Sociology
ca. 1911
16. Writings: Norton, Grace Peloubet "Chicago Housing Conditions, VII: Two Italian Districts", The American Journal of Sociology 18 (January, 1913) – original and photocopy
17. Writings: Walker, Natalie "Chicago Housing Conditions, X Greeks and Italians in the Neighborhood of Hull House", The American Journal of Sociology 21:3 (November, 1915)
18. Writings: "Grace Abbott and Hull House, 1908-1921 Part I and II", The Social Service Review 24: 3 (September, 1950)
19. Writings: "The Hull House of Jane Addams", The Social Service Review 26:3 (September, 1952)
20. Writings: "Memorandum Regarding the Illinois Relief Situation": with letters to and from Governor Henry Horner – photocopies from the Henry Horner papers at the Illinois State Historical Library
December, 1935
21. Writings: "The Pauper Laws Still Go On", The Social Service Review 9:4 (December, 1935)
22. Writings: "A Study of the Early History of Child Labor in America", The American Journal of Sociology – photocopy
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23. Writings: "Women In Industry: The Manufacture of Boots and Shoes", The American Journal of Sociology – photocopy
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24. Writings: "Work Or Maintenance": A Federal Program For the Unemployed", The Social Service Review 15:3 (September, 1941)

25. Addresses: "The University and Social Welfare" and "Convocation Statement", The University Record 16:4 (October, 1930)
26. Speeches: "Women and Housing Reform" National Housing Association – photocopy
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27. Articles About: "The Abbott Papers: Social Policy in the Making", The University of Chicago Magazine
November, 1964
28. Articles About: "The Abbotts of Nebraska", Helen Cody Baker, Survey Graphic Magazine of Social Interpretation 25:5 (June, 1936)

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29. Articles About: "Issues and Men" Oswald Garrison Villard, The Nation, July 29, 1939
30. Articles About: "Welfare Workers For New Deal", The Democratic Digest 13:10 (October, 1936)
31. Addresses: "Case Work Responsibility of Juvenile Courts", National Conference of Social Work, Social Service Review 3:3 (September, 1929)
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33. Memorials: "Grace Abbott: November 17, 1878 – June 19, 1939" Welfare Bulletin reprint published by State Department of Public Welfare, Illinois
February, 1940
34. Reports: "Developing and Protecting Professional Standards In Public Welfare Work" Social Service Review 4:3 (September, 1931)
35. Writings: "The Chicago Employment Agency and the Immigrant Worker" The American Journal of Sociology 14:3 (November, 1908) – photocopy*
36. Writings: "Child Health Recovery" The Survey 69:10 (October, 1933)
37. Writings: "Improvement In Rural Public Relief: The Lesson of the Coal-Mining Communities" The Social Service Review 6:2 (June, 1932)
38. Writings: "The Juvenile Court and A Community Program For Treating and Preventing Delinquency" The Social Service Review 10:2 (June, 1936)

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SUBJECT TRACING

Abbott, Edith, 1876-1957

Abbott, Grace, 1878-1939

Addams, Jane, 1860-1935

Binford, Jessie Florence, 1876-1966

Breckinridge, Sophonisba P., 1866-1948

Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy

xUniversity of Chicago Social Service Administration

Child labor

Children – employment

Coal mining – rural public relief

Criminal law

Housing in Chicago

xAfrican Americans in Chicago

xBack of the Yards

xGreeks in Chicago

xItalians in Chicago

xSouth Chicago

xWest Side

Hull-House, Chicago, IL

Immigrants' Protective League, Chicago, IL

Juvenile Courts

Paulson, Evelina Belden 1885-1966

Social work education

United States Department of Labor – Children's Bureau

Women and housing reform

Women in industry