Guide to the Davida Catherine French Papers

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Summary: Class notes, exams, essays, and creative writing assignments from English classes at Stanford University, 1906-07; several of the creative writing assignments pertain to Japan, where she taught before attending Stanford University; and notes and exam from a philosophy course with William James, 1906. Collection also includes a copy of NOT INCLUDED IN A SHEEPSKIN: STANFORD STORIES (1907), which she co-authored with Esther Stevens and Laura Wells.

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Biographical/Historical Sketch

Davida ("Vida") Catherine French was born in 1880 in San Francisco, the daughter of Dr. Hayes Clifton French, one of San Francisco's first ophthalmologists. After graduation from Lowell High School in San Francisco, she attended Mills College in Oakland. She transferred from Mills to Stanford, graduating in 1908 from Stanford with an A.B. in history. Prior to her graduation from Stanford, Ms. French spent some time in Japan, where she taught Latin and Greek in the Japanese school system. While in the Orient, Ms. French met Charles William Ure, a Scotsman engaged in business in Shanghai; they were married in London in 1913. After Mr. Ure's death in Shanghai in 1923, Mrs. Ure returned to England. For many years, she alternated residences between Malaga, Spain, Tunbridge Wells, England, and Palo Alto. While at Stanford, Mrs. Ure had been a member of the Cap and Gown scholastic honor society and a member of Alpha Phi sorority. She was also a member of the Palo Alto Women's Club and the American Association of University Women. Mrs. Ure died in Palo Alto in 1974 at the age of 94. In her will, Mrs. Ure established a medical scholarship at Stanford in her father's name.

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Access Terms
French, Davida Catherine.
James, William, 1842-1910
Stanford University. Department of English.
Stevens, Esther.
Wells, Laura.
English literature
Japan in literature.

Papers

Box 1, Folder 1  English 22: Class assignments 1906-1907
Box 1, Folder 1  "The Tragic Five Acts of Byron's Life"
Box 1, Folder 1  "Keat's Ode to a Nightingale and Ode to a Grecian Man"
Box 1, Folder 1  "The Romanticism of Coleridge"
Box 1, Folder 1  "Women in 'Childe Harold's Pilgrimage"
Box 1, Folder 1  "A Comparison of Shelley's 'Prometheus Unbound' and the "Prometheus Bound' of Aeschylus"
Box 1, Folder 1  "Aspects of the Doctrine of Immortality in Wordsworth"
Box 1, Folder 2  English 22: creative writing assignments, 1907
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Box 1, Folder 2  "The Manuscript of Monsieur"
Box 1, Folder 2  "O Yuko San"
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Box 1, Folder 2  "A Ball Room Incident"
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Box 1, Folder 3  "Mycerinus: Its Purpose"
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Box 1, Folder 3  Exam April 15, 1907
Box 1, Folder 3  Exam May 1, 1907
Box 1, Folder 3  Exam questions handout May 13, 1907
Box 1, Folder 4  Not Included in a Sheepskin: Stanford Stories by Davida French, Esther Stevens, Laura Well. Stanford: Stanford Book Store 1907
Box 1, Folder 5  Notes and an exam from philosophy course taught by William James Spring 1906
Box 1, Folder 6  Obituary 1974