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**LOUISE BROWN OSBORN
PAPERS, 1919–1945 (BULK 1922–1924)**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Louise B. Osborn (b. 1898) was born in Rockport, Indiana, the daughter of Lane B. Osborn (d. 1924), a lawyer. By 1919 the family had moved to Evansville. Lane Osborn ran unsuccessfully for a superior court judgeship in 1922. Louise Osborn attended Indiana University, earning an AB degree in 1919 and an AM in English in 1920. After teaching for two years at Indiana University, she won University Scholarships at Yale University in 1922–23 and 1923–24.

Her father's death interrupted her work toward a doctorate, but she completed her dissertation and received her degree in 1930. She was still living in 1945.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection, filling one small manuscript box, contains correspondence (mainly 1922–1924), notes, clippings, cards, and programs. It is arranged chronologically. The correspondence consists mainly of letters to Osborn at Yale from her mother in Evansville, with some others from her father and from her brother Daniel, then in a veterans' hospital in Kentucky suffering from lung trouble.

The letters mainly deal with Osborn's academic work and prospects, particularly just after her father's death in February 1924. Lane Osborn, though limited in means (the family talked for two years about getting Louise a typewriter but never did), had been very supportive of his daughter's career, repeatedly urging her to complete her degree before taking a job.

Two interesting letters concern Lane Osborn's political campaign in 1922. In particular a letter from him (13 November 1922) details his situation as a Roman Catholic candidate, and describes the part played by the Ku Klux Klan in the campaign.

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