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Ruth Caroline Krueger Papers, 1926-28, 1949-1967

### **Collection Overview:**

Born in Madison, South Dakota (1901-67), Ruth Caroline Krueger attended the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana from 1926-27. Her papers contain letters written to her family while she was in residence at the University of Illinois. Her father, Herman F. Krueger, came to Kankakee, Ill from Germany as an infant and as an adult moved to Madison, South Dakota to farm. Later he married Caroline Kruse, of Kankakee, Il. Herman and Caroline had four children, including Ruth. Ruth did not have any children. Nor did any of her siblings. The collection was held by her brother Frederick Krueger until he passed it on to his great nephew Dr. R. James Krueger. Professor Krueger then donated her papers to the University Archives on April 22, 2005. Ruth Krueger graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a B.S. in Library Science in 1927 and a Masters in Library Science in 1936. She held librarian and teaching positions at General Beadle; Western State College, Gunnison, Colo.; Oregon State University, Corvallis Ore.; Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Penn State University, Pa.; and the University of Illinois Library School. For the last 15 years of her life she directed libraries for the Department of State and the United States Information Agency in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, India, and Beirut, Lebanon. Her first assignment in Seoul, Korea was cut short by the initial stages of the Korean War (June, 1950). While she was in Beirut (1959-1965) she supervised libraries throughout the Middle East. Her papers also contain photographs and slides of the many locations she traveled to in Asia and the Middle East (1950-66).

### **Personal Correspondence Files (1925-28):**

Evelyn, George, and Frederick Krueger Correspondence, 1926-27 (Letters to her sister and her two brothers regarding family, student life, campus activities, recreation, social life, her experience in the Library School, academics, and participation in the University Baptist Church)

H. J. Krueger Correspondence [4 Folders] (letters regarding family affairs, travel plans, student finances, student fashions, recreation, part-time work, academics, career, graduation plans, commencement, a Graduate Assistantship in the Library School at the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, participation in the University Baptist Church, and her experiences in the Library school).

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Herman Krueger Correspondence, 1925-27 (letters directly addressed to Ruth Krueger's father regarding family affairs, travel plans, student finances, recreation, and participation in the

University Baptist church, student position in the Natural History library, and a Theodore Roosevelt lecture (March 30, 1927).

University of Illinois Fifty Sixth Commencement, 1927 (Ruth Caroline Krueger is listed on page 18)

University of Illinois Diploma For Ruth Caroline Krueger, 1927 (OS Box 29 RS 26/20/133)

“Church Notes” First Congregational Church, Sixth & Daniel Streets

The University Baptist Church, Program

**Department of State and US Information Agency Correspondence (1949-67):**

Ruth Krueger Accepts Position in Foreign Service, 1949-50 (Original application and correspondence regarding her appointment)

Korea, 1950 (Correspondence regarding her efforts to be reimbursed for the loss of her belongings as a result of the Korean War).

Korea/Japan/Hong Kong/Taipei Employment Records, 1950-52 (Official correspondence regarding her new assignment in Taipei, Taiwan, transfer of belongings, training, appointment letter, Staff Corps Promotion Policy, and pay checks)

Hospital Records (Taipei, Taiwan), 1951-56 (Correspondence regarding reimbursement and her replacement during her illness)

Taipei, 1952-55, 1959, 1966-69 (Sale of her car, letters to Evelyn Krueger, “U.S. Information Agency News” [October, 1954], sales receipts written in Chinese script, Proof of Car Insurance, a Chinese New Year’s decoration for a doorway, News Clippings, post cards, post mortem arrangements, Performance Rating Report).

Ruth Krueger Promotions & Job Opportunities, 1954- 59 (Documents regarding pay increases, promotions, job offers, and awards )

Ruth Krueger Salary Checks, 1958 - 65

Calcutta, India, 1959- 61 (reimbursement letter for medical expenses)

Beirut, Lebanon, 1959- 65 (Sub-lease agreement, administrative forms, reassignment letters, letters of appreciation)

Evelyn Krueger Correspondence, 1959 (letters regarding clothing, travel plans, library operations in Beirut and Calcutta, Baptist World Youth Conference, financial

arrangements, health papers, Ghandi lecture, ocean liner travel, trip to Athens, travel to ALA conference in Washington (1959), and places of residence).

Saktidas Roy Correspondence, 1959-65 (Includes two pictures of Washington D.C., letter of recommendation regarding an intern position in the Harvard College Library, letter of recommendation for studies in advanced librarianship, position at the American Studies research Center in Hyderabad, India, University of Toronto Library letter of recommendation, items loaned to, letters to Evelyn Krueger, and Roy's prolonged illness).

Holiday Greetings Correspondence (arranged alphabetically), 1960- 65

Beecher, Barbara, 1965

Crouch, Lora, 1963

Crouch, Lora, 1964

Douae, V.D.S

Fisher, Mac, Lonnie, Peggy, Gordon, and Larry, 1964

Fisher, Lonnie,

Helen, 1964

Helen, 1965

Huelf, Oscar, 1965

Jaffi, Bob, Margaret, and Nancy, 1964

Jalloel, Fred, 1965

Johnson, Dora, 1963

Krueger, Ruth, 1959

Krueger, Ruth, 1960

Shen, Haigo

Spears, Juanita, 1961

Stuart, Jesse, 1963

Timme, Charles and Arvilla, 1961

Sioux Falls Argus leader Correspondence, 1960 (Mr. Christopherson's "The Editor's Notebooks" regarding Calcutta)

Bea Holt Correspondence, 1961-65 (correspondence regarding forced retirement from USIS Foreign Service, European travel plans, library operations in Beirut, India and Pakistan, and the All Pakistan Library Seminar)

Correspondence:

Amos, Preston, 1964

Argdow, W.S., 1967

Baghdad, 1964

Bartlett, Arthur (Notice of his passing)

Calcutta, 1960

Chartrard, 1962

Crouch, Lara, 1965  
Dalta, Virendra, 1962  
Dickerson, Diane, 1965  
Edith, Fisher, 1966  
Fisher, McCracken F., 1964  
Fran,  
Gatchell, Dorothy, 1967  
George,  
Higbie, E.C., 1961  
Hutchings, Felisa, 1966  
Luelf, Evelyn, 1965  
Luelf, Oscar, 1965  
Padget, 1966  
Robb, Elizabeth, 1964  
Salman, J, 1964  
Stuart., Jesse, 1960  
Stuart, Jesse, 1964  
Sud, Baldev, 1966  
Swigart, Shelley, 1967  
W, Elaine, 1965  
Wagner, Helen, 1962

Mary Burns Correspondence, 1961-67 (Regarding finances, library personel, employee relationships, Beirut, India, travel plans, breast cancer, library operations, and forced retirement)

Geraldine Halt Correspondence, 1963 (Regarding shopping, travel plans)

Beirut Correspondence, 1963-64 (Letters to family regarding Baghdad Library, Iran, Shiraz, Persepolis, Nicosia, Cyprus, Damascus, Amman, and Jerusalem, library operations and activities, and travel plans)

Evelyn Krueger Correspondence, 1963-65 (Regarding Beirut, Israel visit, library operations and personel, religious activities, Iran, financial arrangements, fashion acquisitions, retirement/Washington Office, family, travel plans/itineraries, living arrangements, Evelyn's visit to Beirut, and the purchase of a Volkswagen Station Wagon).

Katherine Diehl Correspondence, 1964-65 (Letters regarding travel plans, a picture with bananas, library operations and personel, friends, Rutgers University, discussion of academic libraries and library schools).

Mae Buchanan Correspondence, 1964-66 (Letters regarding Beirut, Job offer in Washington, D.C., and forced retirement).

C. C. McCreary Correspondence, 1965-67 (Letters regarding the death of Howard Higbie, everyday happenings, and friends)

Ribbi Kalla Correspondence, 1967 (Correspondence regarding aid requests for Palestinian refugees through a new international organization entitled Pal-aid, and a receipt of \$100 Dollars from Ruth Krueger)

Ad Hoc Committee on the Middle East, 1967 (“An Open Letter To President Johnson by Middle East specialists,” “Observations” re the sinking of the ship Liberty by the Israeli military, request for donations).

Ruth Krueger Obituary and Photo, 1967

Newspaper Clippings, pamphlets, and Lists

### **Travel Slides, 1950-66:**

#### Slides (Chronological Order):

Kowloon, Japan, Hong Kong, Seoul, 1950

Seoul, Korea & Taiwan, 1950-51

Hong Kong/Macao/Taipei, 1950-52

Dead Sea Scrolls, 1952

Taiwan/Taipei/Taipur, 1952-53

Taiwan, 1952-53

Macao/Hong Kong/Taichung, 1952

Nepal, 1957

Nepal, Kathmandu & Calcutta, 1957

Calcutta, India, 1957

Jalpaiguri, 1957

Taj Mahal, 1957

Lucknow, 1957

Leffbr, 1959

Greece/Cairo/Calcutta, 1959

Madrid Bullfight, 1964

Jerusalem/Holyland, 1964

Rock Apt, 1966

#### Slides (Unknown Date, Alphabetical Order):

Aleppo

Arboretum

Assam

Banaras

Boalbeck  
Bombay Negatives  
East Pakistan  
Egypt  
India  
Iraq  
Isphahar  
Jamaica  
Jerusalem  
Kashmir  
Lebanon  
Nalunda  
Neauli Building & Cyprus of Rhodes  
Ordination of George Ghannim  
Palmyra, Cedars  
Persepolis  
Petra  
Rhodes  
Sidon  
Teheran  
Unidentified Travel Photos  
Virginia  
Washington Zoo

**Box 2:**

University of Illinois, Commencement Program, 1927  
Personal Calender, 1950  
Travel Diary, 1951, 1959  
Scrapbook, (Taipei, Taiwan), 1951  
Scrapbook, (Photos of Hong Kong, New Territories, Macao, Manila, Taipei, Taiwan), 1951-54  
Personal Calender, 1953  
Passports, 1954-64  
University of Illinois, Orange and Blue Ribbons  
Address Book