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Summary Information

Repository:	Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary
Creator:	Edwards, Martha L., -1926
Title:	Martha Letitia Edwards papers
ID:	4492643
Date:	circa 1920
Physical Description:	0.5 linear feet 0.5 linear feet; 1 box
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	This collection contains a typescript report compiled by Dr. Martha Letitia Edwards detailing material located in the Library of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin relating to the study of Indian Missions from 1700-1840. Denominations include Baptist; Catholic; Congregational; Friends; Methodist; Moravian; Presbyterian; Protestant Episcopal; and Interdenominational Societies including but not limited to the Albig Society and the Indian Mission Association.

Preferred Citation

Item description, MRL10: Martha Letitia Edwards papers, 1920, box #, folder #, The Burke Library at Union Theological Seminary, Columbia University in the City of New York.

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Biographical / Historical

Martha Letitia Edwards attended the University of Wisconsin, where in 1913 she submitted a thesis for the degree of Master of Arts titled, "The growth of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States from 1820 to 1840." In 1916, Edwards submitted a thesis at the University of Wisconsin for a Doctor of Philosophy degree titled, "Government patronage of Indian missions, 1789-1832." Edwards later became a professor in the extension division of the University of Wisconsin. Edwards died in Madison, Wisconsin in 1926.

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Revision Description

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Onsite storage.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Formerly part of the independent Missionary Research Library (MRL), these records were accessioned by the Burke Library at the time of the MRL's closure in 1976.

Processing Information

Material was cataloged Lynn A. Grove on 1988-08-02. Metal clips and staples were removed from materials and folded items were flattened. Materials were placed in new acid-free folders and boxes. Acidic items were separated from one another by interleaving with acid-free paper as needed. The finding aid was created by Brigette C. Kamsler in 2011 with the support of the Henry Luce Foundation, and edited by Leah Edelman in 2020.

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Related Materials

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The Wisconsin Historical Society Archives in Madison, Wisconsin holds further Edwards papers, including typewritten copies of her thesis and dissertation and seven card file boxes of notes. The University of Wisconsin-Madison holds Edwards' Ph.D. and M.A. theses.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Indians of North America -- Missions
- United States -- History -- Colonial period, ca. 1600-1775
- United States -- History -- 1783-1865
- State Historical Society of Wisconsin. Library

Burke Library record group:

Missionary Research Library Archives: MRL10, North America

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Table of contents; bibliography	box 1	folder 1

Religious material: printed records and reports of religious organizations	box 1	folder 2
Religious periodicals	box 1	folder 3
Church and mission histories	box 1	folder 4
Biographies, memoirs, and correspondence; encyclopedias; political material	box 1	folder 5

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