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Biographical / Historical

Professor of English. Erskine was instructor at Amherst College, 1903-1906, Assoc. professor, 1906-1909; Adj. professor of English, Columbia University, 1909-1916; professor of English, 1916-1937, a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and President of the Juilliard School of Music. Author of THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HELEN OF TROY and many other books and articles.

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Summary

Correspondence relating to Erskine's various educational, musical and literary interests; manuscripts of his writings; lecture notes for college courses; souvenirs of his army service in World War I and his Columbia University professorship, and student papers from his own school and college days. Also, biographical file, scrapbooks, and articles.

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